



# Ruairí Óg Update

## Mar '08



### Club Workshop

#### 10.03.08

Fifty-five members attended this workshop in St Aloysius HS on Monday 10th March. Chairman Hugh Mc Manus welcomed everyone and



told them this was their opportunity to have a say in the future of our club.

After a brief 'Powerpoint' presentation, the members broke into groups so they could discuss different aspects of club activity.

Each group had to return with at least three action points that would help improve Ruairí Óg CLG.



The groups excelled themselves and returned with a plethora of ideas: some of them can be implemented quite quickly and at very little expense. Others will require more time and more planning. The club's executive committee would like to thank everyone who attended and hope they agree that it was a very useful exercise.

#### Some Address!!!

Dan Mc Keegan must have the most original email address in Cushendall. Members were asked for their email addresses as they registered for the workshop and while most people returned a 'hotmail' or 'btinternet' handle, Dan's simply read:

*aintgotone.com*

We were very impressed!

*the Saffron Sweep*

Ticket: £100

**OVER £100,000 IN PRIZES**

<b>1st PRIZE</b> Range Rover Sport 2.7 TDV6 SE 5dr	<b>2nd PRIZE</b> Honda Civic 2.2 iD1 EX	<b>3rd PRIZE</b> Luxury Family Holiday for Next 3 Years (2 adults & 2 children)	<b>4th PRIZE</b> £10,000 Cash
			<b>5th PRIZE</b> £5,000 Cash
			<b>PLUS 10 Additional Prizes of £1,000 each</b>

Tickets available through your club or from the Antrim website: [antrim.gaa.ie](http://antrim.gaa.ie)

### Saffron Sweep

If you wish to purchase a ticket for *The Saffron Sweep*, then please buy it from one of our own members .

Clubs have agreed a sliding scale option for commission payable to clubs on the sale of Saffron Sweep tickets.

Essentially this option means that every ticket sold by our club will generate commission and it will increase with every ticket our club sells.

### Club Share!!

30 tickets: £450  
50 tickets: £950

100 tickets: £3200  
150 tickets: £5700

200 tickets: £8450  
250 tickets: £11450

**Please support Ruairí Óg CLG and buy a ticket!**



### Camillus Returns!

Spoke recently with ex-'Dall man Camillus Hamill who was enjoying a break at home with his wife Sabbi and their two children.

He now lives in a small village just outside of Birmingham and still plays hurling with his local club, John Mitchell's CLG — Armoy beat them recently in the All-Ireland JHC campaign.

Though he has quite a hectic schedule working as a business consultant, Camillus still finds time to swing the camán with his fellow enthusiasts.

Also good to see his father and Ruairí Óg stalwart Charlie in such good form!!



### **Pat Connolly**

On Sunday 16th March 2008 Ruairí Óg lost one of its favourite sons when Pat passed away after a long and valiant battle against illness. As player, supporter and administrator, Pat had a life-long love affair with the club and though he lived in Ballymena for a big part of his life, he was always quick to point out to anyone who didn't know that he was in actual fact a Cushendall man!

Pat led from the front and he demonstrated that when he became treasurer and put the club on a sound financial footing, never missing an

opportunity to put more money in the club's coffers. He was also very proud to be appointed club chairman and once again carried out his duties with aplomb. Pat will probably be best remembered for the role he played in helping Ruairí Óg acquire ownership of Pairc Mhuire. His network of contacts and accomplished negotiating skills were instrumental in ensuring the 'Dall secured a deal beyond everyone's wildest dreams. Perhaps somewhat belatedly, we say thank you for everything, Pat!

*We offer our sincerest condolences to his wife, Maura and to the entire family circle.  
Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.*

### **Juvenile Meeting/Workshop**

Thirty five very interested members attended a meeting in the pavilion on Wednesday 19th March to discuss specific areas of the juvenile section that the club wishes to develop. The group produced a lot of great points that will help the juvenile committee in their planning for 2008 and beyond.

Juvenile chairman Niall Kearney was delighted with the feedback from all those members who participated.

### **Child Protection Course**

On Tuesday 4th March, nineteen people attended a Child Protection Course in the Pavilion. Tutor Peadar Totten was excellent and all those who attended agreed they had learned a lot. Also good to see so many new parents at this meeting.

### **Indoor Hurling**

Hard luck to both our U10 teams and our U8s who did very well to reach their respective finals in the N Antrim Indoor series. The U10s lost to Dunloy and Birt while Con Magees, Glenravel beat our U8s. It is always difficult losing finals but the managers of all three teams were delighted with the boys' effort and attitude.

Meanwhile the U14 team made an encouraging start to their Feile campaign with a very good 4-point victory over Mc Quillans on Saturday the 22nd March.

### **Seniors**

Congratulations to our seniors who won their semi-final encounter with near-neighbours, Ossians to reach the final of Armoy's Mc Auley Cup.

The Senior Reserves also won a challenge match against Shane O' Neill's so preparations for the season-proper are progressing well.

**The Members' Meeting for April will take place in the Pavilion on Monday 7th @ 7.30pm!**