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SGL Weekly Newsletter – 28th June 2007

Ah hello there you fine people,

Hope all the sore legs, heads and bodies are getting better. Well. Phew! It's over... Hope everyone enjoyed the weekend. ☺

Thank yous!

God, where to start? Basically a huge thank you to all the Gaelic Lions & Lionesses – there are very few folks who weren't involved in the club or the games in some shape or form! There is a very long list of Thank You's to get through – so please bear with me (and please forgive me if I leave anyone out!)....

Firstly to the Football and Our Coaches & Captains

I think all will agree that Donnacha, Jon and Bryan did an amazing job this year. The long hours both on and off the pitch that went in to preparing the 4 Men's Football, 1 Hurling and 3 Ladies teams for the Games over the past 6 months was certainly evident by the standard of play & amazing team spirit displayed by the Lions and Lionesses.

Even though she almost made several Lionesses (and possibly Lions) cry over the past few months during fitness training I think we are just about ready to forgive her. Let's hear it for Denise Glennon, who did a phenomenal job bringing our fitness up to levels never seen before. Maith an cailin!

To Captains Nats, Marti, Anne, Donnacha, Cormac, John Galvin, Mark Gailey & Sean Duggan who kept their teams suited and booted all weekend and in high spirits. Great job. Also thanks to Gary O'Callaghan who made sure we had pitches to train on and lights to train under. I'm not sure if it is appropriate really to thank Catherine and Killian for the yokes they organised for us to wear on Sunday night – but I suppose we'd better!! To Gareth and Aidan who ran the lines for the men's teams. And a huge thank you to Daryl and Nats for organising and distributing the Kit for us all.

Secondly to the Games and all the Volunteers and on behalf of the organising committee of Paul, Peter, Paraic and myself we'd like to extend the following thank you's....Without all of the below folks the weekend just simply would not have happened....

Social

Janet & Denise did an amazing job on Sentosa I think you'll all agree. They also took over from me during the lead up to my exams and were a great support & friends since January!!!

Alan Power (more Power to ya) organised all the music and did great work in reducing our equipment quotes, pulled in a lot of sponsorship, and still found time to be player of the tournament.

Marti who had the task of organising buses, co-ordinating with the Photographer and designed all the banners for each club. All done to a tee!!

Mark Gailey who helped hugely with the hotel and the Saturday evening BBQ.

To John Galvin for organising welcome packs (and the obvious point of being our Platinum sponsor I suppose!!!). Thank you to the welcome pack packers Marti, Claire, Kami-Kay, Becs, Rania, Terri, Gillian, Rachel, Rachel, John, Paul & Dave.

And let me not forget herself, our woman in Singapore – Anne-Marie who was the brains behind the Opening Ceremony set up at the ACM.

Thanks to the IT department of Zenith Technologies for helping out at the last minute on Friday!

Finally to Colin, Tony, Roland and JR and all the staff at McCraic who worked with us organising the Bars over the past six months. Thanks to Dave Weir for his work as Guinness brand ambassador over the weeks leading up to the games.

Charity

To Rachel Cav and Kellie for running the Lucky Draw, selling programmes & t-shirts. To Rach Duggan for organising the printing of the tickets. And to the kids who went round selling the programmes for twice their cover price and charmed more than a few of the players out of their cash!!! We raised over \$6,000 for the Special Olympics and Hope Foundation. Once the monies are all paid out from the Games we will add to this amount also and let you know the final total.

Logistics

Goalpost painters and putter-uppers, Fixing Nets, putting up banners, and set up at the Polo Grounds... Ger Hanley, Jon, PC, Sharkey, Graham, Megan, Jenny, Mick. Well done and thank you.

To all the parents of the cubs who worked so unbelievably hard collecting scores, organising the referees and had the very tough job of working out the scheduling for the games over the weekend. Huge thanks to Una & Frank O'Neill, Fiona Maher, Gerry O'Sullivan, Klara McGrath, Andrea Quaid, Scott Druery, Aine, Fayne & Gary, Moyra Lynam, Breffni & Mary.

Medically we were very well covered at the games – with our own Denise Galvin organising no less than 8 medical staff to be on hand at the grounds and spending the whole weekend looking after the injured and sore bodies. Not to mention the physio work she's been doing for the past few years and months on all of the Lions. Thank you again & again.

And to our own Hugh Smiddy who refereed about a million games over the weekend and still had a smile on his face on Sunday night. Also to Pdraig Reidy and Aidan Healy for more great refereeing jobs. Thank you.

Sponsorship

A great number of folks in the club were involved in pulling in Sponsorship without which the event could not have happened. Fred, Alan, Denise Galvin, Jon, Tai, Dave Slattery, Anne-Marie, John Galvin, Tracy Clemmer and more.

Marketing & PR

We have the wonderful Mrs. Teresa Ryan to thank for all the work on the Programmes, Posters, Pitchside Advertising, Flyers, Lanyards and much, much more. On top of all this, she has spent the last few months Coaching the Cubs. The Kids games were one of the highlights of the weekend and it was very clear to see how much work and effort has gone into their coaching. Amazing job.

To Fiona Maher and Siobhan Carmody who worked on the press releases and comms with the press both here in Singapore and in Ireland. (Carmody, I still haven't quite forgiven you over the Lucan Newsletter incident).

Financials

The man with the cheque book Mr. Daryll O'Dwyer has had his poor heart broken with never-ending requests for yet more money (mainly coming from me). Ever organised and always smiling... Thanks to the Treasurer.

Buses

Lady in charge of course... Marti. Also thanks to Becs, Rania, Rachel, Laurence, Adele, Tai, Anne-Marie, Kami, Tessa, Anne, Lucinda, Megan, Helen & Terri for manning the buses. Particularly on Sunday!!

Lastly, to my visitors who were largely ignored or given jobs to do in the run up to the games instead of being entertained and welcomed properly. ☺

That's about it I think. Of course I have left loads of folks out and I'm sorry. But the head is still a bit addled you see. Check out below for the Pics....









And Finally..... a big warm Singapore Gaelic Lions welcome to our newest Club-member!!!!!!

Well done PC and Neil....Great job!!



Update on Mary:

Mary B is doing well in hospital, pontificating from the leaba with her leg in the air! The Op was this morning and went well by all accounts (well, she's awake and "feels like a p*sshead"). She will be around for another week or so before returning home.

Touch Rugby:

I would like to extend an invite to all the ladies to join Touch, as many seemed keen to keep the team spirit and fitness live. I'm happy to run a few Ladies Beginner Sessions starting with this Monday July 2nd at 6pm (UWC Astro-turf) before I head off for holiday. League starts July 28th and runs until December. ANYONE welcome – just contact me via email.

Mireille (mic@uwcsea.edu.sg)

Next Social:



Mark your diaries.... Our annual Awards night will be on in Molly's on Saturday 7th July. Molly's will be offering Happy Hour prices as usual. We will have more photos back from the Tournament and will run them on the night. Kick off at 9pm.

Captains: Please collect your nominations for Best Player on each team (Men's A, B, C, D, Hurling, Ladies A, B & Exiles). Please let me know the choices by end next week. If you need any email addresses to do this – let me know and I will provide.

We will also present the 2nd Annual Bill Nikolopolous Award on the night. This is the Clubs Highest Honour and is presented to the Lion or Lioness who best exemplifies the qualities of Fun, Friendship and Sportsmanship that Bill Represented.

Notes from Other Clubs...

We've had a few thank you's back from the other clubs around Asia...

Hong Kong

I hope you are recovering somewhat since the weekend. I am still shattered.

Just a short note to say thank you to your club for a great weekend. Your club did a fabulous job in the preparation; and from the moment that we arrived in seeing that our every need was catered for. Please pass on my regards to your club mates.

Enjoy the few weeks off and speak soon.

Fergal Power

Malaysia

You were brilliant hosts. Thanks a million.

We had a blast. 1 victory, 4 losses. We cleared Muddie Murphy's out of sambucca and then finished a bottle of jagermeister. One of our lads - a timid genetic researcher - brought down a former English international rugby player. What a time.

We're meeting tonight to form a club proper. I'm hooked.

Eoin Duggan

Taiwan

HowAreYe Folks,

On behalf of the Taiwan Celts I'd just like to extend our heartfelt thanks and congratulations to our very gracious hosts for a MIGHTY! weekend of Gaelic and Craic, it was fantastic.

We really appreciate all the time and effort that you put into hosting the Games and I'd just like to let you know that every single one of our players left Singapore wanting to return to the next Asian Gaelic Games. That's what it's all about as far as I am concerned, so job very well done.

Thank a million,

Cheers,

Baz.

Vietnam

Many thanks, to you and your club for your hospitality and for arranging a great weekend. I suspect that we will meet again!

Sean Hoy

And Finally.

That is about it. See a lot of you in Sibú this weekend. Am planning a lot of sitting around doing absolutely nothing... I'm sure I can find a few heads to join in.

Sin é don seachtain, Have lovely weeks!

Is mise le meas,

Blá