

NEW ADVENTURE

We are delighted to lead the way in Mini Rugby by being the first club in the Republic to take part in Co-Operation Irelands ground breaking scheme of playing against teams from the North. Ballyclare, who have a great relationship with us at Junior level over

the years were our opponents when our Under 10s and 13s visited us some weeks ago. We returned the visit two weeks ago and by all accounts it was a resounding success. Well done to one and all who helped in this fine effort.



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And out of the mouth of babes.

Collie Dunne relates a story of speaking to Brendan Boyle (son of Joe) "Where was your father yesterday" he asked, to which Brendan replied "He was in Belfast watching the firsts" adding "If Greystones were playing a friendly in Asia he'd go to that!"

JOHN COLCLOUGH HAS RETIRED FROM COACHING AFTER 7 YEARS WE WISHTO THANK HIM FOR HIS YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE YOUTH SECTION



WILMSLOW 2002

After a great tour in 2000, once again we set off to Wilmslow for their annual festival. A total of five teams at Under 9s, 10s, 11s and 12s with parents, guardians and coaches travelled on three busses, arriving early on Saturday afternoon. After a brief training session and a meal it was off to bed early in preparation for the next day.

The Festival ran from 10.30 until 4.00 and it was marvellous to see how well we

enjoyed it. In their first overseas trip the Under 9s and 10s were narrowly beaten but acquitted themselves admirably.

The Under 11s were beaten in a pulsating final by a solitary try while the Under 12s lost out for a second time this season on the toss of a coin when the semi-final was deadlocked after extra time. However their was consolation when Greystones were awarded The Fair Play Trophy. After a few lemonades it was a tired but happy evening.

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Seagull NEWS



MISSION ACCOMPLISHED

In 1992 after our promotion to the First Division, we always seemed to struggle, generally after a good spell close to the top of the table, in the period after Christmas and this season had all the hallmarks of being repeated when we lost back to back games against Suttonians and Ballina, but a well earned win over rival promotion candidates Trinity saw us breaking the hoodoo of previous years.

We stuttered against Old Wesley in a game that was there for the taking but after that with wins against Richmond and Skerries we rightly earned promotion back to the Second Division.

In the play-off game against Connemara we lost and while there was understandable disappointment all round it was still

Mission Accomplished for a most satisfying season and well done to the players, coaches and management of the squad in winning our first ever Division title in the AIL. For the record we scored 39 tries, with Maurice Logue on 7, Rob Connolly on 6 and Ross Spillane on 5. Connolly and Logue both scored hat tricks. Richie Murphy's sweet left boot accounted for 202 points.



Senior Squad prior to the play off game

Final Table Division 3 2001-2002

Team	P	W	D	L	Pts
Greystones	15	11	1	3	53
Trinity	15	10	3	2	52
Old Wesley	15	10	1	4	44
Connemara	15	9	2	4	44
Monkstown	15	8	2	5	39
Ballina	15	7	1	7	38
Corinthians	15	7	3	5	38
Naas	15	7	1	7	33
Suttonians	15	6	2	7	33
Clonakilty	15	6	2	7	31
Instonians	15	6	1	8	30
Waterpark	15	6	1	8	30
Banbridge	15	4	3	8	26
Skerries	15	3	3	9	24
Richmond	15	4	1	10	21
Bangor	15	2	1	12	17



"Made it Ma...top of the world!..."

Top of the Table also was our Director of Rugby, Pat "Sonny" Kenny, seen here on Table Mountain in Capetown. Pat is the incoming President and rumour had it that he went to meet with former South African President Nelson Mandela, to discuss the finer points of diplomacy.

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GRFC GOLF SOCIETY NOTICES

The first outing of the year took place in Charlesland Golf Club for the Anglo-Irish Cup. The winner was Brian O'Connor, second prize went to Ivan Power while Paul Fawsitt took third prize. The visitors prize was won by Dave Nicholson. Peter Butler on behalf of the sponsor presented the prizes. There was a large turnout of 50 players and great credit was due to Alan Keyes who stood in for Roger Boyd who was at a wedding. The next outing to to Coolattin on August 16th, details from Roger Boyd



Kevin Keyes receiving first prize on behalf of the winner Brian O'Connor who was unable to be present on the night.

Well done to John O'Neill on his initiative in organizing a breakfast and bus for the final game against Skerries. The day was a tremendous success both on and off the park and hopefully it will be repeated next season. Also thanks to Joe Boyle on the success of the pre-match lunches before the English and French games. As usual the pre-match lunches are the envy of most clubs and with The corporate golf outing takes place on Friday June 14th at the Glen of The Downs Golf Club. Tee times are 9.30 to 12.30 and 1.30 to 4.00. Teams of 4 €650, Early Bird Special €450. Please contact the following for details. Joe Boyle 2864900, Martin Maguire 2876008 or Alan Keyes at 2861444

As we near the end of the season we must of course plan for next season. We are always looking for help and particullary in the fields of Marketing, Finance and Social. So if you can help either as an individual or as a member of a working group please contact Donall Gannon

Dates for your diary....

- Annual Dinner Saturday May 4th
- AGM Thursday June 13th
- Corporate Golf Day Friday June 14th
- Golf Society Outing Friday 16th August



Alan Gaffney with his wife Lorraine along with family friends at the lunch prior to the game against England...pity about the result. Also in the picture are Ken Ging and Vincent Dodd

TEAM NEWS

The J1s had a good season, getting to the league play-offs, but going out to a good Lansdowne side. They were cruelly beaten in the cup by St. Marys in the last second of a game they dominated from the start. As we go to press they still await a date (believe it or not) for the final of the Kitty O'Shea League Plate Final. The Leinster Branch insisted that the semi-final HAD to be played, as a matter of some urgency on the 23rd of December. Makes you wonder about the organization of Junior Rugby

The under 20s squad had a good season in the league and were beaten in the Mc Corry Cup 21.20 by Trinity. Their joint players of the year were Dave Mc Kechnie and Cormac Nolan. They made a huge impact on the Senior team with players like Rob Connolly, Ronan Carroll, Dermot Dunne Brian Coffey and B.J Murphy making their AIL debuts, and having seen the talent in the ranks we can predict a lot more of them filtering to the Senior Squad next season. The 20s have entered the Kinsale International Seven on May 4th and 5th and hopefully returning with some silverware.

The Stones Connection...



Leinster Manager Ken Ging and Captain Reggie Corrigan with the Celtic League Cup

To Marc and Amanda Evans a little girl Julia and to Ciaran Kiernan and Mandy Kelly another little girl Emma

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE CLUBHOUSE ON THURSDAY JUNE 13TH

Barry Mc Nulty, one of the most successful players at Junior level is retiring after 12 years at the end of the season. In that time he won 5 Leinster medals at various levels. Barry's presence on the field always had a disconcerting effect on foes...and friends alike. He will be hard to replace and we look forward to him continuing his involvement in the club in the coming years.



Well done to the J4s under the Captancy of Trev or Martin and Vice-Captain Geoff Doyle in reaching the final of the Junior 4 League, unfortunately losing to Terenure. And also well done to the J3s under Captain Simon Maher and Vice-Captain Willie Byrne, who brought their team to the semis in Cup and league.

The J6s lost to a very experienced St. Mary's team in the final of the Tom Fox Cup. The game itself was a joy to watch with the scores being traded in a great manner. We scored three tries from Alan Colgan, Robbie O'Keefe & after a superb breakout from our 22 with Aaron Higgs, Jonathan Kane and John "Spud" Murphy handling before John Duggan touched down. Darragh Donegan scored two penalties & a conversion but Marys prevailed 26.23 in the end. As we go to print the J2s still await their opponents in their cup semi-final.

