



# **AGHADERG G.F.C. &** **BALLYVARLEY H.C.** **NEWSLETTER**



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## **SENIOR HURLING**

**Senior Hurling Manager 2008**

Gerard O'Neill

Training on Sundays at the pitch at 12.15pm

Wednesdays at 7.30pm at the Hall.

## **Betsy Gray Cup**

The first senior hurling game of the season will be in the Betsy Gray Cup. Ballyvarley are due to play the winners of the Kilclief v Warrenpoint on February 24<sup>th</sup>. If the locals win this game they play the winners of Liatroim and Bredagh on the 2<sup>nd</sup> March in the Cup Semi-final. If Ballyvarley lose the Kilclief/Warrenpoint game they play in the Shield Semi-final against the losers of the Clonduff/Newry Shamrocks game on the 24<sup>th</sup> April.



## **SENIOR FOOTBALL**

**Senior Football Manager 2008**

Seamus McGrath

First Training Session Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February @ 7.00 in the hall.

## **UNDERAGE FOOTBALL**

**Football Under Age Managers**

**For 2008**

### **MINOR**

Myles Cahill & Graeme Donaghy (with Tullylish)

### **U16**

Michael Sands & Aidan Hegarty

### **U14**

Mervyn Colgan

### **U12**

Conor Macauley & Damien Lennon

### **U10 & U8**

No one yet appointed

## **UNDERAGE HURLING**

**Hurling Under Age Managers**

**For 2008**

### **MINOR**

Gerard O'Neill, Sean O'Neill & Colm O'Neill (with Ballela)

### **U16**

Brendan Donald and Sean O'Neill

### **U14**

Gerard Lennon, Pat McGrath & Kathleen O'Meara (with Ballela)

### **U12**

Pat McGrath

## **CULTURAL OFFICER**

Eunan Mc Conville is our new Cultural Officer for 2008.

## **CLUB REGISTRATION**

The Club will be holding two registration days to give all members' young and old the opportunity to renew their annual membership subscription. The two dates are Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> of February and Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> of February from 2:00 – 4:00pm on both days. This years membership will take on a different format from previous years where there will be a Two Tier System in place.

**Tier 1:** Membership for 2008 will

remain as for 2007

**Tier 2:** Special membership which includes a development levy to pay for the continued development of club facilities. The rates for this system will be sent out to all members prior to the registration days.

## **LOTTO UPDATE**



### **JACKPOT £1950**

Draw On 27/01/08

### **WINNING NUMBERS**

**08, 18, 19, 21**

No Jackpot Winners

£10 Winners

Billy Mc Garry, Moya O'Neill



### **New Training Pitch**

## **MUCH DONE – MUCH STILL TO BE DONE**

The current development program at the club began in Oct 2004 when a committee of 5 (Dermot Stewart, Eugene Stewart, Martin Donnelly, Seamus McGrath and Aidan Lavery) set out to hold a Gala Dinner with the intention of raising £20,000 which could be used to part fund the construction of a new training pitch. The Gala dinner was held during Oct 2005 in the Canal Court Hotel in Newry and managed

to raise an unbelievable £36,000. Consequently work was able to begin on the new training pitch during June 2006.

Following the success of the Gala Dinner the club set out on an equally ambitious £100 draw that lasted from Oct 2006 to March 2007. Almost 500 tickets were sold bringing in a staggering £37,000.

In the meantime development work was proceeding rapidly and a submission was made to Banbridge District Council for support, for work completed during the 2006-07 financial year. This resulted in a very helpful £21,000. We were on a roll at this point and the development work accelerated.

During December 2007 a further submission was made to Banbridge District council for financial help pertaining to work completed during financial year 2007-08. A cheque for £25,000 was the result. Tremendous.

A total of approximately £119,000 has been raised directly. When the value of all the voluntary work is added, the development project at Aghaderg GFC and Ballyvarley HC is currently worth about £150,000.



**New Fence**

To date the following has been achieved:

- New training pitch (90m x 65m)
- Extension of existing pitch by approx 16 m
- Ball stops
- Concreting of area in front of the dressing rooms
- Replacement of roadway fence
- Replacement of main gates

- Realignment of driveways within the club grounds
- Preparation of all parking areas for a permanent tarmac surface
- Provision of a third dressing room for underage players
- Provision of mobile changing rooms and toilets to serve the new training pitch
- Remedial work to the main pitch to improve its drainage capabilities
- Painting the interior of the hall

During 2008-09 the following will be achieved:

- Tarmac the main car park and the viewing area adjacent to the main roadway fence
- Provide a base and service the new mobile changing rooms and toilets
- Provide a fence for the new training pitch
- Provide flood lights for the new training pitch



**New Ball Stops**

When all of the above has been achieved I think it can be said that our club will have come a long way since that October night in 2004.

However the remaining tasks will require approximately another £50,000 to complete. Fortunately the £119,000 raised to date has covered the cost of all the improvements (except for £2000). Consequently we are almost back to square one.

In order to complete the remaining improvements we must borrow the money in the short term, as a third major fundraising event is not feasible at the moment. Indeed it will likely be 2010 before we can consider another major fundraiser.

So between now and then we must raise the extra finance to service the interest on any loan we take out and cover the extra costs of our new facilities. Hence the need to increase membership rates and the need to encourage all our members, if they can, to dig deep and pay their membership at the higher rate of £120.



**New Concrete To Front Of Dressing Rooms**

In the meantime a huge thanks to all members, sponsors, volunteers, fundraisers and of course Banbridge District Council for all their help in bringing to life our passion and dreams.

### **INDOOR BOWLS**

Ballyvarley caused a major shock last week by defeating neighbours St. Colmans Laurencetown in the semi-final of the Ballydougan Cup. In an exciting finish the locals held on to win by two shots. The final will be played in a few weeks time.

### **SUDOKU CHALLENGE**

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