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# The Cork Constitution

## Under age Notice

Dear Parent

We are back into our 2010/11 season and it was great to see the large number of players out in force last Saturday, 4th September. It is our intention during the coming season at all grades to promote the game of rugby in a safe and enjoyable manner ensuring participation and inclusion. In addition our ethos is and has always been to apply the principle of “players first and then winning”.

Cork Con’s juvenile teams are not involved in any structured competitions thus allowing coaches to concentrate on teaching our members the skills of rugby football and having fun. The juvenile teams are not selected on ability ensuring that all players get equal opportunity to play in games.

We encourage participation which may include your son playing other sports. Should this coincide with our training times in Cork Con we hope you don’t choose one over another. We would prefer your son to play as many sports as they wish but that they always feel they are members of Cork Con regardless. Our focus is to ensure our player enjoy their time in Cork Con and we do not wish your son to feel under pressure or obligation to attend training or games.

We also encourage parents to get involved and participate in the various club activities which will be held during the year. This year we have initiated a Family Attraction Policy and Community Engagement Initiatives and we are encouraging parents to enjoy the facilities in the club during training on Saturday mornings. We will be providing newspapers in the bar and you wish to enjoy a tea/coffee with a scone while you son trains.

We also encourage you to attend our ALL match days in the club. These days were a huge success in 2009/10 and we look forward to continuing where we left off last May.

Finally, should you have suggestions as to how we could improve anything in our Juvenile section we would be grateful of your feedback.

Thank you.

Peter Good

Director of Rugby, Juvenile Section Cork Con

## LIVINGSTONS MARAUDERS BITE THE DUST

The Cricket Grounds at the Marydyke recently played host to the inaugural Shay Livingstone’s Cork County Selection against a team drawn from Cork Con.



There was a lot of bragging rights on offer to the winners so there was a keenness about the proceedings. Building up to the match a certain amount of boasting had taken place and the large crowd present were keen to see who would live up to their own hype.



All of the participants have been major winners on the rugby scene and some, like Brian Walsh, could have made the International cricket side had he opted for the game.

Livingstone's marauders had to eat humble pie in the end losing by a scant nine runs. Con accumulated 149 runs thanks to Dara Lyons and Kenny Murphy, who was awarded the Rochestown Park Hotel man of the match.

Brian Walsh scored top with 24 and others to make their mark were Simon Zebo, Packie Derham and Noel Walsh.

A Bar B Q followed the cricket and a great night was had by all and festivities continued well into the night. Our Kiwi recruit Daniel Reddish, who had just arrived in Ireland got a crash course in Cork chat up lines but with little success it should be said.



## AIL Preview

The long overdue changes implemented in the AIL last season with the introduction of Divisions IA and IB and the sides playing on a home and away basis was a resounding success. The standard of games improved immeasurably as did the intensity.

Last year's league final against St Mary's was a cracker and a great advertisement for club rugby with the drama of extra time adding to the occasion. Of more importance the message that was there for all to see is that the club game still has a massive role to play in the fabric of the sport in this country. A vibrant club structure to underpin the professional game is necessary to support the continued growth in the popularity of rugby.

It would be great to think that the honesty of effort displayed by both teams might attract even a small percentage of the people who have been smitten by the efforts of the provinces over the last few years and entice them to attend club matches.

It is also true to say that the club game can still offer an avenue to aspiring professionals who are not involved in the academy systems and who may be late developers. Dolphin's James Coughlan stands as an inspiration to many and further evidence of the role the AIL has to play.

## Tough Start for Con in New AIL Season

The AIL fixtures for 2010/2011 were recently been announced and Con have got a tough start with only one of our first four fixtures at home in Templehill. Our opening fixtures are :-

- SATURDAY 2nd OCTOBER Blackrock College (Away)
- SATURDAY 9th OCTOBER Old Belvedere (Away)
- SATURDAY 23rd OCTOBER Young Munster (Home)
- SATURDAY 30th OCTOBER Shannon (Away)

The league will be the same format as last season with 8 teams in Division IA and IB with sixteen teams in Division 2 and Division 3. However there are changes to promotion and relegation this season as next season 2011/2012 will consist of ten sides in Division IA and IB and Division 2A and 2B will have 16 sides.

To achieve this at the completion of the league –

The top 2 teams in Division IB will be promoted to Division IA. The bottom side in Division IA shall play off against the 3rd side in Division IB.

## Jerry Holland

The current edition can be downloaded or viewed on the Club's Website [www.corkcon.ie](http://www.corkcon.ie)

The E-Zine version is circulated by E-mail.

Please forward your e-mail address to [corkcon@eircom.net](mailto:corkcon@eircom.net) if you would like a copy sent straight to your mailbox.

If you know anyone would like to keep up with the news from Templehill please forward a copy of the E-Zine to them.

## Cork Con Munster Team

To-day Munster coach, Tony McGahan , announced a strong all Cork Con team for to-morrows nights game.

All though drawn from one Club McGahan considers this a very competitive selection that would be a match for most Magners League teams.

Peter O'Mahony makes a welcome return to the Munster shirt named at open-side and is joined in the back-row by Denis Leamy who was a late withdrawal last week with a rib injury.

Darragh Hurley is included in the front row and replaces John Hayes, who was named in the original squad and was forced to withdraw with a back strain.

Injuries to Felix Jones and Ian Dowling have forced a reshuffle in the backs with Sean Scanlon starting at 15 and Tom Gleeson joining Scott Deasy in the centre.

### **Munster:**

S Scanlon, S Zebo, S Deasy, T Gleeson D Hurley, R O'Gara, D Williams, D Hurley, D Fogarty S Archer, M O'Driscoll , D O'Callaghan,, P O'Mahony, D Leamy capt, B Holland.

All though the above team selection is fiction who's to say that this team will not start for Munster or indeed Cork Con in the very near future.

### **MARGARET PENKERT**

When Margaret died in September, it ended over forty years of family service with the Club. Her late Husband, Tom, came to the club in the late 1960's, initially as bar steward, but within a short time was the main man for all ground and house maintenance work.

Margaret was involved from the earliest time in the operation also, adding the vital touch that made the clubhouse the family-friendly centre that it became.

Tom, who died in January 1996 at just 60 years, was as an armourer with the Irish Armed Forces and served with the UN peace-keeping missions in the Congo and Cyprus during the 1960's.

His all-round capability and authority made him a natural for the club, and it was reflected in his popularity with club members. His untimely passing was a huge loss to his family and the club.

Happily for the club, Margaret continued to give her friendly service in the years since. She was the most pleasant and obliging of persons, and while tolerating the odd misdemeanour was always firm and in control.

She will be missed by all members and we sympathise with her family in their great loss.

**Stan Waldron**

## Getting To Know Stephen Archer



The 22 year old prop starred in our double winning team of last season and came close to piping Frank Cogan for "Man of the Match" in the AIL Final.

**Place of Birth:** Cork

**Currently Residing:** Douglas

**Education:** CBC and currently studying food business in UCC

**First started playing Rugby when:** 8 years old in Cork Con

**Sportsperson Admire Most:** Wayne Rooney

**Career Highlight to date:** Winning the double with Con

**Favourite Other Sport:** Golf

**Favourite team outside rugby:** Man United

**Hobbies outside rugby:** Walking the dog and fishing

**Best part of being a pro rugby player:** Getting paid for doing something I enjoy

**Worst part of being a pro rugby player:** Early morning training

**Person you would most like to meet:** Rhianna

**Person you would avoid at all costs:** Kerry Katona

**Pet hate:** Potholes

**Favourite Food:** Any meat barbequed

**Sporting Event you'd most like to attend:** Ryder Cup

**Best place you've visited:** San Diego

**What you see yourself doing when rugby career over:** Working in the food industry

**Three people you would invite to dinner and why:** Tiger Woods, Jimmy Carr and Ricky Gervais, the jokes would be priceless

**RWC 2011 Winner:** New Zealand

**Martin Gately**

## DRIVE FOR FIVE IS ON



Constitution retained the Cork Charity Cup for the fourth year in succession with a clear-cut win over University College Cork in front of an appreciative crowd at Musgrave Park on Saturday. Richard Lane kicked three penalties for Constitution in the first quarter for a 9-0 lead, before Andrew Bourke had a penalty for College to leave the half time score at 9-3 to Con.

Brian Kingston kicked a penalty for College in the 48th minute to narrow the gap, but when Brian Hayes won a line-out near the College line in the 65th minute, the Con pack drove over with Mick O'Leary getting the touchdown. Richard Lane converted for 16-6, and as College's forces depleted, Robert Clune ran in two fine tries in the 74th and 80th minutes. Con's second half performance might have yielded a few more tries from good efforts by Frank Cogan and Joe McSwiney, but they will be well pleased with the victory.

Frank Cogan collected the Cup to record the club's 42nd winning of the trophy.

Lets not tempt fate or indeed order the t shirts but the Drive for Five is definitely on.

Con Team:

R.Clune; R.Lane, T.Kenneally, C.Desmond, P.O'Connell; D.Lyons, A.Ryan; M.Gately, M.O'Leary, A. Foley; B.Hayes, R.Gee; J.McSweeney, T.Dukelow, F.Cogan Capt.

B.Cagney, G.Murray, M.Kearney, P.Dooley, C.Jouve, P.Sheehan, D.Dunne.

**Stan Waldron**

## More Cricket Pics





## GOLF SOCIETY

Colm Murphy's President Prize , was held on Friday 17 September 2010 in Monkstown Golf Club. 35 members played on a sun drenched course which played above its par due to the pace of the greens. Colm Murphy, President of the Society had the honour of playing with the president of Monkstown Golf Club , Gary Duffy , a fellow Cork Con Member.

Ralph Keyes was the overall winner with 42 points followed by Myles Barry , Greg Barrett and Richard Lane all with 38 points. Peter O'Leary and Jerry Holland were winners of the front and back nine prizes.

Dave Fitz did the cards ably assisted by Liam Hurley.

Wally Morrissey celebrating his fortieth wedding anniversary lead the sing song and Philip Walton impressions after the prize giving in the Clubhouse.

Colm Murphy announced that he would text Pat Twomey to let him know that he was next years Golf Society President.

### Pepper Gnome

A new species of Garden Gnome , pictured below , was recently spotted in the greater Cork area. This has generated huge excitement and coach loads of English Gnome spotters have visited Cork to gain a sighting of this rare and seldom seen species. However the pepper gnome has vanished without a trace Any sighting should be reported to Jan Derham who is coordinating the search.



**We hope you enjoyed this issue of The Cork Constitution.**

**If you have any news item or article you would like published please forward to Pat Twomey at [PATT@Ireland.com](mailto:PATT@Ireland.com)**

## New Bar Opening Hours

The bar opening hours have changed with the commencement of the Rugby Season.

<b>Monday</b>	<b>20:00 to 22:00</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>20:00 to 22:00</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>20:00 to 23:30</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>20:00 to 24:00</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Match Times</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Coffee Morning 9:30 to 13:30</b> <b>Match times</b> <b>20:00 to 23:30</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Match Times</b>

Please note that Match and Events Times are flexible.

## MEMBERS CONCESSION SCHEME

Don't forget that by using your Cork Constitution Club Card you can avail of discounts at the following outlets :-

Finn's Corner, Mahers Sports , Welch Sports ,Fitzgerald's Menswear, Quill's , Jacques Restaurant , Island Gate , Tracey Shoes The Framemaker , O'Donovans Off Licence , Kiernans Garden Centre , The Brick Oven , Carey's Tool Hire.

Rochestown Park Hotel

### Supporters Coach Blackrock 2 October 2010

A supporter's coach has been organised for the Blackrock Match on the 2 October 2010.

€10 door to door . It is not dependent on numbers and will definitely travel. Names on the list on the notice board in the Clubhouse

### 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 Sean O'Riordan @ [sorior@eircom.net](mailto:sorior@eircom.net) 021 4361313 or Fiona Burke at [corkcon@eircom.net](mailto:corkcon@eircom.net)**