

2009 once again has been a very busy year for all at Watergrasshill United as the club continues to develop & grow both on and off the pitch. We would like to thank everyone who is involved in the club throughout the year for their help and support, from club & committee members, sponsors, players and parents/guardians alike. Special thanks to Alan O'Herlihy & John O'Regan for sponsoring the Squad's Sports Tops for today's cup final.

Club Facilities:

Our pitch facilities on c5.5 acres are immaculate and remain the envy of many AUL Clubs. This is down to the weekly maintenance & management by Dean Roche & John O'Regan. Club facilities include 2 full size junior pitches, 3 underage pitches, floodlight training pitch, home & away dressing rooms, referee room, shower facilities, with full electricity.

Back in 2007 ESB facilities were installed by Peter Mc Dermott and over the past few months the club has invested in modern shower units, lighting facilities surrounding the home & away dressing room areas for safety & security purposes, additional flood lights for our training areas. Last year John O'Regan also connected us up for a water supply and thanks also to Henry Gallagher. There has also been investment made in security cameras which are to be installed soon. Street lights have also been installed at the pitch entrance, thanks to Nick O'Sullivan for his assistance here. Many thanks to Barry O'Riordan for his support of the Club.

It's our intention to modify & upgrade the club's website over the next 6 months. The website contains many valuable photographs going back to 1993 (Hill Celtic & Hill Albion days) and it's our intention to compile this information, in booklet form (photo & dialogue), in the near future.
www.watergrasshillutd.com

A Brief History of Watergrasshill Utd

The club was formed in 2004 with the amalgamation of 2 local junior men's clubs Hill Albion and Hill Celtic. The club has gone from strength to strength with membership trends constantly increasing particularly with our Underage Academy. This season we are currently running 2 junior men's, 1 ladies, 2 x U7, 2 x U8, 1 x U9, 1 x U10, 1 x U11, 1 x U12 Underage teams.

Upcoming Events:

Since the summer, the club's underage Categories have been a revelation and in excess of 60 youngsters under 10 currently turn up for training every week. This year we'll be running **our own** Summer Soccer School from Monday July 20th – Friday July 24th inclusive, all with Club Volunteers. Substantial investment has been made in our Underage Academy and the small sided non competitive leagues have just commenced.

The Club also intend to arrange a School Soccer Tournament incorporating Glenville, Rathcormac, Bartlemy & Watergrasshill Primary Schools.

An underage soccer blitz will also take place in June with an invitation to various Clubs within Cork to participate.

It's also the Club's intention to continue with our successful annual golf classic which is scheduled (and to be confirmed) for August 14th, 2009.

On the Pitch:

Since 2004, WGH Utd A have plied their trade in Div 1B of the AUL. Most recently we have had great success notably winning the County Cup in 2008, ten years after winning it in the past and we are presently in the semi finals of this cup this year. Today will be the 2nd cup final to be contested by the squad and is a major achievement for the team and the management team of Neilus O'Mahony, Mark Looney and Moss O'Keeffe. The team currently lie 2nd in the Division 1B league after coming agonisingly close to winning the league last year.

Squad: Aime Butsana, Moss O'Keeffe, Edward O'Connell, Eddie Moynihan, Michael John O'Sullivan, Kieran Foley, Patrick Moroney, Paddy O'Regan, John Dorgan, Jacob Moleli, Kieran Coakley, Morgan Foley, Sean O'Leary, John "Sparky" O'Keeffe, Brian Cosgrove, Des Ryan, Dave Cooke, Willie O'Leary.

Our Path to St Michael's Cup Final

Buttevant v WGH Utd	Date: 15.11.2008:	0-2	(Sean O Leary, Kieran Coakley)
WGH Utd v Ballyvolane	Date: 28.12.2009:	3-0	(John Dorgan, Jacob Moleli x 2)
Blackstone v WGH Utd	Date: 28.02.2009:	1-3	(John Dorgan, Kieran Foley, Eddie Moynihan)
WGH Utd v Richmond	Date: 29.03.2009:	3-0	(John Dorgan x 2, Kieran Foley)

Total Goals Scored: 11

Total Goals Conceded: 1

Top Scorer: John Dorgan 4

2008/2009 Management Committee:

Chairman	- Niall O'Riordan
Secretary	- John Barton
Treasurers	- John Sheehan & Morgan Foley
P.R.O.	- Paul Sharkey
Under Age Academy (7/8/9/10's)	- Derry Desmond, Paul Sharkey, Declan Mc Kenna, Thomas O'Leary, Nick O'Sullivan
Under 11's	- Noel Prendergast, Dave Cooke, Aki Stavrou, Declan Brady
Under 12's	- Noel Prendergast, Dave Cooke, Aki Stavrou, Declan Brady
WGH United Ladies	- Brendan Coakley (non Player...??) & Lillian Whooley
Club Welfare Officer	- Declan Brady
Junior Men's A Team Management	- Neilus O'Mahony / Mark Looney / Moss O'Keeffe
Junior Men's B Team Management	- Jim Courtney & Pat Foley
Club Facilities Management	- Dean Roche & John O'Regan

Club Lotto:

The Club's Weekly Lotto Draw remains an integral part of fundraising and many thanks to our weekly and annual ticket subscribers. Also thanks to those volunteers who assist with the draw which takes place in the Village each Wednesday evening.

2008 also saw the Club's biggest Lotto Win, €8,000 to local man Shane 'Dollar' O'Riordan. On going to print jackpot is €4,050

Anyone interested in subscribing to an Annual Ticket please contact any Club member or email us at watergrasshillutd@mac.com

Watergrasshill United Player Profiles – St Michael's Cup Final 2009



Aime Butsana:

Goalkeeper. Second season with the club. Very commanding presence in goals and has excellent reflexes. Was the hero in last year's County Cup Final here in the penalty shoot out.



Moss O'Keefe:

Goalkeeper/Defender/Midfielder/Legend. Excellent all-rounder. Great heading ability and also a free-kick specialist. Very strong on the ball. Won 1st, 2nd & 3rd Division and St. Michael's Cup winners medals and President's Cup runners-up medal with Hill Celtic. Once again has been outstanding this year in all competitions. Moss was nominated Player of The Year last season, 10 years after winning the same award with Hill Celtic.



Kieran Foley:

(Captain): Centre-half. Excellent tackler who loves to go forward. Packs a ferocious shot and has scored twice in this competition. Has also just moved out of home.....?....



Michael John O'Sullivan

Fullback. Very comfortable with the ball at his feet and was Man of The Match in last year's County Cup Final.



Des Ryan

Fullback. First full season with the squad. Has made right back his position this year.



Sean O'Leary

Very strong player, excellent in the air, and is also on the score card against Buttevant in the 1st round.



Patrick O'Regan

Midfield. Excellent reader of the game and has the ability to totally control the tempo of a game. Great stamina and excellent all-round player.



Patrick Moroney

Midfield. 'The Beautiful One'. Excellent tackler with great strength and stamina. Just returned from Chad and still acclimatising to the Irish weather.



Edward O'Connell

Winger. Energetic player. Has a terrific attitude to both training and matches and is never found wanting on the big occasion. Has been known to secretly practising his crossing abilities in recent weeks ahead of today's game...!



Eddie Moynihan

Fullback/winger. Great dribbler and loves to take on players. Scored a vital goal against Blackstone Rovers in the quarter finals.



Morgan Foley

Fullback/Winger/Midfielder. Has added attacking element to his undoubted defensive qualities in recent months. Touring the world for a 12 months with 'his female friend' and will be a tremendous loss to the club off the pitch.



John 'Sparky' O'Keeffe

Centre Half: Magnificent reader of the game and has played in numerous positions for the Club. Has been a tremendous servant for the Club and won numerous over the years with Hill Celtic.



John Dorgan

The "Goal Meister". Top scorer in this competition with 4 and has 13 in total in all competitions this year to date. Hasn't stopped smiling since his marriage in Brazil and his blistering pace seems to have returned....!



Jacob Moleli

Has a terrific turn of speed and loves to dribble and attack players. Has scored twice v Ballyvolane in the 2nd round and forms an excellent partnership with Johnny Dorgan.



Kieran Coakley

Midfield / Striker: Great header of the ball and has a great shot of either foot but unfortunately has been plagued by injury this season. Took the winning penalty in last year's County Cup Final.



Neilus O'Mahony

MANAGER. 2nd Season with the Club and has led this team / squad to a County Cup victory & league runner's title last year... Neilus has gained the full respect of the entire squad & installs great confidence & belief within the camp.



Mark Looney

Selector & Trainer: Also 2nd Season with WGH UTD and has greatly improved fitness levels within the squad through innovated training methods & is a good motivator from the line.



Niall O'Riordan

CLUB CHAIRMAN: Just celebrated his 30th and we all eagerly await in anticipation for his special 'announcement'. Constantly under savage pressure.

Brian Cosgrove

Midfielder/Striker (NO PICTURE) : A new recruit to the squad this season and has scored in the AOH Cup earlier in the season. Has adapted well into the squad.

Willie O Leary

Centre Half (NO PICTURE) : Solid defender & excellent header of the ball. Again also affected by injury for the 2nd half of the season.

Dave Cooke

Midfield / Centre Half (NO PICTURE): Has been a magnificent addition this season but has been unfortunate with injury recently. His vast experience and communication skills on the pitch has helped improve many of his colleagues around him. Great loss.

