

# Summer Newsletter 2015

## WHAT A SEASON!

Well that went by quickly! What a season it's been for the club and we still have the World Cup Day in Kilcornan to look forward to. We had two teams in the last eight of a national competition with our U12s and U13s bringing immense credit to the club with their performances. We had players make representative sides in Galway and past players winning national awards, congratulations to Keara Cormican on her award. Another great year has flown by and we would like to thank all the players and their parents as well as the coaches and other volunteers who keep pushing Colga forward. Hopefully 2015/16 will bring even more progress and success.

## U12 COLLERAN CUP FINAL

The U12 Boys reached the Galway County Cup Final on the 16<sup>th</sup> of May and narrowly missed out 1-0 after extra time against Knocknacarra. It's been a great year for the team and bodes well for next season!



U12 Colleran Cup Squad & Coaches



World Cup Action



## FAI SUMMER CAMP



Colga FC is host to the biggest FAI Soccer Summer School in the West. This summer camp for children and teenagers is open to members and non-members of the club. It offers great value with a full week of fun games and technical coaching by FAI coaches, and a free playing kit, backpack and football for every participant, all for €65 (plus family discount). This year's camp will include special coaching for goalkeepers. The keepers will train apart in the mornings but join in the general fun in the afternoons. There are 200 places on the camp but, parents take note, it was oversubscribed in 2014 and a third of this year's places are already booked, so don't hang about, book now on [www.summersoccerschools.ie](http://www.summersoccerschools.ie)

## June 6<sup>th</sup> is World Cup Day! Colga gears up for the busiest day of the year

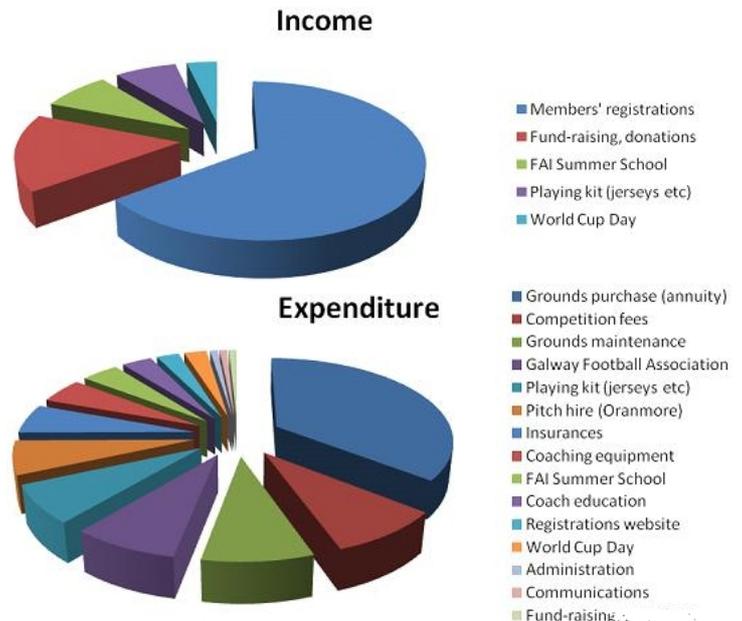
Colga's World Cup Day is a family occasion when the club says thanks to everyone after a long hard season. This is a true festival of football, with burgers, ice cream and hopefully early summer sunshine, at the home grounds in Kilcornan. Registration will be open from 10am-11am with the tournament commencing at 11:30am and planned to finish at 4pm. Ask your coach for information and further details will be published on [www.colgafc.ie](http://www.colgafc.ie) and the club Facebook page over the coming weeks.



## WHERE DOES YOUR MONEY GO?

Colga FC thanks everyone who registered with the club in 2014/15 and supported our fund-raising events over the season. Where does all the money go? In a typical year it costs over €60,000 just to run the club (excluding any money spent on improvements to the grounds). The biggest income item is membership fees. The biggest expenditure item is the annual payment towards the purchase of the grounds.

But Colga spends money on a lot of other things, as you see, ranging from tractor fuel to footballs and competition fees to coach education. The one thing we don't spend money on is people because the officers and coaches are all volunteers. We always need more help, so talk to a coach or one of the officers if you want to get involved in any aspect of life in the club. If you have any suggestions about fundraising activities we are always glad to hear them so please let one of the club officers know. Their details are at the bottom of this page.



## 2014/15 Review

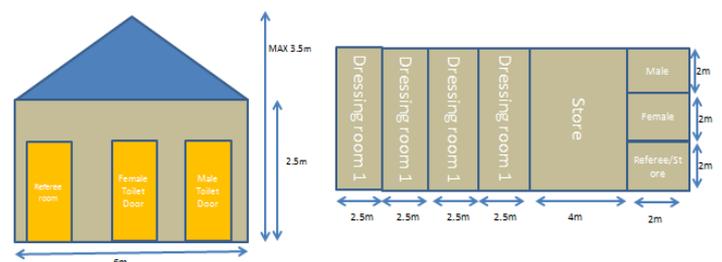
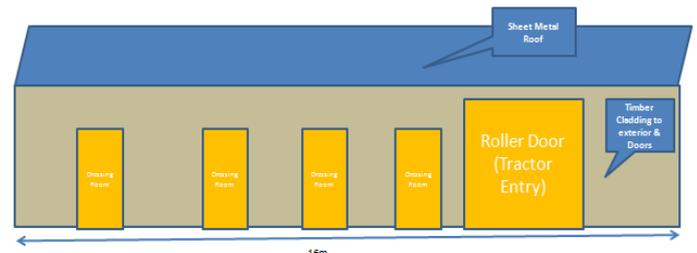
Over the coming weeks we will be posting reviews for all of our squads on the colgafc.ie website. It has been a great year for the club so please check the site and logon to our Facebook page for notifications of updates.

### Slow Football for Veterans

If you are over 50 (or just feeling it) and want to play a game without lung bursting runs and leg breaking tackles, contact Jerry O'Sullivan 087 646 9327 – Weeknights Summer 2015, Kilcornan

## CLUB & GROUNDS DEVELOPMENT PLANS 2015/16

As the development of the grounds in Kilcornan continues we plan to improve the facilities for both our own teams and for those who visit us. This includes the installation of a permanent structure to replace the current shipping containers, which will give us appropriate dressing rooms, shower facilities and a referee's room.



## AGM – MONDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

The AGM is on in Paddy Burkes function room at 8PM on Monday the 15<sup>th</sup> of June. Come and have your say on how the club is run and how we move forward. Adult membership is €20 and we need as many people as possible to contribute ideas and energy to the club.

## REGISTRATIONS

As we prepare for next season all registrations for the club are done via our website. Just click on the 'registrations' link and it will take you through to the portal. We'll update the site as to when we are open for 2015/16 business. Thanks for all your support in 2014/15 – Onwards and Upwards!

## GET IN TOUCH WITH US

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