



# Ruairí Óg Update

## April '08



### Hurling

#### U21s

Following good victories over St Gall's and St Teresa's, and leading Dunloy by seven points with ten minutes to go, it looked like our U21s would make the final. However Dunloy rallied, forced the game into extra time and went on to claim victory and that place in the final.

#### U14 Feile 'A'

Trailing at half time by a significant margin, the Ruairís looked dead and buried. However a rejuvenated team emerged from the changing room at half time and proceeded to take the game to St Brendan's who were mighty glad to hear the final whistle while still a goal ahead. Well done boys on reaching the final and for so nearly snatching victory from the jaws of defeat.

#### Seniors

The seniors have claimed unconvincing victories over Glenariffe and Ballycastle in the USHL and ACHL respectively but there is obviously room for significant improvement over the coming weeks. The reserves recorded a victory over Mc Quillan's in the ACRHL.

#### U16s

Skinner's men have played three matches so far winning two against Glenshesk & Glenariffe but losing to B'castle in the other fixture.

### [www.ruairiog.com](http://www.ruairiog.com)

The club launched its new website on Fri 11th April. As everyone knows, Larry Mc Afee put a lot of time and effort into this venture so we must now strive to meet and maintain the high standards he set.

If you haven't already done so, please log on and take a look. Equally if you feel you can contribute in any way to keeping the site up to date, then please contact a member of the club's executive committee.

### Helmets/Hurls Amnesty!!!!

Do you have an old hurl or helmet lying about that you don't need or that you don't use any more? If the answer is yes, then the club is willing to take them off you, repair if necessary and make them available to other members for the purpose of training.



Malachy Delargy and Alistair Mc Cambridge will be at the Pavilion on Thursday 15th May from 7.30pm - 9pm to take 'custody' of any old helmets or hurls they are offered.

### Saffron Draw

Draw takes place on May 30th!

#### Club Share!!

30 tickets: £450  
50 tickets: £950

100 tickets: £3200  
150 tickets: £5700

200 tickets: £8450  
250 tickets: £11450  
**Possible commission club can earn from ticket sales!**

Not only does the draw benefit Antrim CLG, it could be a major source of funding for Ruairí Óg if you study the figures in the table to the left.

Please support Ruairí Óg CLG and buy a ticket!



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## Larry Mc Afee

The shock and dismay were palpable as news leaked out that Larry had died whilst running in Glenariffe Forestry Park with his friends from the running club. Friends and colleagues in so many clubs and groups within the parish and beyond struggled to come to terms with his sudden and unexpected departure.

Ruairí Óg has lost its PRO but more than that, it has lost a man who brought commitment, common sense and quality to everything he did. With his kind and unassuming manner, people enjoyed his company and knew he was genuine and sincere. He was on the verge of celebrating his 42nd birthday when tragedy struck. It is hard not to feel angry and hurt about Larry's death because he still had so much to give and we would all have benefited from having had the opportunity to spend more time with him. Instead we must treasure the memories of the occasions we were privileged to have been in his company and use them to ensure we make the most of our own lives just as he did.

If we his friends are hurting, then we can only imagine how Christine, Martin, Sean and Conor and the rest of his family are feeling. Their calmness and dignity in dealing with Larry's death has been truly inspirational and remarkable in the eyes of the rest of the community. Once again we offer them our sincerest condolences and support.

*Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.*

### Snippets

- Wexford senior club Glynn-Barntown visited Cushendall during April and played two matches against our seniors. By all accounts they thoroughly enjoyed their visit to the Glens!
- Mooncoin minors from Kilkenny were also visitors during April staying in Kilmore House. They had played Portaferry on the way up so asked if they could use our facilities to train. They were also delighted when county manager Terence Mc Naughton said he would take them for a session.
- The Grounds' Committee have re-surfaced both squares of the main pitch.

*Ruairí Óg members adopted the following Code of Conduct at the April '08 Members' Meeting:*

## Code of Conduct

*Cushendall Ruairí Óg members feel privileged to be part of the GAA and because we are part of the GAA ..*

### *We Believe:*

- We should be proud and content about who we are; where we come from and the games we play
- We should be open and welcoming to everyone celebrating who they are, where they come from and the games we share
- We should put more into the Association than we take out

### *We expect our members, officers, coaches, managers, players and supporters to:*

- Respect each other
- Respect players, officials and supporters from other clubs
- Stand for and not against the GAA and to care for its assets and facilities
- Appreciate, applaud and support referees for the job they do
- Protect and encourage the young
- Know the rules of our games and to play by them
- Refrain from using foul and abusive language
- Be ready to say the right thing in the right way at the right time in the interests of fairness and honesty
- Enjoy their involvement in gaelic games



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