



## Bank of Ireland Munster Senior Cup

### Cork Constitution F.C. V Highfield R.F.C.

Friday 6 January 2017 19.30 PM

Tonight Cork Constitution entertain Highfield R.F.C. in a Munster Senior Cup Semi-final and we welcome their President Fergus O'Mahony, committee and supporters to Temple Hill

Cork Constitution are the defending Munster Senior Cup champions and are seeking a fifth win in successive seasons, a feat never achieved by the club. Garryowen hold the record of successive Cup wins with eight wins in 1889-1896.

Constitution had early season wins over UL-Bohemian 27-6, and Nenagh Ormond 57-10, to reach the semi-final stage; while Highfield defeated Dolphin 34-22, and received a walk-over from Old Crescent in the second round.

Highfield won two Munster Cups in 1966 and 1968, defeating Constitution in the 1968 final under the captaincy of Mick Leahy.

Coached by ex Constitution player Tim Ryan, Highfield are a well drilled team and have the best defensive record across all five divisions in the All Ireland League.

In team captain Paddy O'Toole they have a proven match winner, Paddy recently scored 21 points against Banbridge in the All Ireland League and he will be looking to keep Highfield's big pack on the front foot.

Brian Hickey will be hoping that his side continues their recent good form scoring seven tries, six of them converted, against an understrength UCD side in a 50-25 bonus point victory in their last league game in Temple Hill.

If required, extra time will be played, with tries scored deciding the outcome if scores are still level after extra time.

### Match Day Information

Entrance Fee Adults €10, OAP & Students €5. School children are free. As this is a Munster Senior Cup Game Constitution members will **not** be entitled to free admission on presentation of their membership card.

There will be limited car parking in Temple Hill on Friday Night.

We request that patrons respect our neighbours by not parking on the double yellow lines outside local housing estates.

## Bateman Cup Final

Old Belvedere and reigning champions Cork Constitution will have home advantage in the Ulster Bank Bateman Cup semi-finals which will be played on Saturday, January 21.

The draw for the semi-finals of the All-Ireland Senior Cup competition has paired together Leinster winners Old Belvedere and Ballynahinch, winners of the Ulster Senior Cup.

The other last-four clash will see Bateman Cup holders Cork Constitution host the winners of the Connacht Senior Cup final between Buccaneers and Corinthians. The Connacht decider will go ahead on Saturday, January 7.

Both Bateman Cup semi-finals are scheduled for Saturday, January 21, with the final pencilled in for the weekend of April 29-30.

Constitution are the Bateman Cup's dominant force with four title wins in as many years. They have won their last eight matches in the competition, including last April's 38-19 final success away to Galwegians in which man-of-the-match Ryan Foley crossed for two tries.

### Subscriptions

The executive would like to thank all the members who have already paid their membership subscriptions and would like to give a gentle reminder to those who have yet to pay as they are now overdue. Members subscriptions are a vital part of running our club.

### Christmas Quiz



This year's Christmas Quiz Prize, generously sponsored by Brendan Hyde, generated huge interest with a lot of members trying their luck. The correct answers to the quiz were :



1. Who are the two people standing on a park bench. **John O'Mahony and Der O'Riordan**
2. Where was the photograph taken? **College Park Dublin**

The first correct answer received was received from Constitution Honorary Secretary **Kevin Fielding**. He will be presented with his prize at the Bateman Cup Semi-final on the 21st.

Cork Constitution F.C.



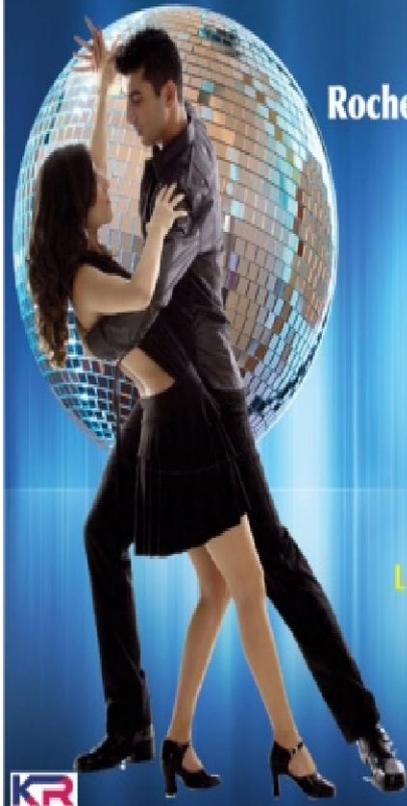
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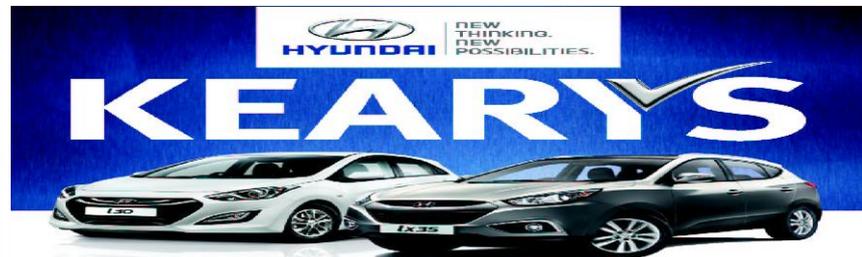
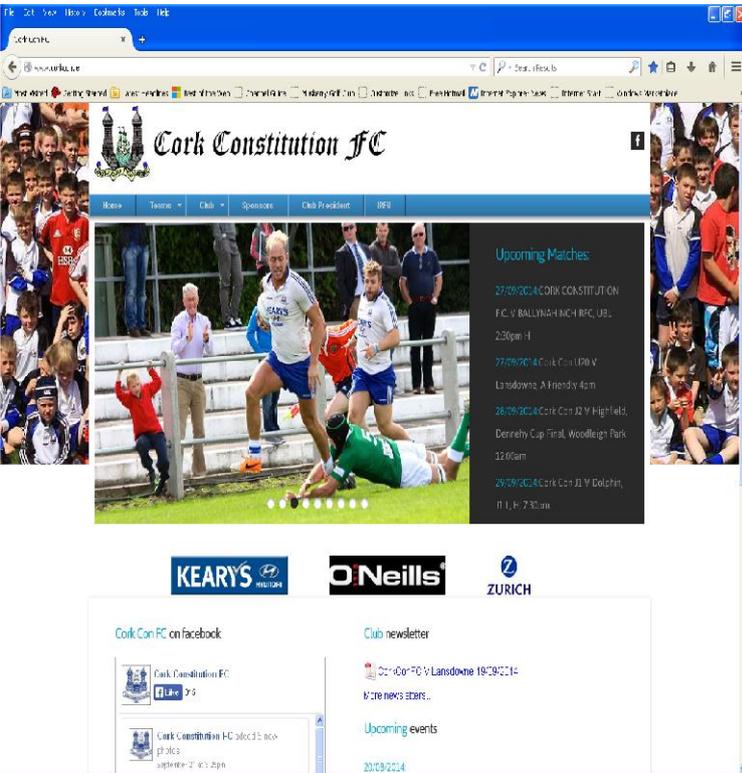
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## Christmas Golf Outing



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

As there were two late withdrawals from the time sheet the format of the competition had to be tweaked to give every golfer a chance of winning. The golfers were split into two person and three person teams playing for separate prizes, this seemed to work as they scoring was very close for both formats.

Winners Two Person Team: John Murphy Dave Murphy

Second Two Person Team: Peter O'Leary Alan Byrne

Winners Three Man Team: Jack O'Connor, Culie Murphy, Pat Twomey

There was a draw for bottles for those outside the main prizes

Deputising for Club President Jerry Holland, who together with a number of other Constitution stalwarts was attending a wedding in Offaly, Peter O'Leary thanked the organising committee of Pat Twomey, Hugh Foley and Conor Clune for running a superb event.

He thought the course was in magnificent condition for the time of year and the competition format great fun and very social.

Peter also thanked all those who brought a bottle. He said that it was fantastic that everyone who played went home with a well deserved prize