

The Rambler

MEMBERS MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
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Dear Members,

In our first edition of the Members Newsletter, we would like to express our sincere gratitude to each and every one of you that has signed up to our new Cooperative Society. Your support as always is very much appreciated.

Following on feedback from the information meeting that was held on Sunday 7th July in the Clubhouse, we have decided on using a monthly newsletter to ensure that our members are kept to date with the current on-goings in the club, both on and off the field. We feel that this will go a long way in improving both communication within the club and also we are keen to be completely transparent with our members.

As outlined at the launch of our Coop, the task of running a League of Ireland club, with 5 teams competing nationally, is by no means an easy task but with your continued help and the hard work going on in the background, we feel that we are the right people to drive the club forward, but this will not be done overnight and as such we appreciate your patience while we still find our feet and continue to steady the ship.

On the Pitch

Seniors

Latest News

- **The club can confirm the following departures from the club:**
Nathan West, Stephen Kenny, Shane O' Connor, Stephen Christopher, and Eoin O' Donovan. The board would like to place on record our sincerest thanks to all for their services to the club.
- **The club are pleased to announce that Cobh native Charlie Fleming has re-joined the club.**
- **We would like to congratulate Dave Hurley on his International call up. Dave represented his college, UCC at the World University Games held in the Italian city of Napoli.**
- **We have been drawn at home to Premier Division Champions Dundalk FC in the FAI Cup 2nd Round. (Saturday 10th August 7pm)**
- **17th July- Jaze Kabia and Denzil Fernandes completed their moves to Shelbourne. Jaze and Denzil have been a pleasure to have at the club in their time here and we wish them all the best in the future. Having learned of their departure, the Club officially launched an official complaint to the FAI over the manner in which Shelbourne approached the two players.**

Latest Results

- **5th July- 4-2 Away Loss to Drogheda United. Stephen O'Leary and Cian Leonard scoring on the night.**
- **13th July- 2-1 Home win against Athlone Town. Jamie O' Sullivan with his first ever senior goal and a Stephen O' Leary header giving us all 3 points in Stuart Ashton's first home game in charge.**
- **20th July- Cian Leonard on the scoresheet again in a 1-1 draw at home to Wexford. A massive thank you to Trigon Hotels for their generous sponsorship of the game.**
- **26th July- Impressive Munster Derby win against Limerick on a scoresheet of 4-3. Goals from Bryan Murphy (2), Ian Turner and a great Dave Hurley Penalty securing all 3 points at the Markets Field. Andrew Cronin made his senior debut too to top off a great performance.**
- **Also, in July we have saw a number of our underage players being included in our Senior setup- these players include Conor Walsh, Andrew Cronin, Mikey Foley, Cameron Harlson, Jamie O' Sullivan. This goes to show the great work being done at underage level and also our commitment to promote young players to Senior Level.**



Underage

U17s:

July has been a busy month for our u17 setup under current Manager Marc O' Donovan Wyatt. There has been plenty of additions to both his staff and squad. Firstly, Marc added ex-Rambler Conor Meade to his coaching staff and we would like to wish Conor the very best in his new role. Moreover, Marc has added to his playing squad with the additions of Timmy O' Reilly and Ronan O' Brien.

A disappointing month in terms of results for our u17s but Marc and his coaching staff are working very hard to both develop our players and improve results.



Ex Ramblers player Conor Meade has been added to our u17 Coaching Staff

U19s:

A great night in St. Colman's Park on Wednesday 3rd July when our u19 side defeated Cork City on Penalties in the Enda McGuill Cup following a nil all draw. Goalkeeper *Arthur Nganou the hero on the night, a number of great saves and a crucial penalty save in the shootout meant that Ramblers advanced to the next round and also result in Arthur being named Academy Player of the Week. Shelbourne await our u19s in the Quarter Final.*

July also saw Cobh native Evan O' Leary join our u19 setup, signing from Springfield Ramblers. Evan will add further strength to an already very strong panel.

In addition, the hard work and dedication of our u19 players has been awarded in the past month with senior call ups. Jamie O' Sullivan scored his first ever senior goal in our 2-1 home win versus Athlone Town.

Following his great performances in July, including a match winning goal against UCD, Andrew Cronin was named Academy Player of the Week and also earned him a senior debut against Limerick in our 4-3 win at the Market Fields.

Conor Walsh, Mikey Foley and Ben Healy have also been included in senior match day squads recently.



Andrew Cronin who recently made his senior debut v Limerick.



Off the Pitch

Cooperative Update:

On Sunday 7th July we officially launched our new Cooperative Society which now establishes the club as a legal entity which will go a long way in ensuring that the club continues to be sustainable both on and off the pitch.

We are currently seeking members and if any of our members feel they can be of any assistance in helping us achieve this please feel free to contact any of the existing committee members. We have a variety of membership options which can be found online at the following link:

https://member.clubforce.com/memberships_cart_m.asp?LL_ID=980&intMF_ID=5039&fbclid=IwAR0xH92iPbCLcg37MUamtyn4_MYPqeW1fuwoRfughmHTcxIW4H9tXn65wM#Anchor

So far we have had a fantastic response to our new Co-Op from both Local and International Members and with plenty more set to join the Co-Op the future of Cobh Ramblers looks very bright.

Moreover, we are delighted to announce that we recently linked up with Irish Supporters Network which was another big step forward for the club and all made possible by the formation of the Co-Operative.

Social Club

In our first publication we would like to place on record our extreme gratitude to the Club's Sport and Social club as they have been a massive assist to the club committee and continue to run events which are vital in the daily running of the club and also in engaging the local community.

So far in July the Social Committee have run a number of successful nights including:

- Table Quiz night on Friday 6th July and the club hosted one of Cork's most well-known bands Clann Eireann on Saturday 7th July, both of which were great nights enjoyed by many.
- 26th July- A packed clubhouse enjoyed a fantastic Joe Dolan Tribute Show. Another brilliant fundraiser organised by our Sport and Social Club. The Sold-Out event was enjoyed by those present.
- Saturday 3rd August – Cobh Ramblers Sports and Social Club hosted 'Clover'- One of Ireland's Premier Ballad Group, another hugely successful night was had and we thank the Social group for their continued efforts, they are greatly appreciated by all the board of CRFC.



We would encourage all members to follow the Social Club's Facebook page to keep up to date and indeed support their future efforts.



Car Wash:

On Saturday 27th July together with Applegreen we hosted a car wash in association with the Irish Youth Foundation. The day proved a great success with volunteers, board members, senior and academy players/coaches chipping in to ensure a fantastic day was had by all. We would like to thank all those who helped us on the day and also to all those who donated. This was another step forward in trying to bring the Cobh Ramblers back to the community.



A big thank you to Applegreen Cobh for providing their facilities to enable us to run the event.

Also, a special thank you to Willie Kane who organised the event and also Dave Fleming, Michael O' Donovan, John McCarthy and Billy O' Leary (board members) who worked tirelessly on the day.

Cope Foundation Soccer Match

On the same day as our Car Wash, players from our Academy teams and Cope's football team took part in a soccer match in St. Colman's Park. Supporters on the day were treated to a thrilling encounter, where both teams played fantastic football resulting in 16 goals being shared 8 apiece. A penalty shootout was needed to separate the teams on the day. The Cope Foundation Team comina out victorious followina the shootout.

A big thank you to Thomas Stafford (Club volunteer), Bob Donovan (Club Ambassador), Timmy O' Shea (Club Sports and Social Member), James O' Donoghue, Nigel Carter, and James O' Donovan (Board Members) who were on site on the day to ensure the day ran smoothly. Also, a big thank you to Senior Manager Stuart Ashton, who was on hand to present the awards on the day, and the Senior Team players who gave of their time to support both events.





Upcoming Events:

Ground Clean Up

As Part of our continued efforts to improve our home ground and enhance the matchday experience at St. Colman's Park, a number of our board members were busy over the weekend in preparation for the visit of table toppers Shelbourne. Our thanks to Midleton Skip Hire and John Walsh Group for their assistance in helping us clean up our ground.



C4F Clean up initiative:

Following on from Cobh4Footballs work with Springfield Ramblers last weekend. C4F will be joining forces with Cobh Ramblers in some tidy up works at St Colemans Park this week ahead of next weekend's huge FAI Cup weekend.

We are looking for any willing volunteers to help with the upgrade of facilities and clean up operation. Work will take place Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evening at 7pm each night.

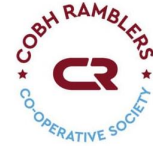
All and any help would be greatly appreciated and will go a long way to ensuring a great weekend for the town when Limerick come to town Friday night to take on Cobh Wanderers, followed by Dundalk taking on Cobh Ramblers on Saturday night.

We would like to take this opportunity to convey our thanks to Cobh4Football for their generous offer of assistance with the clean-up and we would especially like to thank all those who have offered their services already.

This is a special occasion for our town, and we appreciate all efforts in making sure it's a memorable occasion for all.



Upcoming Events



Cobh Ramblers Fantasy Football

Code: e2zf81

€10 Entry. Fee must be paid by 1st September.

Plenty of prizes to be won throughout the season.



St Colman's Park presents
Cobh's FAI Cup Weekend

Friday August 9th
Cobh Wanderers
V Limerick FC. 7PM
Randridge

POST-MATCH ENTERTAINMENT
FRIDAY: TONY O'DONOVAN
SATURDAY: CODE RED

Saturday August 10th
Cobh Ramblers
V Dundalk FC. 7PM
FOTA ISLAND RESORT



In the coming weeks we have plenty of objectives, all of which will be included in our next edition. Below is an outline of just some of the actions we intend to take to improve the club.

The hard work as always never stops and in the upcoming weeks we have a number of tasks in which we will be working on. In two weeks' time we plan to visit the FAI in Abbotstown for an initial kick off meeting with a delegation of the new board attending for a 3/4 hour workshop. There will be a number of items on the agenda, financing, budgeting, and ground ownership to name a few. We hope this will be the start for the club to maintain good structuring and financial stability ahead of 2020 licensing which is only a number of months away.

We also aim to work on a "club blueprint/code of conduct" for all future players, coaches, members and management. We will look to create a club ethos and culture that all teams and individuals involved in the club will adhere to but also it will give us a platform and clear principals of what we want the club to represent at all levels. This is still at a very early stage so the sufficient time and structure will be given in order to make this as strong and efficient as possible.

Our recruitment process for a new first team manager is in its final stages and will conclude in the coming weeks. In conjunction with this we will also be advertising for a new academy director in the coming months which will be appointed for the 2020 academy season.



As we conclude our first edition of the 'Rambler' Co-Op Newsletter, we, the board of Cobh Ramblers, would like to thank each and every one of you for your continued support, it is as always greatly appreciated.

We feel we have come a long way in our short tenure but there is so much more to do, but we look forward with excitement on this new chapter at our great club.

We ask you to continue speaking highly of the club and promote the club in a positive manner as we can achieve anything when working together, bring a friend to the next game, suggest buying a jersey, take out a membership, help with the ad-hoc jobs around the ground all these small things make a massive difference.

As a community we will succeed together and the early sign of this is that Cobh Ramblers has a great future and that is down to you, the members, supporters, players, staff and management for your hard work and support. Let's continue to move forward together, one step at a time.

From the board of Cobh Ramblers, we wish you all well and let's look to the future with positivity and ambition.

See you all soon at St. Colman's Park.

Yours in sport,

Board of Cobh Ramblers

