



# SEP/OCT 2013

## **WATERGRASSHILL UNITED NEWSLETTER SEP/OCT 2013 EDITION**

In this edition of our newsletter we highlight the events since the start of the new 2013–2014 season, the developments within the club and our involvement within the community.

### **LAST WEEK TO BUY FAI NATIONAL DRAW TICKETS**

To raise the much-needed funds to run and maintain our club grounds, Watergrasshill United is selling tickets for the FAI Irish Football National Draw for one more week. Be in with a chance to win some amazing prizes with €200,000 worth on offer, with a greater than 1 in 50 chance of winning a prize!

The club can keep 85% of all proceeds raised by their ticket sales for the draw, and all our proceeds will go towards the growth and development of Watergrasshill United.



The deadline to purchase our FAI National Cup draw tickets is October 20th. You can't win if you're not in. Greater than 1 in 50 chance of winning amazing prizes:

4 x Ford Fiesta cars, 4 x Samsung Galaxy S4 Handsets, 4 x VIP UK Match Experiences for 2 at Anfield, Old Trafford or Celtic Park, 4 x PlayStation 3 consoles + copy of FIFA 14, Trip for 2 to the Champions League Final 2014 (Lisbon), Free Electricity for a Year to a value of €2500 and many more..

Tickets are available from all club officers and coaches.





On Saturday October 19th, Watergrasshill United will once again be taking part in Ross's Centra Breast Cancer Awareness Charity Walk. We will be meeting outside Centra Watergrasshill at 11.45am and we will participate in the walk from 12pm onwards. There will be tea and light refreshments at the finish compliments of Ross's Centra. All proceeds will go directly to this worthy cause so please support on the day if you can. Registration Forms / Sponsorship Cards are available in-store. Managers will be in contact shortly with the relevant arrangements for each team.

# Walk this way

Join our charity walk in aid  
of the Irish Cancer Society's  
Action Breast Cancer

Take part & support  
a great cause.



Action  
Breast  
Cancer







# VOLUNTEERS WANTED



The 2013 / 2014 season kicked off almost a month ago for the underage academy at our improved Skehanagh grounds. The turnout of the first u7,8,9,10 and girls training sessions was impressive and we were able to welcome plenty of new academy players. Due to the huge success of our underage academy we are now looking for enthusiastic people who would like to help coach and train our Under 7 & Under 8 boys and Girls Academy Teams. Please email [info@watergrasshillunited.com](mailto:info@watergrasshillunited.com) or reach out to one of our coaches on the pitch if you are interested in getting involved with our academy teams, the future of our club.

We are especially looking for enthusiastic females that are willing to lend a hand with our growing girl academy. Please contact Paul Sharkey on 086 447 6760 if you are available to assist our Girls Academy Coaching team.







## 1ST ROUND U13 NATIONAL CUP VS. RIVERSTOWN



Coming into this fixture, the neutrals would say that WGH would have little chance against a strong Riverside currently performing very competently in their first season in the Premier Division.

As it turned out it was Watergrasshill who had most of the chances in the game and we really very unlucky not to win the game. The home side started brightly and was a goal up through Sean Desmond after 5 minutes on the back of an excellent corner kick by James O Leary. Riverstown responded quickly with a breakaway goal that had more than a hint of offside about it. Again for the remainder of the first half, even though Watergrasshill were playing all the football and had the visitors on the run, several excellent chances in front of goal were not converted.

Aidan Barton and Seamus Ahern combined very well playing in free roles in front of midfield and Watergrasshill kept fighting for the ball and working hard all over the pitch to keep the pressure on Riverstown. At once stage Watergrasshill were 1: 3 down and the game could have got away from them but an excellent solo goal from James O Leary from the left wing kept us in it and a super goal from Sean Desmond on the edge of the box brought us back to level at 3 ; 3 by full time.

Dean Browne and Harry Buscievich came on in attacking positions in that second half and Dean was unlucky to have a goal disallowed. In extra time Watergrasshill conceded shortly after the restart to go 3:4 behind but then responded almost immediately with another superb goal by Sean Desmond ( Hat trick ) on the back of a powerful run down the right wing. By the interval in extra time the game was delicately poised and unfortunately Watergrasshill finally went down to a late goal in the last five minutes after an amazing effort and a very entertaining game. Result ( after extra time ) : Watergrasshill Utd (4) : Rverstown FC (5)

All our lads were applauded for their positive attitude, high work rate, excellent passing moves and attacking mindset on the day. They should be proud of their efforts against a premier division side and clearly this team has lots and lots of potential for the future .



## SPORT FOR ALL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Our Sport for All - School Development Program kicked off at the start of September at the Watergrasshill National School. Each Wednesday coaches of the Watergrasshill United soccer club will deliver some fun and games to the boys & girls of Watergrasshill National school in a non competitive environment to encourage everyone to stay active & healthy.



Watergrasshill United originally launched this pilot scheme, which was unique to Munster, in November 2010 within Watergrasshill National School and have successfully run the program for 2 years. This semester we are partnering up with Coerver Coaching and will run the program again voluntary & free of charge each week, presently each Wednesday, within the school between the hours 1pm-3pm initially for 3rd & 4th year classes.

This scheme is designed to deliver semesters of fun, skills and games for boys & girls of all levels of ability, in a non competitive environment and to encourage everyone to stay active & healthy. We hope that by focusing on participants needs & performances will encourage all to achieve & demonstrate enjoyment, equality and fair play in sport.

### **Objectives:**

- Engage children in sport through a positive and fun experience.
- Help kids develop a love of sport that inspires them to join a local sporting club.
- Create simple but powerful connections between soccer and vital life skills.
- Construct a solid foundation for healthy lifestyle habits.

Since the inception of this program there is a considerable increase in interest in our Club with new members from all ages joining that have not been part of any sporting organization. There is no doubt that this has arisen as a result of the "positive & fun" attitude of our coaches.

We have seen at our weekly training sessions that sport brings out the confidence in younger children. Sport will help children achieve physical fitness goals and reap the benefits of an active lifestyle. It also helps them build characteristics and abilities that carry over into other aspects of their life. Whether they play team or individual sports, lessons learned on the field can serve the kids well for years to come.





## PITCHES AND TRAINING AREA UPGRADING CONTINUES



The second 33 metric tons of sand was delivered earlier this month from Wexford, and was spread over our two main pitches & training areas. This completes this project for this season but this will become an annual necessity investment as we endeavor to improve the playing & training surfaces and more importantly to ensure season playing longevity. The 2 euro contributions to the training goes towards the investments we make toward the continuous upgrades of of Skehanagh home grounds.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM AN GARDA SIOCHANA



Over the past twelve months the Gardai have seen an increase in the amount of theft where sports grounds and sporting facilities have been targeted. In particular they have seen an increase in the number of cars being broken into while parked in the vicinity of sports venues and the dressing rooms. While An Garda Síochána is addressing the matter by way of increased patrols and surveillance it is not possible to patrol every sports venue on every occasion that an event or training session is taking place.

A garda spokesman said that as the winter months approach sporting venues where cars may be parked up for a long time can become easy targets for mobile gangs. Car owners can play an important role in deterring thieves by not leaving valuable items on display in their unattended vehicles.

"We have noticed that when incidents have taken place vehicles that do not have valuable items on clear display in them tend to remain untouched," he said. "Therefore, we would strongly advise people to ensure their vehicles are properly secured and they remove any items of value from sight. By taking these simple precautions they reduce their chances of becoming soft targets for opportunist thieves," he added.

Please report suspicious activity to our club officers and ensure no valuables are on display





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Wishing all our friends and colleagues in  
Watergrasshill hurling club great  
success on the "Night at the Dogs" and  
in the future



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