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SGL Weekly Newsletter – 03rd August 2007

Folks...

Bla is partying in Oz and this week and I am filling in for her . We have a packed edition this week ...

Mixed, plus Pale versus outside the Pale (or so we thought) Match Report

Venue: Turf City (we think – it was hard to tell with all the water)
Score: Not sure (controversially, Donnacha had it as a draw)

What was meant to be a mixed game, followed by a Pale versus outside the Pale men's game, was hampered on two fronts. It won't come as a surprise to anyone that most of the ladies were nursing stonking hangovers from the night before (or more properly, the full month before) and declared themselves unfit for sporting endeavors of any kind. Meanwhile, most of Donnacha's Pale team were no-shows, with excuses ranging from getting their nails done (Liam Burke) to hitting Tangs at Vivo City for a sale on handbags and accessories (Cormac).

And so it came to pass that the ladies were mixed in with the lads. Donnacha nicked the good ball players from Cork (Adrian and Killian) and I was left with Alan and Gary (plus the spy within the camp in the form of Peter Ryan, who's hoofing of the kick-outs to anyone except his own players can only have been deliberate).

Things were fairly predictable thereafter. There were some downright atrocious refereeing decisions by Donnacha (not surprising, since he didn't stray from the sideline throughout; says he didn't want to get his loafers dirty in the mud, bless). There were some shocking misses (eh, trying not to single anyone out, but Janet was very grateful Jon Carmody was not about). Chairman Paul's hard running was as impressive as ever; the fact that he and (sadly) his team-mates had no idea where he was running to was not important. Alan's crankiness (unbelievably even more than usual) was put down to being outscored by Gary, getting schooled by defensive lynchpin Mark Gailey, and no small amount of frustration (he says this was due to a distinct lack of quality ball and having a langer for a sideline manager – fair points, but all in the club can't wait until Tessa gets back ...) ...

That the scores were (allegedly) all square at full time was probably a fair result, though why I obligingly reminded Donnacha about Killian's goal near the end is anyone's guess, and cost team beautiful what would have been a memorable come-from-behind victory. Some stand-out performances on the day from Lee (those rare moments he was actually on the pitch), Killian, Gary, Kami K and Nats. Waterford's Sean Hearne and Lee-sider Adrian O'Doherty battled against each other superbly, a duel matched only by Sunday's game in Croke Park (in terms of excitement and intensity rather than quality it has to be said...).

Well done to all on the organisation (Donnacha, Paul, Gary, Daryl etc), and thanks to the wombats for the use of the pitch. A special shout out to Kellie for arriving at half time with beer and pizza, but no boots.

Please direct all feedback to Gareth O'Brien

Football Competitions:

It seems like everyone was interested in continuing and having a football league between now and December. The Wombats have agreed that we can use their pitch at Turf City on Saturday afternoon when they are not training.

At this stage we would like to get confirmed names for teams. The idea will be to have 3/4 teams each team having a captain and a squad. Matches will be played on Saturday between 4pm and 7 pm at Turf City. The dates are:

August 11
September 1
September 15
September 29
October 20
November 3
November 17
December 1

To be fair to everyone only confirm your name if you plan to attend most of the days. There will be a nominal entrance fee (something like \$25) which will go towards costs.

The plan is to select teams and captains early next week so if you are interested send me an email (and if possible dates you will not be able to make it) by Tuesday August 7. If there is sufficient interest to get at least 3 teams then we will start on August 11.

Please let Donnacha if you are available to play (d.rahill@delagelanden.com)

Annual Gaelic Lions Golf Outing

If you are able and willing to take part in the Annual Gaelic Lions Golf competition on 18th Aug please reply to markfgailey@yahoo.com .

Format will be a Texas Scramble so open to all no matter how limited your golfing ability. It will be an early start but will be a lot of fun and there will be many great prizes to be won. The handicap committee will be convening in advance to sort out the bandits from last year!!

Socials:

We had a great post match evening at Molly's on Saturday which was followed up by a packed Sunday night watching the hurling.

Forthcoming events:

18th August: Launching McCraic Membership Cards

McCraic are launching their Membership Card to the Gaelic Lions. This will give the Lions a discount on Food and some Beverages in their outlets. See below for more details..

Anyway – the Cards will be launched at Townhouse on Sat Aug 18th with a bit of a hooley. Keep the date in your diary.

1st September: Annual Table Quiz

Dust off the grey matter and get studying for this test of mental prowess... Our quest to locate the biggest Nerds in the Gaelic Lions is returning! Preliminary Date is 1st Sept. Upstairs in BQ. Always a great night!

Membership Cards:

Please return the forms and photos to me asap as it will take time to make the cards.

So – as I mentioned above, our lovely friends at McCraic are introducing Membership Cards to the Gaelic Lions. The cards entitle you to the discounts detailed below on Food and drinks at McCraic outlets.

Molly Malone & BQ Bar

10% on food purchases

All Day Happy hour price on House pour Spirits and Heineken Bottles

Townhouse

10% discount on all food and drink purchases

So... how does one get one of these fab Cards I hear you ask???

Well...

1. You must be a fully paid up member of the Club
2. Fill in the attached form and return to me.
3. Send me a photo of yourself (if you don't have one, don't worry, I've amassed oodles of gorgeous photos of all of ye over the past couple of years!!!)
4. Come to the Social on August 18th, where McCraic will distribute said Cards to our Members!

Now... if that isn't a good plan, I don't know what is.

Spot The Ball Competition

Singapore's finest hurlers who came close to winning the inaugural Asian hurling championship.



Odds & Sods

Ger is ordering running kit for the forthcoming running events, if you are interested please contact him at (geraldbrogan@yahoo.co.uk)

Two excellent tickets for the King & I for this Sat Aug 11th at 8pm. Value \$110 but will sell for \$80. Please contact Hugh on 98630768 by Thurs evening



Charity Bike 'n' Blade 2007 is a fund raiser which aims to raise \$500,000 for The Salvation Army, Pertapis Centre for Women and Girls and Ling Kwang Youth Centre . Organised by global technology integrator Avanade, the three-day event (7-9 Sept) will involve a 400km cycling and inline skating route covering Malaysia and Singapore, with the final 40 km constituting the Singapore leg.

Hugh Smiddy will be drugged up to the eyeballs in keeping with cycling's great tradition and hence require copious amounts of sponsorship to fund this doping extravaganza. Any donation (big or even bigger) will be gratefully accepted. Just email him the sponsorship amount at hugh.smiddy@lamrc.com.

Sin é don seachtain, Have lovely week!

Cheers

Paul