



Maree/Oranmore Juvenile Soccer Club NewsLetter



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On the Head...



Chairman's Address

On behalf of our club I wish to welcome you to the fifth edition of the Maree/Oranmore Juvenile Soccer Club Newsletter. The new season is well and truly up and running and it promises to be a very exciting season for our club. We now have competitive teams in four age groups (U11, U12, U13 & U14 Boys) with three of those competing at the highest level in the Premier League. Our U7, U8, U9 & U10 Boys will be well catered for in terms of matches within the context of the Invitational Tournament whilst the girl's coaches have been very active in the organisation of games for their U8 and U10 age groups. Meanwhile our U6 players are busy learning the basics of the game and having great fun at the same time. It's always so refreshing to watch the new crop of young players training every year. They are the heartbeat and the future of our club.

Indeed things are certainly looking bright for the future. Our club membership is now approaching 400 players and these are coached by our panel of over 40 committed coaches, many of whom are qualified through the FAI Kick-Start coaching programmes. The club is expertly run by our committees and sub-committees composed of dedicated local people. Impressive indeed! However none of this would be possible without the tremendous support we receive from everyone in the local community. We thank you all for your support and look forward to serving you now and in the future.

Yours in Sport,

Dominic Delany
(Club Chairman)



Once again we would like to thank the Galway Clinic for extending their sponsorship for '08/'09. Thanks also to the Oranmore and Maree Community Development Associations, Calasactius College and the Oranmore Community Centre Authorities for their continued support. We would also like to thank Greally's shop and Seph's Menswear for assistance with kit sales and Oranmore Pharmacy for sponsoring First-Aid kits.

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The Invitational Tournament—2008/2009

The second Maree/Oranmore Juvenile Soccer Club Invitational Tournament kicks off this month with high expectations for another exciting and successful event. Last years competition was a huge success, so much so that we have decided to make the tournament an annual event in our football calendar. The '08/'09 tournament was launched in great style at the Oranmore Lodge Hotel on Thursday 6th Nov '08. Galway Utd. Manager Jeff Kenna was our guest of honour for the occasion and the Galway and District League was well represented by Michael Geary (President) and Pdraig Doherty. It was also great to see so many coaches and players from the participating

clubs in attendance on the night. We extend a very warm welcome to Athenry FC, Colga FC, Corofin Utd. FC, Craughwell Utd. FC and Cregmore/Claregalway FC and look forward to many thrilling encounters with them over the coming months.

So what are the objectives of this tournament? Well to put it simply the tournament is all about enjoyment and participation because we believe that this is the appropriate environment in which to develop the skills of our young players. It is envisaged that this will also instil in our players a sense of pride and belonging in their local community. Bearing this in mind we have decided that this year there will be a winning club rather than a winning team in each age group (The winning club will be decided by combining the results of the two club teams in each age group). The format is designed with the intention that each club will field evenly-balance teams thereby hopefully avoiding any

dispiriting defeats for any one team. This nurturing of team spirit promoted by the Invitational Tournament will undoubtedly serve our players well, both now and in the future.



Finally we would like to thank this years tournament sponsors for their commitment and support: Main tournament sponsors St. Columba's Credit Union and associate sponsors Anchor Safety, Aran Sports, Rooney Auctioneers & Chartered Surveyors and Sigmar Recruitment Ltd.



Tournament Sponsors pictured with Jeff Kenna and Liam O'Carroll (Club Vice-Chairman)



U7s & coaches with Jeff Kenna of Galway Utd. and Michael Geary (President—G&D League)



Upcoming Key Dates :

20th December 2008

Last Astro-Turf training day before Christmas followed by our Christmas party (Venue TBD). Watch out....there might be someone special coming—Ho Ho Ho! 

10th January 2009

Re-commence Astro-Turf training for the New Year.

Other age groups please check with your coaches on when your training finishes this year and recommences in the New Year.



2008/2009 Season - The Story so far....Nov/Dec 2008

- The club currently has 375 players registered. We have age groups from U-6 (which includes U-5) up to and including U-14. The 375 players are comprised of 316 boys and 59 girls and they represent 278 families from Maree, Oranmore and the wider communities.
- The number of players in each age group are as follows :
Girls - U-9,10,11 (20) U-7,8 (20) U-5,6 (19)
Boys - U-14 (21) U-13 (27) U-12 (25) U-11 (29) U-10 (29) U-9 (40) U-8 (42) U-7 (35) U-5,6 (68)
- We have 91 boys registered with the Galway and District league and we have 5 competitive teams entered in the various Galway and District leagues, Connacht Cup and Irish Cup competitions. Three of our teams play in their respective Premier Divisions.
- We have already kicked off our annual Invitational Tournament for our younger age groups. This is our flagship tournament and attracts crowds of 300+ each Sunday.
- Our girls have had a busy start to the season with away days to Salthill Devon, Cregmore/Claregalway and hosted a return visit by Cregmore/Claregalway and Colga.
- The club participated in the GOAL jersey day encouraging all our younger members to wear their club jerseys to Astro-Turf training and donated the proceeds from gate receipts (€350) to GOAL's Clara Slattery. If you would like to help or get involved with GOAL please visit their website at www.goal.ie
- Congrats to our vice chairman Liam O'Carroll who has been elected chairman of the Galway Soccer Community Partnership which is a great honour for him and the club.
- Thanks to Cathal McBride jnr. and Ruth Broderick for promoting and coaching soccer in Calasactius College.



Enda Thompson and Gerry Fogarty take a well-earned break on our busy registration night in August.



The "Soccer Sisters" with coach Wally Walsh—Now what are our club colours again?



Chairman Dominic Delany presents a cheque for €350 raised from gate receipts to GOAL's Clara Slattery



Girls at the Nov Blitz

Moyia Parke, the FAI's Regional Development Co-Ordinator for Connaught & Donegal attended our training session on November 8th. Before an enthusiastic audience Moyia took the girls through some drills and exercises to improve their technical ability. At the end of the session all of the girls received a 'Soccer Sisters' FAI Training Top. This was an acknowledgement on the part of the FAI of the work being done week in week out by our girls and their coaches. Our club is very grateful to have our efforts recognised in this tangible way. We also recognise the commitment the Football Association of Ireland is giving to the development of Girls soccer and we look forward to Moyia's next visit to our training sessions, which we hope to arrange for early 2009.



Soccer Sisters
Laura Shivanan,
Laoise Walsh &
Rachel Burke

The Club Committee

Running a club with over 375 playing members and 40+ coaches requires a sizeable and effective support organisation. This year we have setup a structure whereby we have an Executive committee and 6 Sub-committees to address specific aspects of the club's operational needs.

Executive Committee: Defines strategy, makes decisions etc.

Finance Sub-committee: Budgeting, fundraising, financial admin.

Social Sub-committee: Social events, Christmas party, end of year award ceremonies

Football and Coaching: Coach development and support.

Communications: Club communications via texting and other methods.

Procedures/Policies: Definition and communication of club's policies and procedures

Facilities & Development: Ensures the club has adequate training and playing facilities.

If you would like to get involved with any aspect of the Club please do not hesitate to contact any of the Committee members shown opposite.

www.mareeoranmorejuvenilesoccerclub.com

Committee for '08/'09 season (* denotes Executive Committee Member)

Chair	Dominic Delany *	087 2481235
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Hon. Secretary	Mike Shivanan *	086 8501456
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Social	Amanda Barry	086 8698764
Football & Coaching	Noel Greaney	086 8501353
Communications	JJ Beirne	086 3271889
Procedures/Policies	Stuart McCamley	087 9141834
Facilities & Development	Ronan Rooney	087 2519918

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CAUGHT UP IN A WORLD WIDE WEB

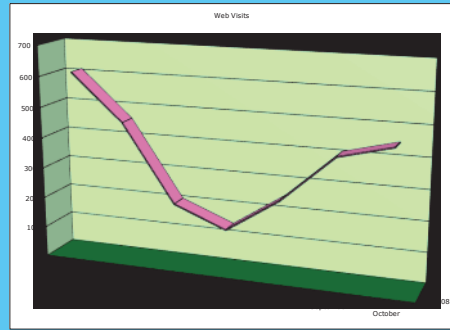
In a bygone era Sir Bob Geldof wrote that “there’s always someone lookin’ at you”. He might have had a premonition of what the dawn of the internet would bring. Since September 2007, we have had visitors from the following far flung places:

Australia, Belgium, Canada, China, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Hungary, India, Italy, The Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Russia and South Africa. While visits from such exotic locations have been few, we have had quite a bit of visiting traffic from the United States and Britain.

At our club e-mail address :

mareeoranmorejuvenilesoccerclub@gmail.com we have had requests for club merchandise from Poland, employment opportunities sought by a Spanish coach and an invitation to a summer tournament in sizzling Sardinia (we had to decline this one to protect our players from heat exhaustion – in pre-recession Ireland cost was not (really) a factor).

Of course greatest interest in the site is local. While most visitors get to us using a common internet search engine, (e.g., www.google.ie) many access our site through other local sites including the Oranmore Community Development Association, (www.oranmore.ie), The Galway & District League (www.galwayfa.net) & Oranmore Maree GAA club (www.oranmoremaree.com). Other local sites which provide links to us are the invaluable parents’ resource www.mykidstime.ie and the local boys’ national school www.oranmoreboysns.com. So even though the website address requires a bit of typing at first, once we get a visit, users can either add the address to their list of internet favourites, or access us through one of the links referred to above.



Club Website visits per month since April 2008

While visitors fall away in the summer months when there are no matches, there is still a healthy interest from cyberspace in our happenings. The graph above shows a high at the end of last season of 611 visits in April and renewed interest reflected in the big kick off in September with 407 visits and further growth in October with 451 visits.

So whether you want to check a match fixture or result, read a report from one of our loyal contributors or just browse through our collection of 18 photograph albums add www.mareeoranmorejuvenilesoccerclub.com to your list of favourites and join in the story of a growing community of players, coaches and parents who are finding health, exercise and enjoyment right on their doorsteps.

Our very own “Theatre of Dreams”

On Sunday October 26th, 42 Maree/Oranmore AFC players from the U-9 and U-10 age-groups (boys & girls) alongside 9 club



Thumbs up from Terryland!

coaches and committee members travelled with Donoghues buses from the Oranmore Astro Turf to Terryland Park to see the F.A.I. Cup semi-final between our local club Galway Utd. and north-west soccer supremos, Derry City. Network 2 were showing the match live and while it was a closely contested game it ended in a 0-1 defeat for the Corribiders.

The trip was arranged courtesy of the excellent close link between Galway Utd.’s club promotions officer, Daniel Walsh and Maree/Oranmore AFC. From a club perspective the event was a great success and a special word of thanks to all our players for their impeccable behaviour. Thanks also to our coaches, committee members and parents who travelled and helped out.

Whilst this ended Galway Utd.’s great cup run they have since played out the remaining games of the league with impressive style defeating Finn Harps and UCD to remain in the Eircom Premier League next year – Well done to Jeff Kenna and the lads!

On Nov 15th our U-11 squad were invited to play in Terryland under lights

and recorded a memorable 6-0 win over Hibs/Foyle in their Menton cup game. This was an occasion that will live long in the memories of the players



Victorious U-11's in Terryland

and coaches and with the quality of football on display some of our players could certainly be future regular players at our very own “Theatre of Dreams”

Coaching Update

Since Maree/Oranmore Juvenile soccer club was founded in 2005, the membership has steadily risen each year, we now have nearly 400 boys/girls registered with our club for the 2008/2009 season.

To ensure our club meets its training needs, we have, over the past three years offered parents an introduction into coaching through the excellent Kick Start 1 and Kick Start 2 coaching courses. These are run locally by the FAI and are a great way for parents to get actively involved with both the club and child’s development. The aims of the courses are as follows:

Kick Start 1:

Is a course designed to assist parents and coaches, to introduce children (aged 6-9) to fun soccer games and FUNDamental movement skills in a well structured, stimulating and safe environment.

Kick Start 2:

This course is designed to assist coaches in the development of the players (aged 9-12) soccer specific and FUNDamental movement skills in game related functions, progressing into small sided games.

The club to date have put over 50 people through Kick Start 1, of whom 27 have

gone on to complete Kick Start 2. Seven of our coaches have just completed an FAI Youth Certificate coaching course which is for coaches who have completed Kick Start 1 & 2, and is for the development of the coaches for training the 13-18 year olds.

We are currently looking for people to get involved with our younger boys and girls age groups, so, if there are any Mums or Dads out there interested in taking that first step onto the Coaches ladder, please contact Noel Greaney (Director of Coaching) 086 8501353 or Martin Horgan (Vice Chairperson) 087 9806489.

Awards Ceremony '07/'08 Season

Our end of '07/'08 season awards ceremony took place in May in Route 66. Galway Utd. players (Vinnie Faherty, John Russell and Wes Charles) along with Tony Samuels (Chairman of the G&D league) graciously attended to present awards. Our awards ceremony serves as an end of season celebration/wrap up and to thank and recognise the players, coaches and committee who have worked tirelessly during the year and excelled at what they do. We are proud of all of our players and everyone is a winner!!



Galway Utd. players pose with the U-8 squad



U-8 Girls pose with their end of season medals and "Treats"



U-13's with Brendan Tully—Player of the year for '07/'08 season



Coach and Committee awards—the unsung heroes!!



Rules Corner

(Answers at the bottom of the page)

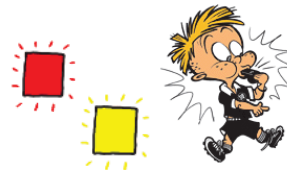
Question #1 : A penalty kick was taken and missed, the referee says the goalie moved off the line and orders a re-kick. Can the kicking team change their original kicker to a different kicker on the re-kick?

Question #2: What would happen if a referee touched a ball and it went in the back of the net? Would it still stand as a goal?

Question #3: Just as an attacker takes a shot on

goal, the ball bursts and rolls to a stop just in front of him. He then kicks the ball into the net. What's the call?

Question #4: Can the player taking a corner kick remove the corner flag if it is in the way?



Source : www.asktheref.com

Community Spirit



Congrats to the victorious Scoil Iósaif Naofa Junior and Senior Athletics Cross Country Team who represented Galway and won gold and bronze at the Connacht finals. Many of the team members are also club members - Well done to all!!



Congrats to the Oranmore Maree GAA club whose U-10's recently won the prestigious Barna/Furbo hurling tournament and best wishes to all the adult sides in forthcoming crucial games. Not forgetting the Camogie U-10's who won the county final this year in an enthralling match in June. Best of luck to the U-12 & U14 girls football teams in upcoming finals.



Well done to Maree Basketball club who continue to achieve national prominence and now field a women's team in the National Basketball League. We wish them all the best for the season!

"Gone to the Dogs"

Well—it was billed to be a great night and it was. Hundreds of Maree/Oranmore Juvenile Soccer club supporters packed the Greyhound Stadium in Galway last April for our big fundraising night. The build up was exciting as one and all tried to pick winners in the early races anxiously waiting for the final race. Kids were lined up waiting to lead out the 6 dogs for the main event. In a flash it was over. "Coolratty Parade", owned by the New Line Syndicate from the city was the winner. Luckiest man on the night was Mike Wall who scooped the €2,000 jackpot. It was a great night and the club would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to all who supported us.

In particular we would like to acknowledge the support of the following Soccer Buddies who sponsored our "Night at the Dogs" :

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First Active, Quality Hotel & Leisure Centre, Musgraves Cash & Carry and Claddagh Mineral Waters.

Roll on next year.....Woof!!



Spotting form.....



Oisín Smith picks a winner!



We're all winners!

Answer #1 : Yes. Not only that, but if playing by FIFA rules they are also free to send in a substitute to take the kick if they have any substitutes left.
Answer #2 : Yes, it would be a goal. The referee is part of the field. If he/she gets in the way of the ball, too bad.
Answer #3 : Drop the ball where the ball bursts. If it bursts in the goal area, then the ball is dropped at the top of the goal area closest to the bursting spot.
Answer #4 : No, removing the corner flag is not allowed, and to do so may result in a caution for unsporting behaviour. A player may return a leaning flag to its upright position, but they may not bend it out of the way or remove it. If there is an issue with the flag, it is up to the referee to decide what to do, not the player.