



25 October 2010

After the excitement of last week things were back to normal this week. After a couple-of nights celebration it was back to hard training for the team. Management have left no stone unturned to ensure that the boys are in top shape to face All-Ireland Champions St. Galls on Sunday next. It is a long time since we went into an Ulster Championship tie as underdogs. I know our opponents are champions but we will not go into the game lacking confidence. Our last games against St. Pats and Dromintee were good preparation for the task that lies ahead. The team have prepared well for the occasion and all that remains is our supporters to get behind the team and give them your support. It is easy to support the team when they are winning but it is when the chips are down your support is required. I would ask all our supporters to put out their flags and have the town looking well for the huge influx of visitors to the town.

Stewards

Sunday next is a very important day for the club when we host two games in the Ulster Club Championship. I would ask as many members as possible to turn up and help out at the event. Members are asked to report to the ground at 12 PM.

Sponsorship

Our senior team has just received a new set of training gear. We are very grateful to our main sponsor Barney O'Hare of Bar One Racing and our other sponsors for their continued support.

Thanks

We would like to thank the Ladies Committee who organised a Ladies Night in aid of club funds. The night was a huge success and a great time was had by all.

Congratulations

Our congratulations go to Oisín Mc Conville who graduated with a Diploma in Counselling from Galilee House of Studies, Athy, Co. Kildare. It takes a lot of courage to go back to studies after a long time away. Well done!

AGM

Our Annual Meeting will be held in the Rangers Hall on Wednesday 24th November at 7.30pm sharp. All members requested to attend. The AGM gives supporters a chance to have their voice heard. It is no use criticising the club down the town, come along and give us your advice.

Executive Committee

There will be a meeting of the above committee in the Ranger's Hall on Tuesday 26th October at 9.00pm sharp. All members requested to attend.

Christmas Party Nights

The Christmas Party night has been arranged for Saturday 19th December in the Rangers Hall, music by Caitlin & Applejack. There is always a demand for tickets so early booking is advisable. To reserve a table or book a place contact Feargal McMahon or any member of the committee.

Club History

The GAA are asking all clubs to update their history and send it to Croke Park where it will be archived. We are looking for personal memories stories, photographs, mementos, medals, newspaper clippings of the club over the years. Copies will be taken and the originals returned to the owner. Contact club secretary Gerard Rushe at 30861895, P.R.O. Tom McKay at 30861043 or any member of the committee.

Lotto

The lotto jackpot was not won last week and now stands at £1,400 or €2,800. The lotto provides much needed funds for the day to day running of the club and your support is much appreciated. A large club like ours requires a huge amount of money to keep us going as insurance, transport and equipment costs have risen dramatically over the last few years. I would ask all our members to support the lotto and if you could sell five or ten tickets to your friends we will only be too happy to provide you with a book.

Letter from Executive Committee

A Chairde,

It goes without saying that everyone involved with the club are absolutely delighted with our Senior team's fantastic victory last weekend in regaining the Armagh Senior Championship and we would like to take this opportunity to congratulate everyone involved with the team.

Not only was the club a success on the field but the club has received many plaudits on the way all the County Championship finals were hosted here in Crossmaglen this year. For the past decade St Oliver Plunkett Park has hosted nearly all Armagh's home matches in the National Football League, a championship qualifier last year and the majority of County Finals which, all told, has attracted over 300,000 patrons to the town in that time.

As the Athletic Grounds should be ready for the commencement of the 2011 National Football League the number of these prestigious fixtures that will come to Crossmaglen will be greatly reduced in future and St Oliver Plunkett Park will revert to the status of Armagh's Secondary County Ground. This will not, however, deter us from striving to develop our facilities and make them the very best they can be.

All the teams, mentors, spectators, officials, referees, provincial and county board officials have enjoyed and thanked the club for its hospitality and all have enjoyed Margaret's famous tea! We would like to take this opportunity to express our grateful thanks to everyone who helped in any way, stewarding, preparing the

grounds, working in the social club, making soup, sandwiches and tea all of which contributed to making Crossmaglen a highly respected and revered venue by all who have used it. This would not have been possible without the outstanding support of our Camógs and Lady Footballers.

A special thank you to all our sponsors, especially to our main sponsor Bar One Racing, and our annual golf classic sponsor Rogers Construction, indeed to all who have been generous to our club throughout the past decade.

This is a very exciting and eventful era for the Rangers. We have no intention of resting on our laurels on or off the field with a promising young team continuing to prove their potential on the field while behind the scenes the future plans for the club are ambitious and forward thinking.

As one era ends another will begin, let's hope it's as good as the last.

Yours in GAA

Executive Committee
Raonáithe na Croise