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WATERGRASSHILL UNITED NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2013 EDITION

In this summer edition of our newsletter we highlight the events over the last few months and the development within the club as we kickoff the new 2013 / 2014 season.



WATERGRASSHILL FAMILY FUN WEEKEND

The June Bank Holiday Weekend saw an innovative and history making three-day event come to Watergrasshill. The event was organised, co-ordinated and ran entirely by the Watergrasshill National School Parents Association and Watergrasshill United and has been touted as the most successful event ever held in the village.

The weekend started off with a Food Fair on the main street, with Zumba and live Band RETRO keeping everybody entertained well into the night. Saturday started off with a Spinathon and Academy Soccer Tournament in the WGH NS Grounds and was attended by over 250 kids!!!

Saturday Evening saw the Main Event of the weekend take place as Watergrasshill hosted its first Pig Racing Event. Six Real pigs in six real races on an artificial track on the main street of the village. This was a fantastic sight to see and over 4,500 people descended upon the village to witness this truly unique event.

Sunday's activities kicked off with a Family Orienteering Event in Ardnageehy Woods and finished off with the Annual Over 35's Tournament in the National School. We would like to congratulate all members of Team Loftus for picking up the coveted Wooden Spoon for finishing in last place and Eddie Ricken, who won the Most Memorable Moment Award for his outstanding penalty save on the day.

Watergrasshill United and Watergrasshill National School Parents Association would like to express our gratitude and thanks to all of our sponsors who made this event possible and to everybody who supported us over the course of the weekend. Finally, a big thank you to Event Organisers Paul Sharkey, Derry Desmond, Dave Hogan, Jen Knaap, Joanne McHugh and all other volunteers who gave up their time to bring this historic event to the village.



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UNITED ANNUAL SUMMER CAMP

Our Annual Ross's Centra SummerCamp returned this year and was held from the 1st–5th July at Skehanagh park. This was our most successful Summer Camp to date with over 145 children attending and a further twenty attending our Elite Camp.

A very enjoyable week was had by all and the weather was nice for a change with even a few people getting a bit of colour along the way! The camp was run entirely on a voluntary basis by our members to ensure familiarity for the children and it's safe to say everybody had a fantastic time. Various activities were organised over the week including Tug of War, Volleyball, obstacle courses, World Cup and trips to Team Thomas!

We would like to thank everybody who volunteered and helped out in any capacity, including Jennifer Thomas of Team Thomas Fitness Centre who entertained various age groups at her facilities over the course of the week free of charge.

A huge Thank You to our Camp Sponsor Ken Ross of Ross's Centra Watergrasshill for once again showing his support to our club and the community. Ken once again donated a €20 voucher to all members of the camp and gave every child a Goodie Bag on the last day of camp! Thanks Ken!





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WATERGRASSHILL UNITED CLUB PRESENTATIONS

On Friday July 5th, we held our Annual Club Presentations in Skehanagh Park. Player of the Year and Team Player of the Year awards were given out to our squads as well as token awards to our U16's in recognition of their achievements in the National Cup.

This was another Community event in which we gave back to our members with complimentary ice-creams and teas/coffees and bouncy castles. Thanks to all involved and to Marcus O' Reilly for supplying the bouncy castles free of charge!



Watergrasshill United Under 11
Player of the Year 2012-2013 Season
James O Leary



Watergrasshill United Girls Under 12
Player of the Year 2012-2013 Season
Ellanah Sheehan



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WATERGRASSHILL UNITED ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC

Our Annual Golf Classic was held on Friday August 16th at Fermoy Golf Club. This event was our most successful to date and was a thoroughly enjoyable day out.

Again the day was made by the weather which was fantastic again and we would like to thank all of our team entries and tee sponsors for their support on the day.

The event was won by the CSL Team which was captained by CSL Chairman Peter Connolly. Congratulations to all of our winners and the prizes are en-route!

Finally, a big thank you to Paul and Derry for organizing a fantastic event and all the staff at Fermoy Golf Club for their hospitality and impeccable service on the day!



2013 Golf Classic Winners Team Cork Schoolboys League
Peter Gregson / Kevin Delea / Peter Connolly (Chairman)



Cillian Roche



2013 / 2014 SEASON STARTS

Preparation is well underway for the start of the CSL Season with most teams back in pre-season training for the last few weeks.

The league starts on September 7th/8th for our U11/U13/U15 squads and the following weekend, September 14th/15th, for our U12/U14/U16 Squads.

Our U18 Youths and Juniors have already begun their respective league campaigns and our Academy Managers will be in touch shortly regarding the return of our U7-U10 Boys and Girls!

Club Membership and Insurance fees are now due and payment can be made to managers or any Club Official. The fees this year remain unchanged from previous years:

U7 - U11 Boys - €20, Girls Academy - €20, U12-U18's -€50.

ELECTED OFFICERS AND MANAGERS FOR 2013/2014 SEASON

The following Officers were elected to the following roles within the Club:

Chairperson - Nicholas O' Sullivan
Vice Chairperson - Robert Knaap
Secretary - Paul Sharkey
Treasurer - Kevin O' Callaghan
PRO - Robert Knaap
Child Welfare Officer - Declan Brady
Groundsman - Dean Roche

2013 / 2014 MANAGEMENT TEAMS APPOINTMENTS

U7 - Watergrasshill United
U8 - Billy Lofus
U9 - Pat Healy & Trevor Hennesy
U10 - Robert Knaap & Frank Cronin
U11 - Pat O' Keeffe, Paul Walsh & Marcus O'Reilly
U12 - Dave Doyle, Dennis Barry, Jimmy O' Leary & Kevin O' Mahony
U13 - Dave Hogan & Mick McCourt
U14 - Mark Dennehy, Marcus O' Reilly & Frank Cronin
U15 - Gavin Daly, Gavin Cronin & Eddie O' Connell (Pips)
U16 - Derry Desmond
U18 - Declan Brady, Dave Cooke & Des Hamond
Juniors - Eddie McCarthy & Nicholas O' Sullivan
Girls Academy - Paul Sharkey, Tony Carroll, Ber Desmond & Jackie Casey

CLUB REFURBISHMENT

Our volunteers were hard at work through-out the off-season carrying out some much needed upgrading to our facilities at Skehanagh Park. Thanks to our volunteers, all containers and dressing rooms were given a fresh coat of paint, along with our gate which now sports our "Skehanagh Park" sign.

The overgrown areas were all cut back and new benches were constructed alongside the dug outs. The pitches were also treated with Specialised Wexford Sand which we hope will improve the conditioning of our pitches and hopefully reduce the number of games that are called off during the Winter Months.

However, the most impressive work done without a doubt has to be the huge overhaul given to the dressing rooms. All dressing rooms received several new coats of paint and were given a new colour scheme to match up with our club colours. The new dressing rooms look fantastic and are ready to roll for the new season!

We would like to thank all coaches who volunteered their time to help improve facilities for everybody in our club and especially to our very own Bob the Builder, Mark Dennehy, who was the driving force behind this project! Thanks Mark and all the lads!



CLUB REFURBISHMENT CTD...

The Gallery below shows the timeline of the installation of our new container, which we plan to use as new dressing room facilities and a new club room. The ground was prepared last Friday afternoon by Mitchelsfort Development and the container was lifted and installed by John Loftus Crane Hire just in time for the new season.

A special thank you must go to John who was fantastic today and we simply could not have done it without him! Thanks also to Mark Dennehy who sourced this brilliant addition to our facilities!



John Loftus Crane Hire lifting our new container into place!



New Container Fully Installed!



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ANNUAL BAG PACK

Our Annual Bag Pack Fundraising event took place in Ryan's Supervalu Glanmire on Friday August 16th. The event was successful and we would like to thank all players, coaches and parents for giving up their free time to help out with the running of the event on the day! Thanks to all staff members of Supervalu Glanmire for their help on the day!

BEST OF LUCK TO OUR COLLEAGUES

Everybody at Watergrasshill United would like to wish our colleagues in Watergrasshill Hurling Club the very best of luck as they look to continue their great performances in the Premier Intermediate Hurling Championship. Best of luck in the next round which takes place on Saturday September 7th!

We would also like to wish Jimmy Barry Murphy and the Cork Hurlers all the best as they take on Clare in the All Ireland Hurling Final in Croke Park on Sunday September 8th! Here's hoping the rebels bring Liam Mc home!

BRING ON THE NEW SEASON



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