

NEWSLETTER : AUGUST 2008

FIRST AID COURSE.

Development Officer P.O'Connor has forwarded details by E-Mail re. the forthcoming First Aid Course for Club Officials / Members. All Clubs are requested to indicate their willingness to participate in same ASAP, to enable a Time-table / Venues re. Classes to be drawn up over the next few weeks.

IRISH / CULTURAL OFFICER.

Ba mhaith le T.OhEochaidh liosta a fhail de na hOifigi Cultuir sna gClubanna I gCondae Lu. Gach eolas faoi Scor ; Scor na nOg ; Cultur & Teanga ag Tomas ar toheochaidh@eircom.net

RACKARD CUP.

Unfortunately Louth Hurlers didn't make it to the winners podium in Croke Park in the Rackard Cup Final. Despite a second half revival they were unable to defeat a hungrier & more resilient Sligo team on the day. Congratulations to the team / panel and also the 3 C's [Pat, Aidan & Tony] for making it a year to remember, bringing two Titles [N.H.L Div 3 also Leinster J.H League] back to Louth. This "unfinished business" should spur the Management / Squad to new heights in 2009.

ALL IRELAND TICKETS.

Final reminder that All-Ireland Tickets 2008 are being distributed by Paddy Oliver. Application + Details + S.A.E to be forwarded to [[Castletowncooley](#) , [Riverstown](#) , [Dundalk](#)] by Friday , 15th. August at the latest. No late Applications will be considered .

LOUTH HOSPITAL DUNDALK.

The Louth Hospital in Dundalk has served the GAA Community and other sporting groups well over the years. It would be in all our interests to ensure that Services are protected , maintained and upgraded for obvious reasons. The GAA community are asked to show their support for the Louth Hospital by assisting in various activities organised to retain these essential services.

WEBSITE.

Great to see the Louth GAA Website up and running again. It provides a vital link with those Gaels abroad , yet who are anxious to keep in touch with their local team. The high standards re. Notices / Fixtures / Details are evident as are photographic images . County Officers / Sub Committees / Club Officials etc. with suitable Data / Notices can avail of this excellent service which can be viewed by clicking onto www.louth.gaa.ie

POC FADA 2008.

Brendan Cummins won his 4th. title [3rd. in a row] at the M.Donnelly Poc Fada Finals in Annaverna Mountain on Saturday , 2nd. August. He also won the Comortas Beirte with Clare's Brendan McNamara. Lyndsey Condell [Carlow] retained her Camogie Title. Louth's Brian Corcoran [U.16 replacement on the day] finished 4th and had the honour of featuring in a European Film re. the Peninsula . [Same to be shown in October]. The Course was covered [easil y] by GAA President Elect Christy Cooney , and Dan McAuliffe from Milwaukee became the first native American to compete in the Poc Fada Final. Thanks to Louth / Armagh Clubs for their help and assistance [+ meitheals] on the day .

OGSPORT LU.

Another month of Activities at all levels for Ogsport Lu [apart for one free week-end]. The work at this level is difficult to fathom.... Just visit on of the regular Blitzes in Darver and see for yourself . Details available on another well maintained web-site www.ogsportlu.ie

GO GREEN.

Clubs / individuals now have an opportunity to win All Ireland Tickets [and a chance to Win € 20,000 towards Juvenile Football in their County] by supporting the "Go Green " initiative in conjunction with the E.S.B / Croke Park and by setting attainable & realistic "carbon neutral" targets for Croke Park . Log onto www.culgreen.ie for further details & make your pledge now.

DEVELOPMENTS.

President N.Brennan will attend at two official "Opening of Facilities" on Sat. 16th. August. Dowdallshill GFC & St. Brides GFC will have their excellent Complexes officially opened . Naomh Fionnbarra launched their Club History [13TH. August]. Well known G.A.A journalist Joe Carroll performed the Launch and delivered an excellent tribute to the mid Louth Club. Congratulations and best wishes are extended to the three Clubs on their Special day. Congratulations also to GAA Units [inc. DarverProject] who were recent recipients in the 2008 Sports Capital Funding ["Lotto"] Programme.

MEETING.

Meeting for Chairperson & Secretary of all Clubs to take place on Monday , 18th. August next , commencing at 8.00pm at St. Josephs G.F.C , Dromiskin. As agreed at the July County Committee this Meeting to be held "in camera" . Items may be forwarded to be considered for inclusion on the Agenda at same . Submissions must be received by Saturday evening next [16th August].

PROPERTY DAMAGE.

Forms circulated by P.OConnor [Insurance Officer] recently re. Flood / Storm damage reported . Clubs please note an excess of €4,000-00 applies in all cases re. Property damage /loss claims. P.O'Connor will be available to assist Clubs with any queries / difficulties re. same.

Padraig O`hAmaltuin , [RUNAI]. 14-8-08.