



Springfield Ramblers News



December 2012

Greetings From The Chairman

I would like to welcome you all to this our first club newsletter. We hope that we will publish this newsletter twice during the season. The purpose of this newsletter is to improve communications within the club and to give some information about various aspects of the club.

We as a club are getting more and more successful

each season and I would like to thank my fellow committee members, managers and coaches and most of all the players for all the hard work they do every week. My thanks to you the parents for your continued support for the club.

Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year to you and your Families.



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Christmas Draw Results

The Springfield Ramblers Club wishes to thank the public for supporting their annual Christmas Draw. The club would also like to thank Ray & Maura Keating of Londis for their sponsorship of the first prize hamper. The draw took place on 7th of December at Jack Doyle's. The list of winners is as follows:

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| Marian Smith | Hamper |
| Mick Canty | Red wine |
| Rachel Noonan | White Wine |
| Mr Dorney | Red Wine |
| Paula Walsh | Black Magic Sweets |
| Eoin O'Sullivan | Quality Sweets |
| Ray Foley | Foxes Biscuits |
| Clare O'Connell | Biscuits |
| Ross O'Shea | Biscuits |
| Anthony O'Donovan | Black Bush |
| Bernie Byrne | Biscuits |
| Sarah O'Regan | Red Wine |
| Nan Buckley | Bottle Powers |
| Emily Keating | Bottle Vodka |

The Season So Far

Under 11s

We have three Under 11 teams playing in Groups 1, 2, & 5 of the Cork School-boys League. This is a non-competitive league where the players take part in small sided games to get used to organised matches. This season is a season of progression and consolidation for these young players and they are getting great experience of the match situation, playing home games in Pat O'Brien Park 2 and travelling to other clubs to play away games. All three teams are playing very well and enjoying their football.

Under 12 Premier

After a slow start to their league campaign our Under 12 Premier League side have made steady progress to lie second in the league table. Unbeaten in six games and scoring at will they have marched up the table. The only disappointment the team have had is their surprising exit from the National Cup at the hands of Ballincollig from Division 2. It just goes to show that in football you don't always get what you deserve.

Under 12 Division 1

It's been a tough season so far for our second Under 12 side. Though they have lost several games by a single goal; with a bit of luck they could be further up in the table. A great draw away to Corinthians has brightened their Christmas. We all wish the lads better luck in the second half of the season.

Under 12 Division 4

It has been a tough season too for our Under 12 Division 4 side. The team has battled well but have come up short so far this season. But with a lot of games yet to play in this division there is still time for the lads to turn their season around.

Under 13 Division 2

Our Under 13 side have turned the corner after a difficult start to the season winning three of the last four games. Now in a mid-table position the lads have some momentum behind them to push on and challenge the sides further up in the league.

Under 14 Division 1

Again after a slow start to the season this very good, well balanced side have progressed steadily in a very tight competitive league. After an impressive run of results they have climbed to the top of the table and are challenging for a promotion spot. A measure of the progress this side has made was shown by the way they ran Premier League leaders Corinthians very close in the National Cup losing out to two late goals.

Under 14 Division 5

Having won the last four games and steadily climbing the table our second Under 14 team are up to third in the chase for promotion. Playing under the Cobh Ramblers banner the lads have it all to play for in the second half of the season.

Under 15 Premier

The Under 15 Premier League is a very tight affair this season and even though they have had mixed results our Under 15 side are right in the mix at the business end of the table. With all the top sides taking points from each other the final outcome of this division won't be known until late in the season and currently in second place our lads are well positioned to take full advantage of any slip-up by the other top teams.

Under 16 Premier

Currently joint top of the league and unbeaten our senior schoolboys side are on the crest of a wave at the moment. After two quiet draws at the start of the season the team have rolled into top gear culminating in a 5-1 defeat of table toppers Leeds in their latest league game. The 16s have also advanced to a last 32 spot in the National Cup and have been handed a home draw against Arlington of Kildare. This team have made steady progress every year and if they continue the hard work they could get their rewards this season.

Under 17 Premier

Our youth's league team are currently lying in a mid-table position with three games in hand, well placed to make a run for league honours. The team also reached the last 32 of the U17 National Cup and the Quarter Final of the League Cup.

Academy News

The Springfield Ramblers Academy meets for training on the AstroTurf pitch at John Murphy Memorial Park every Saturday morning from 9.30 to 1.00 for boys aged 5 to 10 and on Tuesday evenings from 4.00 to 5.00 for girls aged 6 to 10. The Academy is a great outlet for boys and girls who want to play soccer in a controlled environment. It is great fun for the kids to play on the state of the art AstroTurf pitch.

In the springtime the players will take part in Small Sided Games against teams from other clubs which gives many of the group their first taste of match-like experiences. In these games the players always strive to perform to the best of their abilities, while being equally keen in taking to the idea of enjoyment and participation being the overall most important theme at this stage of their development.

U7s Off The Mark & U9s Team Of The Week

Springfield Ramblers current U7 teams played their very first matches against Ringmahon Rangers in what was a very entertaining afternoon of football. Well done to all players who participated on the day.

Congratulations to Springfield Ramblers U9 team who were team of the week for w/e 28th October.



U7s



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U9s

Under 12 Girls

The U12 Girls are enjoying the season so far with some good results and are currently pushing to get promoted to the Premier Division.

The squad are developing nicely and great things are hoped for with this team.

Under 14 Girls

The Girls are enjoying a good season and are currently lying second in their section. Due to a shortage of girls Under 14 the team are made up of girls from the Under 12 team to help them so if any girls under 14 are available to join the club would be delighted. The club would like to thank Derek Bell of Beecom Communications for his generous sponsorship of sets of gear for both of the Girl's teams.

Academy Training Times

Saturday Morning.

Boys born:

2003	9.30-11.00
2004	12.00-1.30
2005	11.00-12.00
2006	11.00-12.00
2007	12.00-1.00

Tuesday Evening

Girls born:

2004-2007	4pm-5pm
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Let's Enjoy The Games

The continued success of the Astroturf pitch and the subsequent improvement in the standard of players being produced by the Springfield Ramblers Club and it's Academy is borne out by the progress the club's teams are making in the Cork Schoolboy's League. But a club must not be driven by success alone. The club ethos must always be to nurture the young talent in the town while giving them the platform to perform to the best of their abilities. While success on the playing field is always the goal of every team; a 'win at all costs' mentality must not be allowed to prevail. Players, coaches and parents/guardians must always be aware that fair play should be upheld in every aspect of participation. Respect for teammates, coaches, opponents, referees and other spectators should be the emphasis of every sporting competition. If the club can achieve these objectives on the road to success on the field of play then the true ethos of fair play will be seen to be fulfilled.

Representing The Club

The Springfield Ramblers Club has a long tradition of players from it's ranks representing the club on Cork, Munster & Ireland representative teams. This season this proud tradition continues with several players from various age groups again honouring the club by being picked for Cork and Ireland representation. The role of honour this season so far reads:

Cork Schoolboys, Cork Youths and FAI Emerging Talent:

U12 Jamie Bates, Tom Gill, Ciaran Griffin, Mikey Foley, Nathan O'Connell, Morgan Dillon Hilton. U13 Ciaran Fleming,

U14 Raymond Roche, U15 Dave Coffey, Adam O'Sullivan,

Adam Horgan, Niall Abbott, Charlie Fleming. U16 George

Gill, Jordan Tarrant Lowry. U17 Daniel Barry, Sean

McLaughlin, Shane Marshall, Adam O'Sullivan.

Cork Schoolgirls League:

U12 Louise Burke, Amy Burns, Kate Hayes, Lauren Egbuloni, Emily Keating.

Irish Trials:

U15 Dave Coffey; Adam O Sullivan; Adam Horgan U16 George Gill.

Trial with Aston Villa:

U15 Adam Horgan



Merry Christmas To All

The Springfield Ramblers Club wishes a Merry Christmas & a Very Happy New Year to all Players, Managers, Coaches, Parents & Guardians. Here's to further success on the field in 2013.