



Ruairí Óg News

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Snippets

- Arron Graffin is the Ruairí Óg senior captain for 2013 with Martin Burke named as vice-captain
- Neil Mc Manus has been appointed captain of Antrim Senior Hurling Team for 2013. He is also captain of the 2013 Ulster Inter-Provincial Hurling team
- Club members Alastair Mc Cambridge and Hugh Mc Manus will sit on the CCC and CHC respectively: both important decision making committees at county level
- Club players Eoin Campbell, Paddy Burke and Ryan Mc Cambridge have been selected to play on the Ulster Combined Colleges' Hurling team
- Ruairí Óg has four representatives on the Antrim senior hurling team in 2013. They are: Neil Mc Manus, Conor Carson, Shane Mc Naughton and Arron Graffin
- Congratulations to senior hurler Shane Mc Naughton on becoming the latest hurling columnist in the *Gaelic Life*

Ruairí Óg CLG & The Local Community



Ruairí Óg CLG is very proud to have collaborated with Glens' YC, MDC and the local Parish in helping to secure and develop the recently-opened Youth Club. This facility has already proved its worth to our local youth in the short time it has been open and hopefully it will continue to do so long into the future.

As well as the club investing capital in the project, Ruairí Óg chairman, Fergus Mc Naughton was also heavily involved in overseeing the renovation work and since opening, our club volunteers have striven to book and take sessions on as regular a basis as they are permitted.

Positive Mental Health Course

Ruairí Óg CLG recently held a course on **Positive Mental Health** in their clubrooms. Despite a vigorous advertising campaign by co-ordinator Marie Walsh, the uptake was disappointing.

However the ten people who did attend the course which was taken by representatives from PIPS all commented that it was very worthwhile and they had learned lots of valuable information as a result.



Posthumous Award for Danny Mc Naughton

In December 2012, The Moyle Sports Advisory Committee acknowledged the talents of the late Danny Mc Naughton by awarding him posthumously **'The Outstanding Contribution to Sport Award'** at their Presentation Dinner. Local Councillor and former club PRO Colum Thompson nominated Danny and the Committee obviously agreed he was a worthy recipient. Annemarie, his wife, and other family

members were there on the night to accept the award on Danny's behalf.



Táin SHL 2013

Having won this League last year, Ruairí Óg seniors have entered again this season. They played their first game against St John's on Sat 9th Feb at 'The Dub', QUB's playing fields and recorded a 5.10 to 1.09 victory with some of our younger players like Ryan Mc Cambridge, Paddy Burke, Conor Grant, Eoin Gillan, Mark Donaghy and Andrew Delargy performing particularly well.

They now play Slaughtneil at home on Sat 2nd March (2pm) and then Portaferry away on Sat 6th April, again at 2pm. Hopefully these games will allow players to gain match fitness and afford our younger panellists an opportunity to show what they can do at this level.



Uster Gaelic Writers' Hurling Team of Last 25 Years

Congratulations to Terence Mc Naughton and Neil Mc Manus, two Ruairí Óg players who were chosen on the team of the last 25 years. As you can see from the photo, quite a few household names from other clubs also made the final selection. The only player missing on the night was former Antrim and Rossa star, Ciaran Barr

Ruairí Óg Minors

Our minors have got their season off to a good start when they won the Dunloy Annual Indoor Competition in a very hard-fought competition epitomised by the final against Rossa where the result hung in the balance almost until the very last puck of the game with the Ruairís just edging it at the end.

Congratulations to the team and to their mentors!



John Mc Killop Celebrates 50th Birthday!

Long-standing team mascot John Mc Killop celebrated his 50th birthday in early February. To mark this special occasion, the senior hurlers presented him with a card signed by the players and mentors along with a top



(though how do you buy for the man who already has every Ruairí Óg top going!) Anyway from everyone at the club: **HAPPY 50th BIRTHDAY, JOHN!**

Club 200



Ruairí Óg CLG have launched a new fundraising initiative. They are looking for 200 members and non-members to donate £200 per year to the club to assist with running costs and development of facilities. This can be paid by way of monthly standing order of £16.67 per month or an alternative payment option can be agreed.

In return all contributors will be entered into a cash draw each month commencing March 2013 with prizes of 1st:£700, 2nd:£200 and 3rd:£100

Please support this campaign if you can!

Camogie Club

The Camogie Club has already been involved in fundraising activities, having held a very successful Table Quiz in The Lurig in early January.

And more recently they took part in the Saffron Factor event in Ballymena on Fri 22nd Feb when they put forward 'Happy Feet', the dance troupe with a difference.

John Carson & SP Mc Killop are busy putting the senior players through their paces at the moment in preparation for the coming season!

Referees

This year 2013, Ruairí Óg CLG will have five referees officiating at different levels. They are: John 'Smokey' Mc Killop, John Carson, Caolan Carson, Mark Donaghy and Philip Campbell. The club is very grateful to these men for undertaking what at times can be a very thankless task. However, without them the county would be reluctant to give us fixtures.



Juveniles:

New Juvenile Chairman, Michael Quinn has been busy trying to ensure that all our juvenile teams have coaches and managers in place as well as form a new Juvenile Committee.

Our U10s and U12s have been particularly busy playing indoor tournaments and matches but with longer evenings and milder Spring weather imminent, hopefully everyone will soon be playing on grass!