



Ruairí Óg News

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Snippets

•Congratulations to the Antrim minor team and their management on winning the Ulster MHC title and in particular to the Ruairí Óg players: Paddy Burke (capt), Colin Hayden, Ryan Mc Cambridge, Donal O' Hara, Alex Delargy, Cormac Mc Alister, Christy Mc Naughton, Conrad Mc Donnell, James Duffin and manager Niall Kearney



•Congratulations to Alex Delargy on his man of the match award in the Ulster MHC final against Down

•Equally we must also congratulate Paddy Mc Naughton, David Kearney and Eoin Campbell who were members of the Antrim U21 team that won the Ulster U21 title. (And Neil Mc Manus who was part of the management team)

Ruairí Óg U12s Play Croke Park!



On Tuesday 9th July 2013, eleven very lucky Ruairí Óg U12 players ran out and played two matches on the hallowed ground of Croke Park. They, and some other very lucky teams, had been invited to play on the pitch every young hurler dreams of strutting his stuff. And though they won both their matches, that is almost irrelevant put alongside the fact the boys were playing on the pitch where household names like Henry Shefflin and Joe Canning regularly put in extraordinary performances.

The boys left Cushendall at 7am in the morning and almost in the blink of an eye they were pulling on their maroon and white shirts, running up the tunnel and out into the theatre of dreams for most hurlers. Almost too soon they had played and won their matches but more importantly they now have memories of a wonderful experience that will last a lifetime. Their managers: JJ Mc Alister, Brian Kearney and Sean Mc Keegan were very proud of how the boys played and

indeed how they adapted to their 'new' surroundings displaying no nerves at all.

The players, the managers and Ruairí Óg CLG would like to thank Ulster Council for the opportunity of playing at Croke Park and creating special memories for a group of players who hopefully will be the club and county seniors of the future.

The fortunate eleven were:

**Shane Black
Colm Mc Keegan
John Mc Alister
James Mc Alister
Donall Kearney
Fionn Mc Quillan
Ronan Mc Ateer
Stephen Emerson
Henry Mc Erlain
Oran Mc Manus
Pierce Mc Keegan**



Well done Eoin Magee on representing Ruairí Óg & Antrim so well in the All-Ireland Feile Skills' Finals!

1963 Minor Championship Winning Team

2013 marks the 50th anniversary of the first Cushendall team to win an All-County Minor Hurling Championship.

Ruairí Óg CLG intend celebrating this anniversary later in the year - probably Fri 4th October in the Pavilion. Would any player, member of the management team or anybody who has memorabilia, photographs or memories of that team and its matches, please contact either Fergus Mc Naughton (07533820529) or Kieran Kearney (02821771755 as soon as possible

Cul Camp Ruairi Og, Cushendall 2013

Cul Camp in Cushendall was a resounding success this year with a record number of children participating in the week-long hurling and camogie based camp. Building on the successes of the camps of the previous two years, 203 children took part in the Saffron Og and Cul Camp, with activities ranging from learning the skills of hurling and camogie, to alternative games such as tag rugby, gaelic football and rounders. Each of these games was interspersed with fun activities developing the children's communication, teamwork and listening skills with the intention of increasing their self confidence.

The excellent weather, coupled with great coaches and cooperative children culminated in an extremely good week of fun and hard work! Now we are looking forward to Cul Camp 2014!



Ballwall Situation

Having delivered its most recent findings to the club members at a meeting held in the pavilion on Mon 15th July, Chairman Fergus Mc Naughton said the work of the Ballwall sub-committee was at an end and responsibility for the project would now shift to the club's executive



Chair of the sub-committee as well, Fergus said he would like to thank the other members of the group: Anne Mc Naughton, Aidan Mc Ateer, Alex Emerson and Henry Mc Alister for all the work they had done since they came together in Jan '13 and for the very professional way they had always presented their findings to the membership.

Polo Grounds Drainage Project

Chairman Fergus Mc Naughton would like to thank all the people who helped with the drainage project at the top of the Polo Grounds that hopefully will alleviate the perennial problem of flooding in that area of the ground.

Those helpers included the Mc Curry Brothers, Seamus Mc Cambridge, Archie Mc Keegan, Feargal Mc Naughton, Charlie Mc Auley (Red Bay) and John 'Smokey' Mc Killop. To anybody who helped and is



not mentioned, sincerest apologies and thank you as well. Ruairí Óg CLG also appreciates the generosity of the various people who loaned either plant or tools to complete the project.

Camogie Club



Girls from the senior camogie team model their new training gear!

Congratulations to the O'Neill girls who represented Antrim in the Ulster Minor Championship and ended up on the winning team beating Down on a score-line of 4.06 to 0.03



* So far the senior camogs are unbeaten in the League while their championship campaign kicks off on Sat 17th Aug when they meet Rossa.

* The U16s played their first C'ship match recently beating Dunloy and will now play Ballycastle in the next round



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