



## Club Notes – 09 August 2010

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### Seniors

We kept up our quest for league honours with a hard earned victory to Maghery. The Lough Shore club are famous for their hospitality after the game, but that's as far as it goes any success on the field will be hard earned.

Conditions were ideal for the game with the pitch in great order. From the throw in exchanges were tight and it took us some time to get the first score, a well taken point from play. The home side quickly upped their game and two points in a row put them in front with fifteen minutes gone. We then hit a purple patch reeling off four points in a row to establish a three point lead. We seemed to lose our way after this and allowed our opponents to run at us and they in turn reeled off three points in a row to leave the sides level. In the last few minutes before the interval each side scored a point to leave the half time score Rangers 0-6 Maghery 0-6.

On the resumption play resumed at a hectic pace with each side striving for supremacy with each scoring three points over the next fifteen minutes. Gradually we began to get a bit of control around the midfield area with our forwards getting a better supply off the ball. Over the last quarter we finished the game off with three points in a row to give us a three point lead for only the second time in the match. Indeed it took some stout defending and a magnificent full length save from Paul Hearty to ensure we went home with full points. Final Scores Rangers 0-12 Maghery 0-9. While a win is a win management will be concerned with certain aspects of our play. Our failure to take vital scores and some uncertainty in defence did not help our cause. In preparation for the championship it is good to get a tough game under your belt and it also gives management a chance to see players perform under championship conditions.

On Sunday next we start out on the championship trout when we face south Armagh rivals Carrickcruppen. The venue is Silverbridge and throw is in timed for 7pm. I would ask our members to turn up on the night and give the team your full support.

### Division 4

The boys kept their hopes of promotion alive when at home they defeated fellow table toppers, Grange. The game was keenly contested but showing great determination weathered the storm. This victory in some way makes up for our disappointment of last week. Final score Rangers 1-9 Grange 2-4.

### Minor

At long last we got a game when we travelled to Camlough to take on Shane O'Neill's. This was a very keenly contested game with both sides giving their all. The first twenty five minutes were nip and tuck with each side striving for control and by half time we had built up a lead 1-7 to 1-3. On the resumption we took control and in the end were convincing winners.

### Under 14

No joy for the team as their poor run of form continued when we travelled to Silverbridge and went down to a very good home side. It has been a disappointing year for the boys. The talent

is there but somehow we do not seem to get our act together. Perhaps things will improve in the last couple of games.

### Under 8 & Under 10

The introduction of Go Games does not seem to have the effect deserved.

When introduction of Go Games was first mooted we pointed out a number of problems which would arrive, but we did not receive any support. I am pleased to note that a number of clubs have come round to our way of thinking and indeed some clubs have gone into point. As the scheme has been passed by Croke Park the only way to change it is for clubs to put forward motion for County Convention and Congress.

### Summer Camp 2010

The Annual Club Summer Camp was again a great success.

All of the 200 children who participated had an enjoyable and fun filled week of games and skills development.

The weather was kind to us and the facilities and grounds were also in splendid condition, thanks to Tony.

Many thanks must go to our sponsors of the Summer Camp and to our coaches who are all fantastic role models for our young children.

Thanks also to Gareth, Micéal, Jarlath and Peter for their hard work before and during the week. Also all other parents and club members who assisted in any way, many thanks.

Some kits were not collected on the day, these may be had by contacting Miceal Moley at 30860203.

### Lotto Jackpot

The Lotto Jackpot was not won and now stands at £1,200 stg or €2,400.

The lotto provides much needed funds for the day to day running of the club and your support is much appreciated. A club the size of ours requires a huge amount of money to keep us going and despite the slowdown in the economy, expenses such as insurance, travel and equipment have increased dramatically. I would ask all our members to support our lotto and if you could sell five or ten tickets to your neighbours we will be only too happy to provide you with a book.

### Social Entertainment

Social Entertainment continues in the hall on Monday nights. The club runs this event for the benefit of the community and your support is much appreciated.

### Cairde Raonaithe Na Croise

The club have launched their fundraiser- Friends of Crossmaglen Rangers. To become a member one undertakes to donate £20 per month for three years. This can be done by Direct Debit or cash and can be donated monthly quarterly or yearly. At present members of the committee are calling with members and will be at your door shortly. For further information contact any member of the committee.