



## CATHAL BRUGHHA BULLETIN

*We are coming into peak competition season now with leagues coming to a climax in April and cup competitions scheduled for April & May.*

*Don't miss the **AGM on 25 March** to have your say in the running of the club.*

### Chairman's Corner

*Finance is always a problem for clubs like ours and when an opportunity arises where we can raise cash with a minimum of effort, we should go for it. The Easyfundraising scheme involves on-line shopping with most of the main retailers and mothers, fathers, uncles, aunts, brothers, sisters, friends, neighbours, in-laws etc should all be encouraged to sign up. Elsewhere on this bulletin are full details on how the scheme works.*

*On the playing side the improvement of our women's team continued with a 7-4 win over Trinity in the National League. The goals came from Dearbhaile Cooke, Orla Monaghan, Eva Ramsey (2 each) and Olivia McComb (1).*

*There was mixed fortune for the men's team who almost certainly moved out of contention of winning the National League when they were surprisingly beaten 11-8 by Sandycove. They went back to Dublin a day later and with a vastly improved performance beat Corrib 18-10 in the semi-final of the Knock Out Cup and will play St. Vincents in the final on 16 March.*

*Our U15 girls Irish Champions are on the honours trail again as they have been short listed for the prestigious "Junior Team of the Year" award from Belfast City Council. The winners will be announced at a black-tie presentation dinner in the City Hall on Friday 22nd March.*

Gerry O'Neill

### Money for nothing!

We have signed up to Easyfundraising, which means the club can receive donations from retailers every time you shop online, with an additional £5 donated if you sign up via this link: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/invite/RYLCD5/U09WPC/>

Retailers supporting the scheme include Next, Marks & Spencer, Clarks, Argos, Booking.com, Asda, Tesco, Sainsburys, phone providers and lots more. There is also a donation of £10 made to the club if you take out a free 14-day subscription for the Sky Cinema package via **Now TV**. Just be sure to cancel it within the 14 days! If you are planning trips away, book your hotels, theme park tickets and more via the site and the club wins!

You can download the donation reminder on the site which automatically alerts you if there is a donation available when you are on a retailer's website. You can also download an app for tablets & phones – just access the retailer via the app to initiate the donation.

There is potential for the club to raise a significant amount through this, at no cost to members or supporters. Any questions, just email [info@cathalbrughawaterpolo.com](mailto:info@cathalbrughawaterpolo.com)

### Agreed fundraising initiatives

The Committee has also agreed 4 key fundraising initiatives this year:

- March: Last Man Standing
- May: Scratch-cards
- October: Spin-a-thon or similar in Kennedy Centre
- December: Bag pack, venue tbc

Any further ideas must be agreed by the committee before they are started.

## Skills Camps

There is still time to sign up for the Ulster Water Polo Skills Camps to be held this month:

**Fri 8 March** – U13 skills camp in Grove from 7.30 – 9.30pm

**Fri 22 March** – U9 & U11 skills camp in Grove from 7.30 – 9.30pm

The cost to attend each session is £10 and registration forms are available from coaches, otherwise email [info@cathalbrughwaterpolo.com](mailto:info@cathalbrughwaterpolo.com)

## Dates for your diary

16 March – Ireland Water Polo Annual Conference

**25 March – Club AGM, Lisburn at 7pm**

25-27 April – Irish Senior Cup, Dublin

4-6 May – U15 Irish Cup, Galway

18-19 May – U13 Irish Cup, Dublin

## Extra senior training

An additional Senior Training session will be held on Friday 18 April from 6.30 – 10.00. Coaches will finalise times for the men's team & women's team shortly.

## Easter arrangements

The last Junior sessions in Falls before Easter will be on Friday 12 April. Sessions will resume on Friday 26 April.

## Last Man Standing

Many thanks to Hodgy for organising the Last Man Standing competition again this year. Good luck to all participants, the prize is £200 and will make a nice Easter present for someone. Please note that if any matches are rescheduled, Hodgy will work his magic to keep things right.

## Congratulations

Our U15 Irish Cup winning team has been shortlisted in the Junior Team of the Year category in the Belfast Sports Awards. The team & coaching staff will attend the awards ceremony on 22 March in City Hall. Good luck on the night girls and make sure to take lots of photos!



## Upcoming fixtures

**Some fixtures have been rescheduled** - Details of upcoming fixtures are available on:

<http://www.waterpolo.ie/national-league-fixtures-results.html>

**Coaches / team managers should check the Ireland Water Polo website regularly to be kept up to date.**