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SGL Weekly Newsletter – 14th Sep 2007

Well,

Hope all are well and happy. Bla is on holidays (she "was" planning to attend the All-Ireland final!!) and I am filling in for her. Do read on!!

Upcoming Events:

Men's League

This Saturday, Wombats pitch in Turf City. We are meeting at 4pm and games starting sharp at 4.15pm

Ladies League

Farrer Park, Sunday 23 Sep, 5pm,

All Ireland Football Final

Cork vs Kerry - watch the game at Molly's this Sunday evening. It is tough to support either

Molly's 12th birthday celebration

Molly's big 12th Birthday Bash is this Saturday, 15 Sept 2007 and you and your fan invited! - **free flow of Guinness** from 7pm to 8pm.

Latest News

Table Quiz

The annual Singapore Lions table quiz saw fifty enthusiasts arrive in BQ, some looking tired from hours of swotting on the internet. After some initial technical challenges, the event kicked off with quiz mistress, Rachel Cox, taking control ably assisted by the soothing tones of Mark Crosbie. After a challenging round one of questions (What is MacGyver's first name? – Angus) the evening got into full flow with an excellent picture round (Aidan Healey's legs were confused with David Weir's by many). After a breathless seven rounds of intense debate, Micheal Smith's team won out by two points from Aidan Healey "Pink Team". It was noted that Mark Gailey received allot of abuse from his team members(how would he know the ingredients of a Singapore Sling) The night was not without controversy with debate on whether Zanzibar is a country (it is now Tanzania) and questions have to be asked how the prize contributors became the prize winners.

The evening was a great success and we raised over \$500 for the Habitat build project trip in November (see below) Thanks to Gary, Catherine and Bla for helping out.

Men's Football league

First league game took place last Saturday week . The teams were divided into Blues and Whites with Whites winning by 2 points with a late surge (that is if you call lads walking at half pace a surge) in the fifth period. Andrew was somewhat relieved as it means Paul has to buy the beers for the next game. There were some notable performances but all in all the standard was not bad considering what everyone was up to since June. Standard of refereeing continues to be debateable

Anyway notable contributions from:

Gary O C: yet again demonstrated by his outfield performances why he will playing in goal next season though claimed drinking until 4 am the previous night was too early to go home and impacted his performance.

Lee Fitzgerald: played a stunning three periods of football though after Paul hugging him on the throw up at the start of the fourth quarter seemed to take the wind out of him for the rest of the game

Darryl Prince: solid and dependable as ever though looked a bit uneasy because of the saddle sore after the 50km cycle in the morning with Paul.

Paul P: biggest impact on the game was his hugging move on Lee (see above) and contribution of 2-4!! Everyone was a touched relieved when he left after the fourth period in case there was going to be another hugging victim.

Ultan Peters: no better way to prepare for a rugby match than to show up for the warm up and then buzz off to play the rugby game on the next pitch

John Maguire: did an excellent job in fixing the nets in one goal though decided the other goal was better without nets

Andrew Conley: parked his car directly behind the goals thinking it would be safe as no one could shoot straight. Didn't figure on Sean Hearne who managed to hit the car three times (and not score) with his scud missile like shooting.

Mark Gailey managed to maintain the high standard of Donegal forwards by missing every conceivable scoring chance he got

Mark Hedderman: new member who showed great enthusiasm by turning up for the match at the same time as Gary was leaving the pub. He will learn.

Sean Hearne: with this display of shooting it was pretty obvious why he is now single. May want to reconsider the Molly Malone fry up for Friday lunch for the next game.

Peter Ryan: had a dual role of playing and telling the ref how to ref the game at the same time

Michael Smith: shooting has improved enormously as his one score from 15 shots showed.

David Weir: the new Pillar Caffrey. Decided as top scorer for his team (and the only likely one to score) it would be better if he stood in goals for a couple of periods

Chris Kuhn: new member from Australia who looked and played the part. Could not understand the rule in Gaelic Football where you do not give the player in the best position (normally him) the ball

No shows: Blathnaid McNamara and Siobhan Carmody fine of one weeks salary. Normal service will return for the next game as Gareth was in Thailand allegedly at a wedding."

Ladies League - Sunday, 23 Sep

It was touted as a "warm up" to the league and a warm up it was. The ladies dusted off their boots last Sunday and in scorching heat took the field at UWC for a blistering 2 hours session of good quality football. For some of the players, this was their second sporting engagement of the day ... demonstrating the depth of fitness, dedication and craziness we possess within the squad.

With our fearless leader stuck completing an insane adventure race, we called upon the assistance of spectator Alan Power to help guide us (umpire) ... but evidently his hangover was too acute to come to the rescue. So we split into two teams and played a self-administered, fast-paced, 9-a-side version of the game.

There were some great match ups across the park. Plenty of goals were scored, but plenty more were saved by Jenny, who simply sizzled in goal.

Three of our new recruits joined us, Pia, Wen and Leah and in perfectly scripted fashion, each scored goals on their debut. Now some may think this was staged in order to ensure they sign up for the league, it was most certainly not. Wen showed great speed and skill, her chip-kick-and-regather proved highly successful. Leah's excellent field position made her available for some great plays - and made some of us ball-followers look like amateurs! Pia was thrilled the ball could travel forward (a rugby player) and used the same to her advantage, getting some great one-two's happening up front.

The session was unanimously declared a success - it was great to be back playing football. Next time we meet will be at Farrer Park, Sunday 23 Sep, 5pm, where 3 teams will begin their campaign to lift the inaugural ladies' league trophy (a beer mug, more likely).

Molly's 12th Birthday

	<p>Molly's big 12th Birthday Bash is this Saturday, 15 Sept 2007 and you and your family are invited!</p> <p>Highlights of the day include the Street Party, kick start by Gerry Cox & The Malone's, "Draw a Molly" Art Competition for your kids and the climax...free flow of Guinness from 7pm to 8pm.</p> <p>And what's an Irish birthday without traditional Irish fare? See the menu below. In the kitchen, Cyrille has cured the bacon himself. As an anonymous Irish employee said after the food tasting, "I am a savage for bacon and cabbage - this is better than my Ma's...don't tell her!"</p> <p>So see you and your family this Saturday!</p>
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SGL Survey:

The survey has closed and we have had great feedback with over 70 respondents!! (versus 20 last year). We have gone very high tech and a special thanks to Tracy Clemmer. Thank you all for your feedback, it was very insightful and will be taken on board. I will prepare a summary of feedback and actions arising and share with you all in the near future.

Gaelic Lions and the Marathon:

If you haven't done so already. www.singaporemarathon.com Distance categories include: 10k, 21k and 42k. Please email Tracy Clemmer (tracy_clemmer@yahoo.com) if you'd like to run under the club banner in support of the Singapore Special Olympics.

Registered to date and running under the SGL banner includes:

Anne Marie Doherty	10k
Blaithnaid MacNamara	21k
Cahir O'Neill	10k
Catherine O'Leary	10k
Denise Glennon	21k
Ger Brogan	21k
Hugh Smiddy	42k
Janet Hedges	10k
Lincoln Palmer	21k
Megan Graff	21k
Mireille Couture	21k
Paul Prendergast	21k
Rania Burns	
Suky Raju	42k
Tracy Clemmer	21k

In order to achieve our target of \$10,000; each runner will target to raise a minimum of \$500 in sponsorship monies. Pledge forms for the runners will be issued next week. Even if you are not able to participate in the event, the runners can use your support by helping them raise money as well as by cheering them on along the race route on the 2nd of December.

With so many runners within the club – it may be a lot to ask for folks to sponsor each one individually. So, if you would prefer – you can sponsor us as a team. Please let Tracy know your sponsorship amount.

Singapore Gaelic Lions Habitat For Humanity Build:

Batam Habitat Build Project

We are still looking for 14 volunteers to participate in the Habitat Build on Saturday, 24 November. We will depart for Batam at 7:55am and return to Singapore by 18:20 on the same day. Please contact Tracy Clemmer (tracy_clemmer@yahoo.com) if you are interested or for more information.

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And Finally,

Sin é don seachtain, Have la great weekend
Is mise le meas,

Paul