

# Cork Constitution F.C. Matchzine



## Presidents Christmas Message



As we approach the end of another interesting year I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those hard workers around the club who give up their free time to help make Cork Constitution a successful club, both on and off the field of play.

Our Club is honoured to have the opportunity to lend our support to the Society of St Vincent De Paul, we know that our recent donation will go a long way towards improving the lives of those in need this Christmas.

May you all have a peaceful and enjoyable Christmas and best wishes for a happy New Year.

Looking forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

Jerry Holland

President Cork Constitution



## Santa Claus is coming to Con

Dear Parents,

Please join us, after training on Saturday 17th December, in the clubhouse for our traditional 'Santa Saturday'.

- Parents can enjoy complimentary mince-pies, mulled wine and finger food in the main bar.

- Kids get to meet Santa in his grotto in the front bar. Brothers and sisters all welcome.

- This year we are supporting two local charities (Saint Vincent de Paul and Cork University Children's Hospital).

What YOU need to do?

For the U7 and U8 age groups, please bring a pre-wrapped gift for a child your own age (write 'girl' or 'boy' on outside of wrapping). Representatives from Saint Vincent de Paul will collect the presents and make sure they are distributed to local children in-need, in time for Christmas. Vouchers for local shops are also most welcome (please place in envelope and write 'Voucher' on outside).

For the U9, U10, U11, U12 and U13 groups ... We are supporting the effort to raise much needed funds to ensure that Cork University Children's Hospital can continue their great work. We are asking the boys to donate one week's pocket-money toward this very worthy cause ... or a present/voucher for Saint Vincent de Paul if they would prefer.

This is one of the most enjoyable days in Con in the entire season ... Don't miss it!

## Cork Charity Cup Semi-final

The semi-final of the Cork Charity Cup between Cork Constitution and Cashel is OFF.



Munster V Leicester

## European Rugby Champions Cup

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2016 Kick Off 15:15

## Live on our Big Screens

The Munster V Leicester game will be shown live in the clubhouse on Saturday, coverage starts 15:00pm.

Please note that the game is being televised on BT Sport only (not on SKY Sports).

## Christmas Golf Outing

The Cork Con 2016 Christmas Golf Outing will be held on December 29 at Mahon Golf Club .

Tee reserved 9:30 to 11:00 Hrs. The timesheet for the outing will be posted in the Club House on Saturday 17 December.

Entries will also be taken by E-mail to corkcon-golf@gmail.com,

## Society of St Vincent De Paul

At a recent function Club President Jerry Holland together with Donal Lenihan, Niall Kenneally, Max Abbot, Stephen Archer, Peter O'Mahony and Billy Holland presented a cheque for €4,500 to the Society of St Vincent De Paul. The €4,500 was raised at the Cork Constitution Sports Lunch by raffling match tickets for the 2017 Ireland V England game .

Accepting the €4500 donation Brendan Dempsey SVP Regional Vice President thanked Jerry Holland, Donal Lenihan and Cork Constitution for their generous support of the Society The money donated will be used to provide coal and fuel to many families and individuals in need throughout Cork.

Full report on the Sports Lunch is on Page 2.

## Cork Constitution Sports Lunch raises €4,500 for the Society of St Vincent de Paul.



Former all Black Captain Sean Fitzpatrick, was the special guest at Cork Constitution's second annual business lunch held in the clubhouse on November 18 which saw a large attendance from both the club members and Cork's business community.

The guests sat down to a first-rate meal prepared by An Excellent Choice. Well know Cork Constitution member John O'Mahony acted as MC and with his usual good humoured authority ensured that proceedings went according to plan.

After the Lunch Cork Constitution President Jerry Holland welcomed the guests and hoped that they would enjoy the remainder of the day. He announced that there would be a raffle for 2 tickets, donated by the club, for the Ireland V England 2017 6 Nations game in the Aviva stadium. He urged guests to dig deep and give very generously to the chosen charity for this year's lunch, The St Vincent de Paul. Jerry reminded the guests that the main reason for holding the business lunch was to raise funds for worthy charities and if ever there was a worthy cause then the Society was it.

John O'Mahony then handed proceedings over to Constitution's own Donal Lenihan. Donal welcomed Sean Fitzpatrick to Cork Constitution and after mentioning that the last time they had met was in the departures lounge in Chicago after Ireland's historic win, he reminded Sean that nobody beats Ireland 29 times in a row. In fairness to Sean he took the numerous reminders of Ireland's historic win with good grace. He went on to say that Ireland deserved to win as they had played the better rugby and had beaten one of the best All black teams he had seen play. However he did remind the guests that the only matches he really remembered where the games that the All Black had lost and this All Black Team was no different.

Sean Fitzpatrick introduced himself to the guests in Irish and proudly announced that his grandfather had immigrated from Thurles to New Zealand in 1920 and he himself held an Irish passport. Over the next hour or so Sean enthralled the guests,

as deftly guided by Donal Lenihan, he gave a rare insight on what it means to be an All-black.

One of the highlights of his career was the 1995 World Cup, New Zealand were the favourites with Ian Jones, Jeff Wilson, Andrew Mehrtens, Zinzan Brooke and Jonah Lomu proving themselves to be world-class players. The All Blacks had convincingly defeated all opponents, the most remarkable win being a semi-final against England, in which Lomu scored four tries. Donal mentioned that the 18 November was the first anniversary of Jonah Lomu's passing and asked the guests give a round of applause in his honour. Sean said that before the final he was quite confident of beating South Africa until Nelson Mandela uttered the immortal words "One Team, one Country". The rest he said was history.

His proudest moment as an All black came in 1996. After storming through the first Tri Nations Series unbeaten, the All Blacks embarked upon a further three-match series in South Africa. New Zealand won the series, the first series win by a New Zealand side in South Africa. After clinching the series he was greeted by an All Black great, Don Clarke who told him that he could now die a happy man after the series win. There were gasps from the guests when Donal informed Sean that there is only one All Black jersey hanging in the Cork Con Club house and that was one presented to Tommy Kiernan in 1961 by one Don Clarke.

Sean mentioned that he had previously visited Cork Constitution back in 1988 and recalled visiting Temple hill for training and retiring to the bar for a few drinks and a sing song afterwards. He remembered that the 1988 tour was one of his most enjoyable tours as they were allowed out for drinks two nights a week. Donal's interjection that this would be classed as a disastrous tour if it was an Irish one brought a sustained round of applause. The discussion quickly turned to the Lions tour of New Zealand in 2017. Sean and Donal chatted about what the Lions Tour meant to both of them. Sean mentioned that while all New Zealand jerseys were special, a jersey worn against the Lions was extra special as the tours came about only once every 12 years. Donal stated that he was really looking forward to the tour however the gruelling schedule the Lions faced had to be a worry.

Wrapping up proceedings John O'Mahony thanked Sean and Donal for a very entertaining discussion and invited President Jerry Holland to make a presentation to Sean on behalf on behalf of Cork constitution. After the presentation Sean picked Lar Fahy as the winner of the 2 match tickets for Ireland V England.

CORK CONSTITUTION UNDER 13 PARIS TOUR  
ST. STEPHEN'S NIGHT DISCO

BACK  
TO THE  
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CORK CONSTITUTION  
RUGBY CLUB

TICKETS ONLY

Tickets will be sold on Saturday mornings at Cork Constitution Rugby Club, during Juvenile Rugby Training from 9.30am until 1pm.

€15

## Pitchside Hoardings

Our Pitchside Hoardings are a valued source of income to the Club and a number of spaces are available for the coming season.

If you are interested in becoming a Hoarding Sponsor please contact Fiona Burke at 021 4291960 or e-mail [info@corkcon.ie](mailto:info@corkcon.ie)

For the latest news & match reports visit [corkcon.ie](http://corkcon.ie) and Facebook.

The screenshot shows the Cork Constitution FC website. The main header features the club name and navigation tabs for Home, Teams, Club, Sponsors, Club President, and RFD. A central image shows a rugby match in progress. To the right, there is a section for 'Upcoming Matches' with the following details:

- 27/09/2016 CORK CONSTITUTION V F.C. V. BALLYMORICH R.F.C. U.S.L. 2:30pm H
- 27/09/2016 Cork Constitution V Lansdowne A Friendly 4pm
- 28/09/2016 Cork Con B.V. Highfield, Derrinbeg Cup Final, Woodleigh Park 3:00pm
- 28/09/2016 Cork Con B.V. Delphini, 11.11. 7:30am

At the bottom, there are logos for sponsors: KEARY'S, O'Neills, and ZURICH. There are also links to 'Cork Con FC on Facebook' and 'Club newsletter'.

## Christmas Quiz



This years Christmas Quiz Prize is generously sponsored by Brendan Hyde and will be presented to the winner after the St Stephens Day game against U.C.C. To win answer the following questions.



- Who are the two people standing on a park bench.
- Where was the photograph taken?

Entries by email only to [corkconnews@gmail.com](mailto:corkconnews@gmail.com) before 17 December 2016. First correct answer received is the winner.

## Christmas Events

### Club Office

The office will close on Thursday 22 December 2016 and re open on Tuesday 3 January 2017.

### Club Shop

The Club Shop will open on Saturday morning 17 December from 10.00AM - 1.00PM. All club items and sizes available for ideal Christmas presents.

### Christmas Day Bar Opening

The Clubhouse Bar will be open from 12:00 Hrs to 14:00 Hrs on Christmas Day for members and friends.

### St Stephen Day Cork Constitution V U.C.C.

Cork Con will play U.C.C. in the annual St Stephen's Day match for the Starry Crowley Cup on Monday 26TH December at 2.30 PM.

As this is a shared gate an entrance fee of €10, (OAP & Students €5) is payable. School children free. Please note members will not be entitled to free admission.

### Fundraising Disco

The Under 13's coaches are organising a St. Stephens night disco in Cork Con this year as a fundraiser for their Easter tour. They have lined up a great DJ and it promises to be a fantastic night. Johnie MacCarthy will be selling tickets for €15 on Sat morning in the Club, so please support this event.

### Christmas Golf

The Christmas Golf Outing will be played in mahon Golf Club , Thursday 29 January 9:30 to 11:00.

**Juvenile training recommences Saturday 7 January 2017**