

# Autumn Newsletter 2015

Well school is back and the leaves are getting ready to fall off the trees. But on the good news front the football season has started and teams are already back and training. Some of our kids are starting their first season of competitive football and we wish them and their coaches the best of luck in their endeavours. But remember, sportsmanship is first and the result is second! On the senior football front our Junior Mens team has been reinvigorated for the coming season with Ollie Mullins and Dermot Finn at the helm. We hope that as many of you as possible can get out to support the senior side over the season.

## FAI SUMMER CAMP

The FAI summer camp was, as always, packed with COLGA kids as well as those from surrounding clubs. Met Eireann recorded four 'severe gales' in July and one of them led to the final day being cancelled for safety reasons but Jerry O'Sullivan and his crew of volunteers did kindly organise a follow up day where the kids got their certs and balls. Thanks to everyone who helped organise the camp and the 'extra' day.



U8 and U10 Players on the 'last' day of Camp with Johnny Morris Burke of the FAI and Dave Silke – Colga Chairman

Many thanks to Paddy Burke's bar for their generous donation to kick off our 2015-16 season fundraising. Half of the tickets sold for the beer festival in June were donated to Colga to get us off to a great start!



## 20 Years of Colga F.C.

The club was founded in 1996 and we turn the ripe age of 20 this coming year. We want to make this a celebration of all the club means to current and former members and the community at large and will be back with updates!

## Notices

- Dogs: we all love them but for health and safety reason can we please try and keep them off the grounds in Kilcornan for health and safety reasons? Thanks!
- Plastic Bottles: we hate having to dispose of them especially since most of them are half full before we do so. We would encourage all players to use a reusable bottle for environmental reasons as well as saving us loads of clean up time!

## Congratulations!

To Rob O'Grady and Noreen Kilroe; Kevin Finnegan and Martina Conroy; Catriona Murphy and Eamonn Corless who all got married during the summer!

## 2015-16 Coaches

The coaches for 2015-16 Season are almost all confirmed. Below is a list for cadet age grades, a comprehensive list is available on our Facebook page and on the coaches page of the website.

Colga Coaches 2015/16 Teams and Training Times						
Coach	Squad	Email Address	Mobile	When	Day	Where
Julian Sammon	U-6s Mixed	<a href="mailto:juliansammon@gmail.com">juliansammon@gmail.com</a>	086 3854506	09:30-11:00	SAT	Oranmore Astro
Paul Darcy	Boys U7	<a href="mailto:darcy.paul@gmail.com">darcy.paul@gmail.com</a>	086 8037850	09:30-11:00	SAT	Oranmore Astro
John Elwood	Boys U7		087 8095659	09:30-11:00	SAT	Oranmore Astro
Peter McVeigh	Boys U7	<a href="mailto:peterji.mcveigh@gmail.com">peterji.mcveigh@gmail.com</a>	087 2908992	09:30-11:00	SAT	Oranmore Astro
Michael Gilmore	Boys U8	<a href="mailto:mgilmore@campus.ie">mgilmore@campus.ie</a>		09:30-11:00	SAT	Oranmore Cage 1
Damien Higgins	Boys U8	<a href="mailto:higginsd@bsci.com">higginsd@bsci.com</a>		09:30-11:00	SAT	Oranmore Cage 1
Brendan Costelloe	Girls U8	<a href="mailto:brendan@talkfinancial.ie">brendan@talkfinancial.ie</a>	086-2987524	09:30-11:00	SAT	Oranmore Astro
Róisín McPhillips	Girls U8	<a href="mailto:roisin.mcphillips@nielsen.com">roisin.mcphillips@nielsen.com</a>	086-3029301	09:30-11:00	SAT	Oranmore Astro
Sean Slattery	Boys U9	<a href="mailto:info@seanslattery.ie">info@seanslattery.ie</a>	087-6160201	11:00-12:30	SAT	Oranmore Cage 1
Peter McVeigh	Boys U9	<a href="mailto:peterji.mcveigh@gmail.com">peterji.mcveigh@gmail.com</a>	087 2908992	11:00-12:30	SAT	Oranmore Cage 2
Sean Conacur	Boys U10	<a href="mailto:sean@dalefarm-icecream.co.uk">sean@dalefarm-icecream.co.uk</a>	086 2554594	11:30 - 13:00	SAT	Kilcornan
Alan Jennings	Boys U10	<a href="mailto:alanjennings68@yahoo.co.uk">alanjennings68@yahoo.co.uk</a>	087 2662005	11:30 - 13:00	SAT	Kilcornan
Daniel Galeas	Girls U10	TBC	085 7262899	09:30-11:00	SAT	Oranmore Cage 2
Paul Birket	Girls U10	<a href="mailto:birkettmurray@gmail.com">birkettmurray@gmail.com</a>	087 6695185	09:30-11:00	SAT	Oranmore Cage 1



U8 Mervue Perpetual Shield Winning Team

## U16 Girls Tournament

The Dave Kelly Memorial U16 Girls Tournament was held on the 30<sup>th</sup> of August with Cregmore Claregalway winning both the Cup and Shield comps. The final was a thrilling golden goal affair with only three players a-side on the field at the end. The standard of football was great all day and a fitting tribute to club stalwart Dave who unfortunately passed away some years back.



Dolores Kelly presents the Cup to the winning captain

## U8 Mervue Blitz Success

Seán Slattery took two teams of U8 players to the Mervue Blitz on the 13<sup>th</sup> of June. Colga won the shield final in a brilliant game settled by a Donnacha Sammon goal in the dying moments against a dogged Corrib Celtic side. The boys from both squads showed great commitment and no little skill during the tournament

## Junior Football

Colga FC Junior team fixtures commence on the 19th September, with our first game at home to Loughrea B. With many former players returning to the club following time abroad with work commitments, there is great enthusiasm for the season ahead from both players and management alike. Club Captain Robert O'Grady will lead the troops out again this season. Allied to returning Veterans Barry McGann, Enda & Cathal Connolly, Kevin Finnegan and Mark Kerins, there will be no shortfall of leadership on the pitch. With this invaluable experience, coupled with the energy and pace of the younger brigade; Cathal O'Neill, Christy Bannon, Ryan Ellis and the Greaney Clan – Peter, Daragh, Cian and Neil, there is much to get excited about. Team Coach Oliver Mullins has been testing the guys throughout pre-season, and is very happy with the progress that has been made, in a short space of time together. All of the squad however are very well aware from last season that you can take nothing for granted, and that the league table does not lie at the end of the season.



The Junior squad practice their corner routines in pre-season

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