

## Be Safe - Be Seen This Season

Well the evenings have started to draw in and it won't be long until all of our weekday training sessions during the week start in darkness, especially when the clocks go back in a few weeks. With the increased amount of traffic through the grounds as well as the popularity of the surrounding Kilcornan area for walks we would like to remind everyone of a few simple rules to ensure the safety of pedestrians, cyclists and motorists.



- Wear a **high-vis vest** when walking in Kilcornan woods & the Colga grounds - high vis vests are easier to see and less confusing for drivers than torches

- Walk against the direction of traffic so the driver can see you and you can see them
- Do not drop players at the gates to walk to the astro unless they are wearing high-vis garments
- Please reduce your speed when driving through the grounds and Kilcornan

## New Club Sponsor

The club are delighted to welcome Clarke's Pharmacy Kilcolgan as one of our main club sponsors and training kit sponsor for our men's Premier team. The sponsorship and partnership will run over the course of the next 5 seasons.

Many thanks to Ian and Kate Clarke for coming on board and supporting our club. We would encourage everyone to also support Clarke's in return for any pharmacy needs.

Pictured is the Clarke family alongside club chairman Stephen Moran





# Astro Reminder!

In order to maintain the quality of the surface please adhere to the footwear rules.

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## Grounds Safety

As we continue to work on our grounds development there are sections of the grounds that are not safe to be accessed by anyone, especially children. In particular, the area at the end of the new astro beside the cages is strictly out-of-bounds to everyone due to the rubble and building debris. For safety reasons children are not permitted to play in this area. Please ensure you remind your children of this and keep a watchful eye on where your children are playing. We currently cannot fence off this area currently so please take measures to ensure your children do not enter it.

## U10 GFA Development Leagues

The GFA have created U10 & U11 development leagues over the last few years. These are a great way to introduce the kids to 7v7 football and give them a great grounding in preparation for U12 9v9 games. Both our boys and girls squads kicked off their seasons in October. Best of luck to everyone and enjoy your journey to GFA league football!



# Lip Sync Celebration Night



The dust has well settled on our fundraising effort which culminated in that amazing night in the Clayton back in April. We have finally collated the hours of footage we recorded on the night and it is now ready for public consumption. We would like to invite everyone to the "World Premiere" in Jordans Pub on the 9th of November at 9PM. It will be a great opportunity to relive some not-so-distant memories and dust off those glad rags! Who knows, there may even be an impromptu performance or two....

Everyone is welcome to attend and celebrate what was an amazing effort by the entire club raising over €80,000 for the club.

**Jordans Pub - 9th November - 9PM**





# Table Updates - Mens Premier /Division 1

The league season is well underway at this stage and both our Junior mens squads have started the season well. The Premier side, with a new coaching structure under head coach Marek Krynicki, are 2nd in the table behind a very strong Salthill Devon side. The Junior B side, with Dave Morrissey & Gerry Martin again at the helm, lead the way in division one. Both sides have only suffered one defeat in very strong starts to the season. Well done to both squads thus far and hopefully the rest of the season continues in a similar vein.

## GFA Mens Premier

Team	Pld	W	D	L	+	-	+/-	Pts
 Salthill Devon	5	5	0	0	23	2	21	15
 Colga	5	4	0	1	14	7	7	12
 Mervue Utd	4	3	1	0	16	3	13	10

## GFA Mens First Division

Team	Pld	W	D	L	+	-	+/-	Pts
 Colga B	5	4	0	1	16	3	13	12
 Athenry B	5	3	1	1	12	10	2	10
 Salthill Devon B	5	3	0	2	14	7	7	9





# Table Updates - Girls Football

It's early days in the GFA girls competitions and the U15 Premier girls have started the season performing well. They were very unlucky to come out of a home game against table-toppers Salthill Devon 0-1 in a terrific game. The U14 girls only have 2 games played with a single defeat away to Salthill Devon in another game that could have gone either way. Early days for sure in the season but both sides are playing some good football which bodes well.

## U15 Premier Girls

Team	Pld	W	D	L	+	-	+/-	Pts
 Salthill Devon	3	3	0	0	12	0	12	9
 Knocknacarra	3	3	0	0	9	4	5	9
 Cregmore/Claregalway	3	2	0	1	4	2	2	6
 Colga	3	1	0	2	5	4	1	3

## U14 Premier Girls

Team	Pld	W	D	L	+	-	+/-	Pts
 Bearna Na Forbacha	2	2	0	0	10	2	8	6
 Knocknacarra	2	1	1	0	2	0	2	4
 Salthill Devon	2	1	0	1	3	2	1	3
 Colga	2	1	0	1	2	4	-2	3

# Cup Updates

The Junior A's unfortunately exited the FAI Junior Cup against Knocknacarra in the 2nd round. The U14 Premier girls suffered a penalty shootout defeat to Salthill Devon in the 1st round of the SFAI National Cup. The U12 Girls were unlucky to lose a home game to Claremorris at the same stage of the competition. The U18 Boys overcame Corrib Celtic 5-4 on penalties in the 1st round of the FAI Cup as did the U12 Boys who defeated Cregmore Claregalway in their first ever outing in a national competition. Best of luck to everyone in their next rounds over the coming weeks.



U12 Premier Boys celebration their nail-biting cup win



## Cash For Clobber

There is an ongoing collection in the prefab behind the goals at the clubhouse end of the astro - please drop what you can when you can.



- €10 Entry
- €1000 Prize
- Round 1 October 5th 2024

## Development Update

We have a core group of volunteers who are constantly working on the grounds development planning as well as grant applications on behalf of the club. This unseen work is hugely important in us securing any funds available from public sources to help us realize our goals for the club. We have recently secured grants as follows:

- Community Sport Facilities Fund €120K
- Solar Facilities - €38K
- Community Walkways Development €25K

Thanks to all the team who work so hard on these applications.

## COLGA F.C. LOTTO

Our lotto celebrated its first anniversary in October and we have had 5 winners thus far distributing €18,900 in prizemoney. The lotto is a vital ongoing fundraising effort that helps pay off our Astro mortgage. We deeply appreciate those who purchase annual tickets and those who play whenever they can. Every cent raised from the lotto significantly reduces both the financial burden and time needed to pay off our most important infrastructure investment to date.

<https://colgafc.clubforce.com/products/colga-football-club-lotto>

## Fundraising Update

We launched a 'Last Man Standing' back in early September with the first round having already taken place on the 7th of October. A total of over €25,000 has been raised and we would like to thank Paul Collins, Frances Cussen and Patrick Burns for driving this initiative across all our playing groups. Thanks to everyone who bought or sold a line and we wish you all luck in the competition.



After the huge success of last years event we will again be hosting a Christmas market this December. With a huge array of local suppliers this will be a great opportunity to get those stocking fillers, or that something extra special, this Christmas.

## Colga Kit



Our updated range of Colga Kit is now available from the Colga Club Shop on the m2sport website.

<https://m2sport.ie/colga-f-c/>

Coaches kit (black) is also available to order. Please allow 4 weeks for delivery