



Summer Newsletter 2016

Seems fairly recently we had our first newsletter of the season and here we are with our last. The leaves bursting into life on the trees in Kilcornan signals the end of another great season for Colga FC. As we enter the 2nd half of our 20th year we have had some major successes to celebrate in 2016. Our Juniors won their divisional title in style and our U14's defeated Mervue away on the last day of the season to clinch the premier division title in a display of real maturity. As we down tools for the summer we are already looking at plans for next season and how we can build on these successes as well as the work done across all of our age grades and teams. One thing we can never have too much of is coaches. As players move through the club so do coaches and we are always needing more people to help guide our teams. If you have any interest in helping out in any capacity please reach out to us at colgawebsite@gmail.com - every Jurgen Klopp has to start somewhere!

World Cup Day 2016

Our season ending festival of football falls on the 11th of June this year, the day after the Euros kick off in La Belle France. This is always a great day out for players and families alike and a wonderful way to gather and celebrate what makes Colga a club to be proud of. On the day, as always, we will be looking for parents to look after a team for us – don't worry the kids run the show so no experience is required. We will also gladly accept advance offers of assistance for everything from traffic management to litter control – colgawebsite@gmail.com for anyone who wants to help run the event. See you on the 11th!

Galway Bay Golf Outing

On Friday the 13th of May (that unlucky date surely accounting for several disastrous rounds!) we had our Golf Outing at the Galway Bay Golf Resort. The conditions were impeccable and a brilliant day was had by all. We raised just over €5K for the club and we would like to thank all our main sponsors who are listed below. The winning team were from Walsh Heating and Plumbing and consisted of Pat Walsh, Martin Molloy, Tom Molloy and Liam McCallion, so well done lads! Thanks to everyone who participated and for the brilliant staff at Galway Bay for looking after us so well on the day.

COLGA
WORLD CUP DAY 2016
JUNE 11th
KILCORNAN

Open for boys and girls from ages 6 -14
Registration from 10AM
Tournament Kicks Off at 11AM
Fun, Frolics, Football and Friendship!

WELCOMES YOU TO OUR 20th ANNIVERSARY GOLF OUTING WITH THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS

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Parents Night Out

As has been the case for the last few years the Paddy Burkes Beer Festival will be held on the evening of the World Cup Day, the 11th of June. This is a chance for all the taxi-driving, sideline hogging, gear washing brigade to relax and let their hair down. **Paddy Burkes are kindly donating 50% of each ticket sold to the club** so if you want a night out, choose this one!



Some happy campers at the Colga golf day

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U14 Boys Premier Division Champs

After a scintillating season of football the U14 boys team, under the guidance of Gerry Martin and David Morrissey, faced Mervue away in the last match of the season. With the the teams deadlocked on points it was a winner take all game and Colga emerged victorious on a 1-2 scoreline with Eoin Lyons bagging the winner in the 2nd half. Colga hugely impressed with the maturity and sophistication of their football and fully deserved their win on the day to deliver a hugely merited title. The team demonstrated both the quality of the coaching and players that the club has and it should not be underestimated how significant a win this was for both Colga and smaller rural clubs in general. Well done to the players, their parents and the coaching team. Colga Abú!



U13 2016/17 Season Trials

Colga FC is holding trials for next season's boys U13 (born 2004) in Kilcornan on Saturday 18th June. Registration opens at 10.00 am and games will kick off at 11.00 am. We are recruiting for A, B and potentially C teams so boys of all ability are welcome. The trials are open to non-members so please tell your friends.

The Little Things



Cash for Clobber – Thanks!

The 'Cash For Clobber' drive which finished during the Easter football clamp was a great success and raised €805 for the club. Thanks to everyone who donated and to Sinead Haugh and Cathy McDonagh for spearheading this initiative. We will plan to run another one at Halloween this year so start bagging up that old or unwanted clobber in preparation.

Football coaching is generally years of dedicated hard work and devotion of time interspersed with brief moments of glory and celebration. The picture above was given to one of our coaches at the end of the season and sums up why, as cheesy as it may sound, the simple appreciation of your efforts by someone makes it all worthwhile.

Easter Camp

The club ran an incredibly successful Easter Camp during the mid-term break which was really well attended despite the prevailing poor weather. The initial feedback we have from the kids has been really positive and we are already planning to run another one this year when the new season kicks off. We plan to take our learnings from this one provide an even better camp the next time. As part of the drive to improve coaching, Barry McGann who was camp coordinator and is head of coaching for the club, organised a kick start one course in Kilcornan after the easter camp which was well attended. If anyone has any feedback on the Easter Camp please email us at colgawebsite@gmail.com and we will take it on board. Many thanks to Barry and his team of dedicated volunteers who gave up their valuable time to make this event such a success.



Soggy but happy at the end of camp presentations



Keepers being put through their paces



The Last Day Penalty Competition

Boys U12 Centenary Challenge

Thanks to the 16 teams (13 clubs) who took part in the Boys U12 Centenary Challenge 2016. The finals were played on Saturday the 28th of May in warm sunshine in Kilcornan under the baton of match referees Howard McCarthy (Shield) and Jim Bodkin (Cup). Although all four teams went full tilt for the honours and competed with great spirit, the matches were also played in a very sporting manner, in front of an audience of approximately 150 parents and coaches.

Kilshanvey won the Cup with a narrow 1-0 victory over Corofin, who pressed hard throughout in search of the elusive equaliser but were denied by a stubborn, well-marshalled Kilshanvey defence.

Kiltullagh won the Shield with a more decisive 3-0 victory over Craughwell but we note that all the goals came in the first half as the Craughwell boys took the fight to Kilshanvey and never stopped trying in the second half, with lots of action in both ends of the pitch throughout. Well done to everyone and we hope to run this tournament again next year

Jason Blunt Session

Leeds United Academy Coach Jason Blunt visited Kilcornan on Monday the 30th of May. Jason did a great job imparting the philosophy of Leeds highly rated academy to our boys. He did an attacking session with our U12's and a defensive session with our U13's. There were also 15 coaches there from Colga observing the session so it was a very worthwhile evening for our club.



Summer Soccer

It's always good to keep your eye in over the summer so as we did last year there will be pick-up games on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7-9 in Kilcornan. These are just casual games for kids from age 10-14 and will be supervised by Colga coaches. Both boys and girls are welcome.



U9's Compete in Mervue

Our U9's entered teams in the Shield and Cup of the Mervue invitational on the 28th of May. The Cup team finished Runners-Up to Mervue and the Shield team also acquitted themselves well in what was a very strong tournament. Well done to both sides and their coaches. It shows how this group of players continue to develop as they advance through the club.



Cup Final Teams

AGM & Colga 2020

The club AGM was held on the 30th of May and PJ Kinnane has been elected Chairman of the club to take up the baton from Dave Silke who has reached the end of his term. Everyone in the club would like to thank Dave for his efforts as chairman and wish PJ every success in his new role. The committee is there to act on behalf of the members of the club and we always need your ideas, input and feedback to make the improvements required. Please don't be backward about coming forward! We will have feedback on the Colga 2020 meeting in the next few weeks and we are always ready to listen to members – you can send a mail on colgawebsite@gmail.com

Thank You!

As we reach the halway point of our 20th year all of the committee at Colga would like to thank all the players, coaches and parents for making this club what it is and we are really excited about the future. To everyone who supported the Golf Day, Table Quiz, Cash for Clobber, Easter Camp or any other fundraising effort – Go Raibh Maith Agat! To every sponsor who bought an advertising hoarding at the pitch, donated a raffle prize or sponsored our Golf Day – Go Raibh Maith Agat! We hope to see as many of you as possible at the World Cup Day and for those we don't have a great summer and we will see you at the start of the 2016/17 Season. Come on Ireland!!



Shield Squad



Cup Squad

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