



Cork Constitution F.C.

Matchzine



Ulster Bank League Division 1A

Cork Constitution F.C. V Ballynahinch R.F.C Saturday 29 March 2014 14.30 PM

Temple Hill

Cork Constitution will welcome Ballynahinch RFC to Temple Hill on Saturday for the return Ulster Bank League tie. We are pleased to welcome Ballynahinch President, Ian Dornan together with his committee members, team and supporters to Temple Hill

Constitution ran out 24-17 winners in the first game of the series in September. With last week's welcome victory over Lansdowne at the Aviva Stadium, Constitution are still in third place, however some way off leaders Old Belvedere.

It will be a first visit to Temple Hill for Ballynahinch, who are the sole representatives of Ulster Rugby in the top division. Unfortunately, they are struggling at the foot of the table, but have a five point advantage over Garryowen, and with two games remaining after today, they will be fighting hard to retain their status.

U21 McMullen Cup Quarter-final

Cork Constitution v Greystones

Temple Hill 4.30pm Saturday, 29th March 2014

After a successful campaign in the U21 South-Western Conference, Constitution's young guns will meet Greystones at the quarter final stage of the national competition at Temple Hill on Saturday next.

Constitution won nine of their ten games in the qualification process, losing out only to Buccaneers. They recorded some mighty winning score-lines along the way, but will surely find this week's opposition a lot tougher.

Last season they lost out at this stage to Dublin University. Remarkably there are no survivors of that encounter in the team this season, so it is new territory for this very promising squad.

Munster Seconds League Quarter-final

Cork Constitution v Bruff

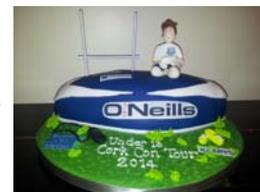
Temple Hill 2.30pm Sunday 30th March 2014

Cork Constitution Junior I XV meet Bruff in the quarter-final of the Munster Seconds League at Temple Hill on Sunday next. Despite losing out to Highfield for top spot in the Southern Section, they comfortably qualified for the play-off stage of the competition. And if they continue to win, they can look forward to a busy month of April with a home quarter final MJC tie against Clonmel scheduled for Sunday week.

Stan Waldron

U 13 Tour Fundraising Cake Sale

A special thank you to everybody who supported last weeks cake sale in aid of the U 13 Tour to France especially all those ladies who refrained from going out on Friday night and stayed home baking.



We raised nearly €2,600 from the cake sale and the I pad draw.

The quality of the cakes were outstanding and by lunch time on Saturday we were completely sold out.

Thanks for your support.

Victoria Luke

Golf News

Club AM AM



The Cork Constitution Annual Fund Raising AM AM originally scheduled for **Friday April 25** at **Douglas Golf Club** has been deferred to September .

Presidents & Captains Annual Dinner



29th March 2014

President **Ian O'Leary** and Captain **Gerry Hurley's** Annual Dinner takes place in the Clubhouse on **29th March 2014**

ITINERARY FOR THE DAY :-

2.30PM- Ulster Bank AIL CORK CON V BALLYNAHINCH

7.00PM- LEINSTER V MUNSTER LIVE ON ALL T.V.S

8.00PM- HOT TAPAS/STARTERS SERVED IN BAR WHILE WATCHING MUNSTER

8.45PM- MAIN COURSE IN FUNCTION HALL.

Tony Roche has lined up a very interesting guest speaker for the Dinner, retired international cricketer and rugby referee **Alan Lewis**

Please note that there will be no pre match lunch for the Ballynahinch match

Match Day Parking

There is limited parking in Temple Hill on match days. We request that match patrons respect our neighbours by not parking on the double yellow lines outside local housing estates as this causes a traffic hazard.

CHELTENHAM GOLD CUP DAY

From modest beginnings in 2003 our club day to savour the wonderful atmosphere of Cheltenham Festival continues to grow and provide a day of fun and much appreciated revenue.

Since inception the event has been held in the comfortable and spacious hall at Rochestown Park Hotel whose co-operation and generosity we greatly value.

The successful and well established formula seems to work well and patrons return year after year to share in the fun.



We started the day with our iconic Cork Dry Gin and Tonic Reception which was delightfully dispensed by Amy and Jamie.

This was followed by Rochestown Park Hotel's legendary Beef or Salmon lunch including that pastry enshrouded mushroom soup to start.

The lunch was nicely complimented by a well selected range of wines provided by Dee O'Riordan all of which hugely added to the general air of conviviality.



Matters were well orchestrated by Master of Ceremonies, Frank O'Connor and resident tipster Tom Busted shared his inside knowledge this year with only modest success.



A raffle for Heineken Cup Quarter Final Tickets which gave a welcome boost to the day's income was won by Peter Kiely who was a guest at Joey Sheahan's table.

Glamour has always been in evidence at our festival meet and this year was no exception. The pleasure of selecting the best dressed lady was delegated to a trio of well know senior members whose appreciation of the finer points of ladies fashion would be highly regarded.

So it was with much relish that Peter O'Leary our present Senior Deputy President and two of our more discriminating Past Presidents Tom "Beecher" Lynch and Wally "Buddy" Morrissey set about their task. Much inspecting ensued and of course a veil of secrecy surrounds their deliberations but a leak has emerged that the Senior Deputy decided the issue on a casting vote and Jennifer Fessler McClure proved an immensely popular winner.



Jan Derham and Caroline O'Mahony were entrusted with the pleasure of selecting The Best Dressed Man and one of our stalwart and ever present supporters proved to be an acclaimed and much deserved winner. Declan Scott rarely misses a Con Game or function and we hope to see him for many years to come.

We are very grateful to Keanes Jewellers and Dave O'Connor of Suit Distributors for Sponsorship of the Ladies and Gents Prizes which contribute so much to the day's enjoyment.

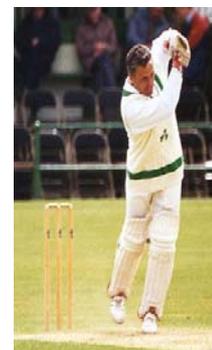
Thanks are also due to Ann Kearney of the Irish Examiner for helping us with the supply of papers.

Finally and most importantly the day could never happen without the continuing support of our friends and supporters who turn up year after year to ensure the success of the venture. We are deeply appreciative of this support and thank you one and all for the contribution, financially and socially you make to the club and here's to next year when we all hope to assemble for another day of fun. Noel Walsh.

Photo's Martin O'Brien

Alan Lewis

Alan Lewis, born in Cork, is an Irish former cricketer and Rugby Union referee and is an occasional media commentator on Irish cricket. His father Ian also played cricket for Ireland.



A right-handed batsman and right-arm medium pace bowler, he played 121 times for the Ireland cricket team between 1984 and 1997, including eight first-class matches against Scotland and 23 List A matches. He captained Ireland on 35 occasions.



When his Rugby Union playing career with Old Wesley was cut short by injury, Alan Lewis took up refereeing.

With 47 major international Test matches to his credit, Alan was one of the longest serving IRFU international referees. He refereed at both the 2003 and 2007 Rugby World Cups.

Alan Lewis also holds the record for matches in European competition with an incredible 83 matches, 71 of which were Heineken Cup games including three semi-finals and the Heineken Cup final in 2007.

Amongst his major achievements were to referee the Heineken Cup final in 2007 and a World Cup quarter-final in the same year. He is one of the longest serving referees in international rugby. Alan retired from refereeing at the end of the 2011 season



U 13 Tour 2014

On Saturday, April 13 Cork Constitution U-13 rugby squad will once again embark on their annual end-of-season tour. The destination this year is Paris, France to compete against Racing Club Paris 15 (a feeder club to Racing Metro) and PUC, a feeder club to Stade Francais.

For the players, this tour will mark the end of an era. For seven years they have played together within the Juvenile section of the club but that will change next year with some committing to rugby with their respective secondary schools and others moving up to the Youth section in Cork Con.

For nearly 50 years Fred Casey has been the man entrusted by Con to help mold, motivate and most importantly, develop these U-13 athletes, both as players and young men. Indeed during this time his charges on tour have been a virtual who's-who of future inter-provincial, international and Lions representatives, including Munster icons O'Gara, Stringer, O'Mahony and Zebo.



Not that this mattered to Freddie. Touring to him was as much about his players meeting new people, encountering new customs and environments and most importantly gaining enjoyment from participation. But suffice it to say his teams also played with no shortage of skill and passion, all truly proud to represent the jersey.

In challenging financial times, it is wonderful to see that Cork Con Juvenile section is still thriving and much of its success can be traced back to its determination to uphold its values of encouraging the participation of parents, guardians, and volunteers in the club's primary responsibility - providing rugby coaching and facilities for players at all age-grades as well as adult rugby.

Saturday morning training sessions are an experience to behold with over 400 children and 60 coaches participating in activities all geared towards improving individual and teams skills but never losing track of the most important criteria, enjoyment.

Augmenting the work of the volunteer coaches, Euromedic, (www.euromedic.ie), have been strong supporters of Cork Con Juvenile and Youth sections over the past several years. In addition, several local and national business organizations have been very supportive of the club's U-13 tour this year, including Smarttech, the leading IT Support and Services Company (www.smarttech.ie) who have been very generous in their financial support. The club would like to take this opportunity to thank all their sponsors, patrons and volunteers for helping to make the tour possible.

John McHenry

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Cork Constitution Rugby Club
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