



KNOCKLYON UTD. FOOTBALL CLUB

What a night!!! Knocklyon United's fundraising event, 'The Cube' took place on May 15th in Club 92 Leopardstown. Kieron O'Flaherty of our Saturday U13 Major team was our very worthy winner, collecting the €2,500 prize money for his chosen charity, Breast Cancer Ireland. We had a great turnout on the night from right across our Club, with managers, parents and senior players all taking part. Congratulations also to Caroline Power on winning the top prize in our raffle which was generously provided by Dave Barber of DB Sports, travel partner to Knocklyon United. Caroline's prize includes flights, accommodation and tickets to a match in Barcelona later in the year. We also raised some much needed funds to help us improve our Delaford facility. With thanks to Darren Costello for helping us host our event - although there wasn't much he could do about some of the dancing - a lot of our managers are better on the football pitch we think!



Team News

John McNamee, manager of our Sunday LSL Major team is happy with how his players have performed this season. Assisted by **Jimmy Pakenham** and **Noel Gaughran**, John says, 'the majority of these players are together since their school days. They have gone from schoolboy football to the Leinster Senior League, Major Division Sunday - the brink of LSL Intermediate Football.' Over the past 5 seasons, the team has been crowned Premier 1 Sunday champions and have gained promotion each season, only losing 2 League Cup Finals on penalty shoot-outs. This season, the team reached the final of the Tom Cullen Cup. The goal for next season is promotion to intermediate football - we wish them the best of luck!

Congratulations!

It was announced at last month's Dublin District Schoolboy League AGM that previous PRO with Knocklyon United, **Mick Kennedy** has been appointed as Vice-Chairman of the DDSL. The DDSL caters for up to 19,000 players from u8 to u18 and is the biggest school-boy league in Europe. Mick has been with the DDSL for four years as fixture secretary for SSG teams and had served with Knocklyon United as PRO for 15 years. Mick, together with another previous KUFC manager **Peter Fullerton**, looks after the DDSL SSG which caters for nearly 800 teams from u8 to u12. Mick and Peter have introduced several new initiatives, particularly at u8 & u9 level, which were adopted by the FAI for all leagues throughout Ireland.

Mick & Peter also co-ordinate the u11 & u12 on behalf of the DDSL/FAI in the Emerging Talent Program which coaches players from u11 to u14 and is a new development for the DDSL. The players who take part are given top coaching from the FAI coaches and taught every aspect of the game.

We know Mick & Peter will continue to assist Knocklyon United in the future and congratulate them on their success.

More Team News

On May 17th our **Sunday U13-1 team** completed the DDSL League and Cup double beating St. Kevin's Boys at the AUL complex. According to managers **Derek Kennedy** and **Gary Wickham**, this was a fantastic achievement but nothing the boys didn't deserve. 'Aside from being talented and committed footballers, they are a joy to work with. Their parents should be very proud of them,' says Gary. Derek and Gary would also like to thank coach Alan Kelly for his work with the boys all year and the boys' parents as they feel the team's success would not be possible without the support of the families.

Presentation Day / Trial dates

Club Presentation day this year will take place on Friday June 26th from 6-8pm in St. Colmcille's Community School hall. We're looking forward to presenting our 'Player of the Year' awards, junior & senior 'Goalkeeper of the Year' awards and of course presenting the silverware to our teams who did so well in their Cup and League games - it'll be a busy few hours!

Also, keep an eye on our website and Facebook page for details of our trials in July.

Don't forget our Mini World Cup is running in Ballycullen from June 15th - 21st Thanks to everyone connected with our great Club for all their work, help and support this season. Enjoy the summer, we look forward to welcoming you all back in September!