

# WATERGRASSHILL UNITED

## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



WELCOME TO OUR MARCH 2012 EASTER EDITION

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## “IN THE COMMUNITY”



### Inter school Tournament – Wednesday May 2<sup>nd</sup>

Watergrasshill United hopes to run our second inter school tournament between Watergrasshill / Glenville / Rathcormac & Bartlmeay National Schools on Wednesday May 2<sup>nd</sup> 2012 at Watergrasshill United's Skehanagh's Park facilities, pending event confirmations from all schools.

Intended breakdown/schedule of tournament is as follows

- SECTION A: Girls (4TH /5TH /6TH)
- SECTION B: Girls (1ST/2ND/3RD)
- SECTION C: Boys (5TH/6TH)
- SECTION D: Boys (3RD/4TH)
- SECTION E: Boys (1ST/2ND)
- SECTION F: MIXED (FOR ALL)



Times & exact schedule etc will be confirmed depending on the level of interest from schools. Schools can enter as many teams per section as they like - 7 a side (no limit in squad size). All teams will at least get 2 games. The aim of the above tournament is to promote **Sport for All** and to ensure that all participants get game time and have fun.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Ray “RAZOR” Murphy Ballylegane Watergrasshill, who correctly answered last month's quiz question “Kevin Hoare designed our Club crest”, € 20.00 Restaurant voucher on route.

### March Monthly Quiz - Over 18's ONLY

Question: What WGH UTD CSL team last won a league title? (Just their age category will suffice)

Answers on email with your details to [watergrasshillunited@gmail.com](mailto:watergrasshillunited@gmail.com) or alternatively via text message to 086 849 3414. Prize € 20.00 meal voucher compliments of MSC CRUISES





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## FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

Ray Murphy, one of our senior team players, is participating in a 70 KMS cycle on Easter Sunday in Kerry to help raise funds for the Mercy Hospital and Watergrasshill United Underage Academy.

Watergrasshill United would like to sincerely thank Ray for this kind gesture.

You can donate by lodging monies to Bank of Ireland Glanmire sort code 909062 A/ Number 41980164

For more details on Ray's cycle route check out: <http://connect.garmin.com/course/783035>  
We wish Ray well on the day...!



## MARK THIS DATE! MARK THIS DATE!

Watergrasshill United Football Club &  
Watergrasshill National School PA present



## Fashion Show

May 17th, 19:30 – 22:30

VIENNA WOODS HOTEL GLANMIRE

INTERVAL ENTERTAINMENT BY *Crystal Swing*

€15

Watergrasshill United in conjunction with Watergrasshill National School Parent's Association will be running a fashion show, details as follows:-

**Date: Thursday May 17 2012.**  
**Venue: Vienna Woods Hotel, Glanmire**  
**Ticket Price: € 15.00**

We have a fantastic line up for the night, Mediterranean Shipping Company have sponsored a wine and cheese reception, and we've managed to secure Crystal Swing for interval entertainment. We will also have Cork's Most Stylish Woman 2011, Irene Twohig and Belinda O'Sullivan winner of "Designer of the Year" 2010 to provide assistance on the night.

There are fantastic prizes also on the night & your support would be greatly appreciated. Check out our specifically designed face book page [facebook.com/wghparents](https://www.facebook.com/wghparents) (two free tickets up for grabs shortly!!). Tickets are available from Club members Noel Prendergast & Paul Sharkey initially from April 09<sup>th</sup>, and will be on general sale in local establishments.



# BEKO

## Shirt Sponsorship "DEAL" for Academy Girls



Sincere thanks to BEKO IRELAND, Bracetown, Clonee, Co Meath for their sponsorship of club jerseys for our academy girls squad. More details on [www.beko.ie](http://www.beko.ie)

Academy girls training remains each Wednesday 5.30-6.30pm in the Community Hall Watergrasshill, with coaches Jackie & Ber euro 2/child for Hall rental

### Weekly Development Program in Watergrasshill National School

Thanks to Frank & PIPS for their continued weekly voluntary contribution at Watergrasshill National School each Friday 1-3pm.

## CORK SCHOOLBOYS LEAGUE (CSL) TEAMS

Incredibly there are still a number of CSL memberships due so can you please approach your relevant team manager/coach.

All of our teams are in a strong position in their respective leagues, which is an excellent achievement and a credit to the players and coaches. Goals are plenty, so entertainment is guaranteed at all games. Please try and support the teams as they progress for the remainder of the season.

Follow how each of our Under 12, 13, 14, 15 & 16's are performing in their respective leagues on [www.corkschooboyleague.ie](http://www.corkschooboyleague.ie) and check out the match reports on our website [www.watergrasshillunited.com](http://www.watergrasshillunited.com) and our face book page. Thanks to all coaches for their contributions.

Our under 11 squad presently play in a non competitive league until next year but their match reports can also be viewed as per above. Our academy girls also play in non competitive tournaments.



Our senior team's league performance can be viewed at [www.corkaul.com](http://www.corkaul.com)





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## UNDERAGE ACADEMY

Under 7, 8, 10's boys ONLY training will change with immediate effect to Tuesday evenings from 6 till 7 pm at our facilities at Skehanagh. Euro 2/child. Please keep an eye on our website & facebook page regarding our Small Sided weekly games.

Watergrasshill United are actively looking for coaches for our underage academy, anyone interested please make contact with Derry (087/6964588) / Paul (086/8225646)

Memberships are now overdue so please make contact with the relevant managers/coaches for payment, thank you. Please remember euro 2.00 / child for weekly training for all categories boys & girls. It's our intention to organise various "blitzes" coming up over the next few months and relevant information will be relayed to parents/guardians in due course.

## SMALL SIDED LEAGUE / GAMES (SSL/SSG) 2012

The 2012 season for our academy started impressingly on the last weekend of March 2012, some details below on our performances & more to follow in our April & May newsletters. Special thanks to ALL coaches who put in valuable personal time to ensure ALL get game time in a fun, non competitive environment. Watergrasshill United have entered 2 U7's teams and 1 U8,U9 and U10 team in the CSL Small Sided Games (SSG) leagues. Games commenced on the weekend of March 31 / April 1 last and will continue to the end of May 2012.



### SSL U9

Coach: Pat O'Keeffe



Our under 9's, under coach Pat O'Keeffe, had their first league game in the Small Sided League away to Glounthaune on Saturday March 31 2012. What a great start it was too with a very impressive 8-2 victory. We were on top throughout this match and while we rotated the team to ensure everyone got equal game time. We never looked in danger of losing this one. It was great to watch a good team performance with some great passing and movement, with some good tackling as well.

Several of the Glounthaune parents came to me after the match and said they were impressed by the lad's skill and commitment to the game. This was a very sporting gesture and was very much appreciated. A great start lads, well done to all, Goal scorers were: Bradley Walsh, Ben Nodwell, Liam O'Keeffe, Andrew Chandler and one own-goal. Strong performances came from Ben Atkinson, Edmund Cashman, Ian O'Callaghan, Davan O'Sullivan, Dylan Field.

Team: Stuart, Craig, Ben A, Ben B, Dean, Ryan, Ian, Liam, Davan, Andrew, Dylan, Sean M, Sean E, Edmond, Bradley



## SSL UNDER 7



**Coaches: Derry Desmond / Billy Loftus / Pat Healy / Noel Prendergast / Paul Sharkey**

Due to the great numbers & fantastic enthusiasm shown regularly over the past few weeks, the Club has entered two teams into the league in this category. One team is coached by Derry & Billy & the other squad under the guidance of Pat/Noel & Paul

### **Watergrasshill United U7 4 v 0 Buttevant**

Our younger under 7's squad with coaches Derry & Billy took their first ever league game like ducks to water. It must be said this was a very competitive game with both sides really enforcing the motto FUN FOR ALL. We had 10 players really showing how bright Watergrasshill United's future is with all these players under age again next year. With 2 goals from Sam, 2 from Ciaran, we were always in control with some great passing movements by all, team play and an overall great defense effort we won our FIRST ever League Game at this level. Well done to you all and with our other u7 team winning as well. The future is really bright indeed ... Thanks to referee Chris Sheehan

### **Watergrasshill United U7 10 - 2 Buttevant**

In this particular game the team was as follows:

Ross Hennessy, Shane Cahill, Jack Healy, Tim Sexton, Denis Cashman, Sam Dennehy, Eldon O Connor, Ciaran O Riordan, Mike O Riordan, Conor Hurley, Ciaran O Leary.

Under the watchful eyes of coaches Pat Healy, Noel Prendergast & Paul Sharkey, despite going down to an early goal, the entire team showed great resolve & determination to fight back immediately. There were numerous great passages of play, from defense through to midfield and to our forward line resulting in a goal feast during the 3 x 15 minute periods. This was the first real test for this squad and from 1-11 each player did their job efficiently and continued to drive forward at every opportunity.

Ross in goal made a fabulous save at the beginning of the second period which lifted the team. Great defensive displays by Tim, Shane, Jack & Conor, gelling well with the midfield of Denis, Sam & both Ciaran's and polished off up front by Eldon & Mike.

Man of the match: Sam Dennehy for his hatrick including a magnificent free kick and for his overall team play.

WELL DONE TO ALL & thanks to parents for their support.

Thanks: Pat, Noel & Paul

We'll have more information on our Under 8 (Coaches: Frank Cronin & Robert Knaap) & Under 10's (Coaches Dave Doyle & Denis Barry) in our April newsletter, as they started their league campaigns in April.



## CLUB PLAYER/SQUAD DEVELOPMENT



Some of our under 11 squad at training on Thursday March 22 with UEFA B qualified coach Jason Browne of "UCHOOZ".

Jason is been utilized by Watergrasshill United CSL squads on a more regular basis to enhance & develop training techniques.

## PITCH DEVELOPMENT

Thanks to Dean Roche & John O Regan who keep our facilities & pitches up to a great standard despite the poor weather conditions. It takes several hours to cut all our pitches, something we tend to forget...! THANKS LADS...

Watergrasshill United would also like to thank our present pitch side advertisers for their continued support, sponsors can be viewed on our website. Your support is an integral part of our funding on an annual basis.

With the good weather hopefully now appearing it's our intention with the great help of electrician Peter Mc Dermott to have all our flood lights fully operational for the end of the year. Quite a few bulbs need replacing which we were prohibited in carrying out due to the soft ground over the past few months.

We have our dug outs fully completed and details on their installation etc will appear in next month's newsletter.

## WWW – WEBSITE UPDATE

Our website is only as good as the information we receive from everyone and we sincerely thank both Frank & Rob who are constantly updating and adding variety on a daily/weekly/monthly basis. All information is as up to date as possible HOWEVER this is liable to change at a moment's notice due to weather/backlog/cancellation of games etc SO please liaise with the relevant coaches for confirmations if/when required.

If you have any comments on our website please feel free to contact us at [watergrasshillunited@gmail.com](mailto:watergrasshillunited@gmail.com).

Condolences: Watergrasshill United would like to offer our sincere condolences to the Sheehan Family, St Martin's Terrace, Watergrasshill on their recent bereavement and to all families within our community on recent bereavements.