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Presidents Corner

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During last season we issued a Questionnaire to all members of the ARLB and the response was excellent. One of the topics raised was communications and with that in mind we decided to issue a Newsletter every second month. Danny, Robert and Alfie have kindly agreed to run with it and it is hoped to issue it every second month with the next edition to be published early August. Please give them your full support. Feedback is important and your contribution to future editions very welcome.

Attached to the newsletter are the results of the questionnaire and as promised at the time all the people who responded would be put into a draw and the winner to get a meal voucher for €100. I am

pleased to announce the winner is Paul Beggy.

Another item to emerge from the questionnaire was the need for summer fitness programs. It is hoped to have something up on the website on that shortly. I would encourage all active referees to have some program and plan in place.

May I take this opportunity to thank Rev Dermot Murray who was responsible for publication of our original newsletter. Dermot has moved to back to Munster and we in the ARLB wish him well

To all members enjoy the summer and let's get ready for the season ahead.

Norman.

Welcome to Go Whistle

Welcome to the new edition of 'Go Whistle' - the ARLB's official newsletter. We welcome Norman Camier (Terenure College RFC) as President for the 2007/08 seasons and also thank Terry Doyle on the wonderful job he did last year. Senior Vice President Brian Pender and

Junior Vice President Jerome J Counihan will ably assist Norman.

A big thanks you to Robbie Doyle who is stepping down from his position as Sponsorship and Gear Manager for the Association. Robbie has put in an immense effort

securing sponsorship from Subaru, Kukri and Eden Park and over seeing the ordering and sorting of the gear for the last number of seasons. Robbie has handed his duties over to Kevin Beggs and Dan Wallace.



News Flash

Leinster News

Leinster Rugby are actively seeking Fitness Coaches and a Head Coach for the Women's team – more info on www.leinsterrugby.ie

IRFU Tag Rugby is well under way in Old Belvedere, Suttonians and Greystones. See www.irfutag.ie

Alan Lewis Referees ERC Final

Well done to the ARLB's Alan Lewis on his great display at the Heineken Cup Final on Sunday May 20th in Twickenham. Alan was ably assisted by Alain Rolland also of the ARLB, Simon McDowell of USR, and Peter Fitzgibbon of MAR.

Also we could not forget Dave Mc Hugh T.M.O. he has acted as T.M.O. for the 2 semis and final what an achievement what a man.

Eden Park

"Barry O'Keefe has been selected for the 2007/08 AIL Panel"

Referee News

ARLB Refs for WORLD Cup

Both Alan Lewis and Alain Rolland from the Association have been selected by the IRB to officiate at this summer Rugby World Cup in France. We wish them well. Well before it all kicks off in France Alain will take charge of South Africa v New Zealand

in Durban on June 23rd and France v England on August 18th in Marseille. Alan will take charge of England v France a week before in London.

A.I.L. Referees.

We would like to congratulate Barry O Keffe on his selection

to the panel for season 2007.08. To Dudley Phillips congratulations on his promotion to level 3. Also to Des Woods who will continue to referee and Andrew Baird who have given such great service to A.I.L. and who now will assist in the coaching of our young referees.

Committee 2007/08

At the recent AGM the following executive was elected:

President: Norman Camier

Senior Vice President: Brian Pender

Junior Vice President: Jerome Counihan

Honorary Secretary: Alfie Acheson

Honorary Treasurer: Brendan Lynch

Regional Representatives:

Midlands L Conlon, Nth East J Walker, Midlands B Conroy, Sth East C Cullinan, Nth Dublin G. Ferrick, Sth C O'Brien

Active Referees: K Beggs, D Wallace

Former Referees: D McCabe, S Mallin

Others:

T DeLacy Branch Rep. T Applin. IRFU Rep.

We welcome the two new Provincial area Reps Brendan and Cormac. We would also encourage the Dublin members to contact the reps for their areas. The ARLB would like to see more of our active referees getting involved in the ARLB at committee level.

AIL Golf Outing and Upcoming Events

This years outing was held in Glasson Golf and Country Club Athlone.

40 played golf and 45 sat down for the meal that evening.

Great to see a big turn out from Leinster lead by Terry Doyle and Brendan Lynch.

The Railway Union team C. O'Brien J.Clancy won the Spencer Cup after a close contest with the Seapoint team D. Collins B. Montayne. Return match next season same venue. All welcome.

Upcoming Events

The annual pre season seminar will take place on August 19th in old Belvedere RFC

We will have 3 Main Seminars this season

All dates will appear on Website shortly.

Website News

The website will be updated on the 1st week of every month starting June 2007. If someone wants to have an article placed on the Website please forward to Alfie Acheson alfieacheson@eircom.net before last Thursday of the month. Please do not forward articles direct to J.Montayne he will only input info from the communication committee.



Law Tidbits

A memo has gone out from Paddy O'Brien, the International Rugby Board's refereeing manager, on practical matters regarding the application of the Laws of the Game. This includes the new law on the engagement procedure at scrums.

The referee to make the

mark for the scrum and when teams are assembling he is to call CROUCH. Both teams are to form in the Crouch position immediately after this call. The Referee may then call TOUCH PAUSE Simultaneously. (Please note he is not to say "Touch and Pause" but must stick to the law of "TOUCH

PAUSE").

Once the referee is satisfied that the touch has been completed satisfactorily then he will call ENGAGE.

Get busy practicing and discuss it on the website.

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Photo



Gerry Mahers fiancée Ann is clearly not taken with Kevin Beggs refereeing style at the Towns Cup Final

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