



# Leinster Cricket Club

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## TAVERNERS

Match Number & Date	Opponents	1 <sup>st</sup> Innings	2 <sup>nd</sup> Innings	Result
<b>YEAR 2016</b>				
7. 29 <sup>th</sup> July	Architects(H)	Archt - 99	LCC - 100	Won by 1 Wkt.
8. 5 <sup>th</sup> August	Malahide (H)	LCC - 116	Malahide - 117	Lost by 6 Wkts
9. 19 <sup>th</sup> August	YMCA(H)	YMCA - 77	LCC - 81	Won by 4 Wkts
10. 26 <sup>th</sup> August	Greystones	LCC - 111	Greystone - 114	Lost by 2 Wkts
11. Squad		Team 1 - 130	Team 2 - 91	Won by 23 runs!
<b>YEAR 2017</b>				
1. 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Rathgar Ramblers	LCC - 104	Rathgar Ramblers - 108	Lost by 5 Wkts
2. 25 <sup>th</sup> May	RTE	RTE - 148	LCC - 135	Lost by 13 runs
3. 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Squad	Niall Carroll - 130	Marty Block - 87	Carroll by 43 runs

Above is a table showing games from 15<sup>th</sup> Sept 2016 to the current season, and to 19<sup>th</sup> May 2017.

This was because I was unable to do the Christmas bulletin and could not let my readers be disappointed by being unable to read the second part of the 2016 matches.

### General Comments

Results of matches reported – excluding Squad matches: Played 6 lost 4. 2017 much worse than last 4 of 2016. Taverners Christmas lunch intervened – this outing must be reconsidered as it seems to have a deleterious effect on our play!

### Specific Comments

Match 7 - Three wickets taken and 20 by Ringrose (the uncle not the father!) This was sufficient to beat

an Architect's team clearly rattled by Nama.

Match 8 - Three 20s not enough to blunt Malahide - Clearly glad to be away from Cricket Ireland.

Match 9 - Three 20s giving great result here.

Match 10 - 20s by T.D. and Godders not enough to squeeze a victory despite wickets by Carroll and Palmer.

Match 1 - Only one 20 by LCC matched by 3 from RTE – despite good wickets from the evergreen Palmer and the effervescent Dingle.

Match 2 - Four 20s for each team and one wicket apiece – must be in the fielding!

That's it folks – as the cartoon movie says.

*Pat Banahan*

## TABLE TENNIS



The Table Tennis Leinster League annual prize presentation was hosted by our club on 5<sup>th</sup> May. There was an excellent turnout for the event and we featured heavily in the collection of trophies. Each of our three teams that participated in leagues were victorious.



Aengus Benson (Chairman of Leinster Table Tennis League and Secretary of Leinster Cricket Club, Table Tennis Section) presents Derek Keegan, Michael Hanton and Geraud De Larquier, who collectively make up Leinster's third team, with their prize for joint individual winners and League cup.



Aengus Benson presents Bernard Maloney and Yingje Qi, from Leinster's first team, with their prizes for winning their cup competition.



Aengus Benson of Leinster's second team being presented with the league winners cup by Terri McKeown, Leinster League Secretary. Missing from this photo from Leinster was Philip McDermott and Ken Ellis.

Table tennis continues through the summer, in the Bowlers pavilion, on Thursday nights. Contact Aengus Benson on 087-2247790 or Bernard Maloney on 087-4183692 for details.

*Aengus Benson*

## TENNIS

### Open Week

This year's Open was a massive success all round with 260 entrants in total. It ran from Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> April, to the following Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> April. Having the finals night on a Friday was well received by all and it contributed to an incredible atmosphere in the bar and throughout the club. We provided free hospitality, in terms of sandwiches, cocktail sausages and pizza, and this lent itself to a convivial atmosphere in the club throughout the week.

A thoroughly great time was had by all. Special thanks must go to the organiser of the tournament, Dave O'Grady, for without his hard work and effort the event would not have been possible. The tennis section would also like to extend its thanks to Jackie Duignan who presented the winners with beautifully engraved towels which were very much appreciated. The tennis section would also just like to thank all of its sponsors for the support in making the event such a success.

# (Tennis continued)

## Summer League

The Men's Captain, Graham Law, and the Ladies Captain, Anne Byrne, have each entered three teams this year in to the summer league. So far, the teams are battling away and doing the club proud against fierce opposition. The support of members making tea, coffee, sandwiches and cakes when Leinster have been hosting opposing teams has been commendable and a special thanks must be given to the volunteers who make this happen.

Anne Byrne has given us the up to date results for the ladies with the LCC 1 Ladies on 9 points and the LCC 2 Ladies on 8 points. A big well done for all of their hard effort! Anne would also like to add a special thank you to the LCC 3 Ladies who have welcomed so many new players to league this year and who have done the club very proud indeed.

We hope that they enjoyed the experience, even if results went against them. Thank you, ladies, for participating in Summer League. You are all a credit to our tennis club and well done. Being part of the club is something we all can achieve even outside of the league. Why not come down to social tennis every Thursday evening from 7:30pm, and join in with some great tennis and fun in the bar afterwards?

## Open Day

To encourage new membership, the Tennis Committee, along with its reliable volunteers, held an Open Day for potential new members on Sunday afternoon, the 18<sup>th</sup> of June. Attendees were invited to hit a few balls and get to know the club and some of our warm and hospitable members.

Despite the scorching weather possibly discouraging potential guests from attending, the event still attracted approximately twenty-five attendees, primarily through the use of the 'Meet Up' group which turned out to be a great success. After everybody was signed in, they got a chance to hit a tennis ball around for a while, before a quick doubles competition was organised. Everybody enjoyed their day in the sun and we hope that we will see an increase in the number of members as a result of our successful open day.

## Leaflet Dropping Promoting New Members

On Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June, Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> June and Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> June, Leinster Tennis Committee members and volunteers from the club have handed leaflets out and will be going door to door handing out more, promoting new membership (both Junior and Senior) for the club. The volunteers are focusing on the nearby areas surrounding Rathmines and aim to hand out a few thousand leaflets, in all, to hopefully generate some interest in joining the club.

Coupled with our drive for new members on our Open Day, we are firmly committed to developing the tennis section over the next few years. We see the increase in players as a benefit to not only the quality of games that will be available for all members of all levels, but also the increased atmosphere and social scene that our club has been, and still is, famous for.

## Supervised Summer Tennis

Dave O'Grady will be coordinating a Summer Supervised Tennis event running throughout July and August for junior members and non-members at special and very reasonable rates. The juniors will be supervised from about 10am to 1pm on Mondays to Fridays and hopefully this will add to the interest in increasing our junior section. Further details of this and more events will be promoted within the coming weeks.

*Donnacha Kehoe*

# SQUASH



We had eight league teams this year: Four men's teams and one ladies' team in the Leinster Leagues, with one Veterans team and two Saturday League teams. In the league, our top performers were Gerry Hand's Veterans team, who won Division 2. Our first and second teams also did well, both coming second in their divisions. For a while our first team looked like winning the Premier League, and if they had had a full team every week they certainly would have, but missed out by a few points in the end.



In the cup competitions we were less successful, failing to get to any finals despite some hard-fought battles. Even our league-winning veteran's team was defeated by the handicapping system.

In the All-Ireland Club Championships, we had hopes of winning our way to the European Club Championships for the second time, but lost out narrowly to Fitzwilliam. Our disappointment was only

slightly reduced by relief at not having to raise more funds to send the team abroad again.



Following the success of our court refurbishment, we needed to raise our share of the cost of replacing the lights. Our raffle held for this purpose was, after a slow start, outstandingly successful. A big thanks to all who supported it. We now have courts of a standard comparable to any in the country. However, we still hope to do some work to improve viewing from the balcony.



Membership remains more or less stable since last year with, as always, some leaving and others arriving. Currently we have 80 on the men's ladder and 13 on the ladies'. Hopefully our revived courts may encourage further newcomers.



Our club championship finals were held on March 16th and were a great success with an entry of 27 in 3 divisions. Winning through as club champion once again was Sean Conroy, though only after a hard fight with Sam Olwill, while Sean's brother Michael won the plate. In the 2<sup>nd</sup> division, Mark Nolan overcame Seamus Daly in a tough fight, with Gerry Hand winning the plate. Finally, Jorge del Rio beat Bosco Hogan in the C section in another 5-setter, with Veronica Brogan winning the plate. A long night's celebration followed, by all accounts finishing in the not so early hours of the morning, though the Secretary was long in bed by then.



*Alan Sheehy-Skeffington*

## YOUTH CRICKET

Welcome to the 2017 Youth Cricket Season. May started wonderfully with lots of sunshine. The Sunday mornings have been incredible on the ground with an upgraded coaching programme (ages 6-9) run by Stephen Kenealy, with the assistance of a number of our U15 girls plus Declan O'Brien and Guy Satchwell. At one session, there were 11 -13 volunteer coaches. It has been fantastic and the ground has seen up to 150 youth attending all the sessions on Sunday mornings. Thanks to Colette and all the helpers, young and younger, who are keeping the shop running on the Sunday morning to cater for all the thirsty cricketers. The U11 boys are going as strong as ever and thanks to the "Give it a Blast" day, the girls section is revitalised. Unfortunately, going to press we are still awaiting the start of the Academy due to rain delays but a wonderful programme of cricket under our Youth Coaching coordinator, Rob O'Connor, is prepared and ready to go.

This year we introduced a Youth Booklet, which provides information for those new to the club and also for existing members. Copies are available from the office. In addition, our LCC Youth summer schedule and details of our Cricket Summer Camp (and registration form), which is running during the week 3<sup>rd</sup> July – 7<sup>th</sup> July 2017, are also available.

We look forward to improved weather and great cricket for the remainder of the summer.

### **Give It a Blast – Cricket4girls**

Faced with declining numbers in the girls' cricket section, Rob O'Connor and Alison Crawford put their heads together in late 2016 to see if they could encourage primary school girls to take up the sport. An outline plan for a free "girls only" event called "Give It a Blast" was presented to the Youth Section committee in December 2016 and received their unanimous and enthusiastic support.

Rob designed a "Give It a Blast" logo, set up a website called [www.giveitablast.com](http://www.giveitablast.com) and promoted the day via Facebook and twitter. Rob and Vanessa Kelada organised taster sessions in local schools and we got local sports clubs to publicise the upcoming event. Cricket Leinster lent us their colourful Cricket Factory equipment for the younger girls to use. Fyffes and Morton's Supermarket came on board as sponsors to help make it happen.

A total of 65 girls registered online prior to the event, so around 45 to 50 girls were expected on the day. We were stunned when a whopping 126 girls showed up (aged from 3 to 15) with 110 trying out cricket for the first time. Thankfully, the weather was fine, despite it being the 1<sup>st</sup> of April.



We had 13 different activities on offer involving batting, throwing, catching and continuous cricket, as well as a bouncy obstacle course. Over half of the ground was filled with girls laughing and having great fun in a 'boys free' zone. There was a fantastic buzz, with the older girls, women members and parents helping out with the activities, as well as serving tea and coffee and greeting the mums and dads.

Each girl went home with an "Incredi" ball with the Club crest and the Give It a Blast logo on it, while one lucky girl won two tickets to see Justin Bieber, courtesy of Alison's firm, Joynt & Crawford.

The energy generated by the event has continued into the start of the season, with a large increase in the number of girls attending Sunday morning training (U11s up over 100%). Vanessa Kelada, Una Raymond Hoey and Valmai Gee (and helpers from the girls' section) have taken charge of the U11s and U13s and the feedback has been very positive. The Under 9s (A.K.A. the Leinster Lions) run by Stephen Kenealy, Declan O'Brien and helpers have also received a boost with about 50 boys and girls taking part every Sunday. Registrations for girls are up 50% already on last year so the future for the girls' section is looking bright.

### *Youth Committee*

## **BOWLS**

Our season started on a very sad note with the passings of our esteemed President Mr. Jack McCarthy, our honorary life member, Mrs Pat Burke, and our long-time member Ruby Dervan. May they rest in peace.

Unfurling Day, 1<sup>st</sup> of April, saw Lorcan Finn installed as President after the sad death of Jack McCarthy. After the flag was raised there was a short-mixed rinks competition, followed by sandwiches in the bar. Open Day, 8<sup>th</sup> of April, was a beautiful sunny day which showed the club at it best and resulted in new members for both the ladies and men's sections.

### **Ladies League 2017**

Division 1 are in 6<sup>th</sup> place. Division 3 are in 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Division 4 are struggling a little and the Saturday League are in 2<sup>nd</sup> place.

### **Men's League 2017**

Division 1 are in 8<sup>th</sup> place, Division 4 are in 9<sup>th</sup> place, and the VETS are in 6<sup>th</sup> place

### **LBLI Competition**

Mary Kenny and Pat MacDonagh are through to the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of the singles. Mary Kenny and Pat MacDonagh, Annette Finn and Anne O' Herlihy and Claire Johns and Alice McMullen are through to the second round of the pairs. Annette, Pat and Claire's teams are through to the second round of the rinks. Mary Keating and Maura Donovan are through to the second round of the Junior pairs. Anne Fitzgerald is through to the second round of junior singles.

### **Men's Results**

Robbie Meany and Noel Roche won their first Boyd match. Paul Smyth rinks in the O' Leary won their match and Lorcan, Tony and Peter won their match in the Baird Cup.

Paul and Thomas having won the IBA pairs will now represent us in the BIBC championship in Belmont playing against England on 29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> June, 2017. We all wish them every success.

President and Captains Day is scheduled for Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2017 at 3 pm, followed by dinner in the function room.

### **Maura Donovan**

## MENS CRICKET

The first part of the season has been difficult to say the least. On a positive note, there has been an influx of new players which has been very heartening. This influx has been spread throughout the teams from the First XI to the Sixth XI.

On the field, results have not been so promising, with a lot of players, especially the youth, unavailable in May. Captains struggled to get out full strength teams. The Firsts, captained by JP, started brightly with a fine victory over Cork County, however, subsequent defeats to Coleraine, Railway Union (both cup matches), Clontarf and Phoenix have clearly demonstrated the challenges we will face this year to remain in Division 1.

The Seconds, led by Peter Johnson, and ably assisted by Dave Lucas, have been the one successful team to date. They remain unbeaten in the league, with good performances throughout the team. As players return, this should increase both the strength of the Firsts and Seconds. Another positive note for the future is the performances of Patrick Lynch and Finn Conaty for the Seconds.

The other teams have struggled. Due to work commitments, Chris Small had to stand down as captain of the 3rds. I would like to thank Chris for his hard work and dedication and would also like to wish his replacement, Will Rolfe, all the best for the season. Mick Scully has put in Trojan work, helping to field teams for the Thirds and Fourths respectively and I would like to acknowledge this.

The dearth of youth players in May has hindered the progress of the above teams but this should be rectified now as the exams come to an end. Ciaran Casserly and Bob Cramp have worked very hard as well to field 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> teams. The 5ths, although winless, were very unlucky not to have beaten Civil Service IIIs with the rain intervening to save Civil Service. The 6ths enjoyed a confidence boosting victory over Ashbourne IIs in the cup.

The Development XI is about to start its campaign and under the guidance of Guy Satchwell it should provide a very good pathway to Men's cricket for our emerging youth players.

Finally, a word of congratulations to Gareth Delany on his selection for the Leinster Lightning team – a great honour and well-deserved. His exploits for the Irish Universities recently, with a knock of 125 runs off 87 balls, underlie his talent. Well done Gareth.

*Stephen Tonge*

## LADIES CRICKET

This year's season has been a mixed bag so far with some tough losses in the Cup for the 1s and 2s, to YM and Merrion respectively, with close games in both cases. The 3s remain optimistic after receiving a bye through to the 2nd round of the cup, eagerly waiting to see who they will play.

In the league, our 1s have had a tough start with a questionable light call leading to a loss on DL to Merrion and a down to the wire win against Malahide.

The 2s recovered well from the cup loss and followed up with a domineering win over Phoenix. The 3s have won all games thus far, with some notably close calls against Pembroke and Greystones coming down to the last over in both cases.

While it has not been the smoothest of starts for all teams in terms of wins, the dedication throughout the winter training shows clearly in the confidence each team shows when playing, and I have no doubt there are many more wins coming Leinster's way this season.

Some notable additions to the club: huge welcome to Mary Kate and Ruby joining us from Phoenix and North Kildare. Two highly talented players who have been invaluable in all games they have played to date.

Lastly, congratulations are in order for Ava Canning who scored her first 50 against Pembroke and to Sophie MacMahon on her 2nd 50 against Merrion as well. Many more to come!

Thanks,

*Stephanie Woods*

# NOTICEBOARD

## \*Attention Youth members\*

**2 x €120 VOUCHERS FOR TICKETMASTER TO BE WON for teens!**

Rory's July summer camp for over 11's – starting 11<sup>th</sup> July for 3 weeks only – Mondays & Thursdays

### Post-Academy Tennis and Squash for Over 13's

Following cricket academy training sessions on Mondays and Thursdays, we will be giving the academy attendees the chance to stick around and take part in some fun tennis and squash competitions.



The camp will be overseen by our brilliant intern Rory Keegan, UCD student of BSC Business and Sports & Exercise Management. Participants will also get the chance to be coached by top squash coach, and member, Michael Conroy.



The camp runs from 1.45 – 3.30 so participants will have time for a quick lunchbreak after the academy (bring your lunch or money with you)!

There will be prize draw for participation each day with an overall grand raffle at the end for all students who attend 2 or more sessions. We have two Ticketmaster vouchers for €120 each up for grabs for the lucky winners at the end of the 6 sessions.

This is a free event but early registration is recommended as there is a limit on numbers. Contact Rory on 'internlccsports@gmail.com'.

This will NOT run during the week of the Cricket Camp.

### Cricket camp 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> July – ages 9 plus

Our popular summer cricket camp starts next week on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July until Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July 9.30am - 1pm. Places are limited and are filling up so please register your child by completing the form and arranging payment with the office in person or by calling 01 4972428 between 9.30am and 2.30pm this week.

This is a great skill building opportunity for our young cricketers and also a lot of fun!

€100 for members. Non-member friends also welcome at €125. Ages 9+.

### LCC Tennis - Supervised Tennis ages 7-13

We are hosting supervised summer tennis for ages 7-13 every weekday between 10am and 1pm beginning on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July and running until 18<sup>th</sup> August. Daily and weekly packages are available with a season ticket for the whole summer at the bargain price of €100 for members.

This camp is also available to non-members.

Contact David O' Grady for more details on 086-8505200 or [davidaograde@gmail.com](mailto:davidaograde@gmail.com)

### Cricket Academy

The Cricket Academy is ongoing (with a break next week for the Cricket Summer Camp) Mondays and Thursdays 10-1pm.