



**Big welcome to the 2017/2018 Season and this edition of the
Loreto Leader Newsletter**

PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

Hi everybody,

Let me start by welcoming everyone back to the new season, both returning members and new members. It's been great to see so many of you at training and coaching each week. It's set to be an exciting season in Loreto as our 1sts will again be participating in the All Ireland EYHL and our 2nds-6ths teams that will take part in Leinster League and Cup competitions. Our fantastic Vets will again do us proud in their VET's League. Best of luck to all our coaches and managers over the coming season. I am delighted to have such high calibre coaches throughout the Club namely Paul Fitz, Ian Clarke, Cathy McKean, Ali Meeke, Stu Ronan and Niamh Kinsilla.

I am delighted that "Dello & Grealy" have agreed to be your Club Captains this season and I look forward to working closely with them. You could not have two better Captains, both are super longstanding players, who are highly regarded and who are passionate about everything in the club.

Special mention to Caroline Sharkey for the super work she continues to do in our Junior Club. Our Junior section is now recognised as being one of the largest and best run Junior Clubs in Leinster. Best wishes to all the Junior Coaches, Managers, Volunteer Parents, Class Coordinators etc. who all work extremely hard behind the scenes. Loreto are very lucky to have such great people giving their time and talents to the club. Special Congrats also to all our 2nd class players who play their first ever hockey blitz last Sunday, they were all so brilliant, so cute and so so excited!!

Social secretary, Caroline Moran has had a very busy start to her season firstly, she organised the Opening Day BBQ in Sept, and then organised last week's successful "bag-packing" fundraiser in SuperValu Ballinteer. Also in September, Caroline got engaged to Brendan Tracy on a whirlwind trip to Mexico. Congrats Caroline, all in the club are thrilled for you both.

The list of Loreto player getting Irish representative honours just continues to grow. In the past few months Hannah Matthews and Ali Meeke added to their International caps when they competed in the European Championships in Amsterdam. At U21 level Hannah McLoughlin and Sarah Torrains played brilliantly in Valencia and congrats to Paul Fitz who was the assistant Coach for the U21's. Earlier in the summer the Irish U18 played in the European Championship in Terrassa in Spain and Loreto were well represented by Captain Sarah Torrains, Christina Hamill, Siofra O'Brien and Caitlin Sheerin .

Recently Loreto players Ali Meeke, Hannah Mc Loughlin, Sarah Torrains and Jessica McGirr were all called up to the Irish Senior team to play in a three match series against Scotland, – congrats to all, everybody in Loreto is so proud of you.

We are still waiting to hear, if our joint Sport Capital Grant Application (between the Club and Loreto Beaufort) to part fund the replacement of a new pitch is successful. We are very thankful to Minister Katherine Zappone for all the support and backing she has given us. Finally I just want to say a massive "Thank you" to everybody on our Executive Committee for the great work and commitment you have all put in to making Loreto the great club it is.

Regards

Bronwyn O'Donnell
President – Loreto Hockey Club

SUBS DUE!

SUBS SEASON 2017/2018

- **Full Member** - €370
- **Student Member** - €240
- **Schoolgirl Member** - €170
- **Extra/Part-time Member** - €175 for 8 games and €10 per game thereafter
- **Junior Member** - €165 and €10 discount for each additional sibling
- **Vet Member** - €80
- **Supporters Club Member** - €20



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INCOMING COMMITTEE 17/18

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Fixtures Secretary - Noreen O'Riordan

Children's Officer - Claire O'Hanlon

Child Protection Officer - Suzanne Graham

Correspondence - Nicola Swan

CAPTAINS 17/18

1sts - Hannah Matthews

2nds - Mary Harkin

3rds - Linda Jenkinson

4ths - Jill Barton

5ths - Anna Land

6ths - Nicola Swan

MONDAY NIGHT SESSIONS

Monday Trainings

Don't forget that training for 3rds - 6ths teams takes place Monday evenings at 7.15pm. Coach Stu Ronan will put you through your paces with a great session of a mixture of fitness and core work to make you an all-round better player, and make that post-match recovery much less painful! The sessions have been going brilliantly so far so make sure to pop down and join in!

THE SEASON SO FAR....

FIRSTS

LEAGUE TABLE EY HOCKEY LEAGUE - WOMEN

Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals For	Goals Agst	Goal Diff	Points
Pegasus	2	1	1	0	7	2	5	4
Loreto Hockey Club	2	1	1	0	5	1	4	4
Ards	2	1	1	0	3	2	1	4
Cork Harlequins	2	1	1	0	3	2	1	4
UCD	2	1	0	1	7	3	4	3
Belfast Harlequins	2	1	0	1	4	8	-4	3
Trinity College	2	1	0	1	3	7	-4	3
Railway Union	2	0	2	0	2	2	0	2
Pembroke Wanderers	2	0	0	2	2	4	-2	0
Monkstown	2	0	0	2	2	7	-5	0

After what seemed like an eternity the firsts finally kicked off our EYHL campaign. Although we were gutted not to be welcoming back our old pal Lizzie for the opening game of the season we put the heads down and ground out a solid point with a 1-1 draw against Railway. The following weekend we improved again and put in a great performance against Monkstown, winning 4-0. Goals from young ones Síofra and Mia and aul ones Smallie and Ali!

SECONDS

LEAGUE TABLE LADIES DIV 2 LEAGUE

Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goal Diff	Points
Naas 1st	2	2	0	0	6	0	6	6
Railway Union 2nd	2	2	0	0	4	0	4	6
Loreto 2nd	2	1	1	0	6	4	2	4
UCD 2nd	2	1	1	0	4	2	2	4
Pembroke Wanderers 2nd	2	1	1	0	4	3	1	4
Bray 1st	2	0	1	1	2	3	-1	1
YMCA 1st	2	0	1	1	2	4	-2	1
Old Alexandra 2nd	2	0	1	1	1	4	-3	1
Three Rock Rovers 1st	2	0	0	2	2	5	-3	0
Monkstown 2nd	2	0	0	2	2	8	-6	0

The seconds are off to a flying start this season, remaining unbeaten and hoping to build on last weekend's impressive win. An away win against Monkstown earned a well-deserved three points. This combined with their league opener draw against Bray gives great momentum to the team, who are looking forward to their matches ahead!

THIRDS

LEAGUE TABLE LADIES DIV 3 LEAGUE

Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goal Diff	Points
Muckross 2nd	2	2	0	0	8	0	8	6
Pembroke Wanderers 3rd	2	2	0	0	5	0	5	6
UCD 3rd	2	1	1	0	5	3	2	4
Suttonians 1st	2	1	1	0	4	2	2	4
Avoca 2nd	2	1	0	1	2	4	-2	3
Loreto 3rd	2	0	2	0	2	2	0	2
Genesis 2nd	2	0	1	1	1	3	-2	1
Railway Union 3rd	2	0	1	1	1	5	-4	1
Dublin North 1st	2	0	0	2	3	6	-3	0
Trinity College 2nd	2	0	0	2	1	7	-6	0

The thirds have started the season in earnest and are unbeaten after 2 games in their new home - Division 3! They played UCD in their first game and took the lead after half time with a brilliant finish from Cora O'Toole who found the net on her debut in senior hockey! Laura Fitz pulled off some great saves, demonstrating her prowess between the posts. The game finished a 1-1 draw. Next up was Railway where a superbly executed short corner from Sarah English found Sharks who hit the backboard. The lead was unfortunately short lived with Railway equalising and the match finishing a 1-1 draw. The 3rds will be working hard for the win in their upcoming game this weekend V Dublin North.

FOURTHS

LEAGUE TABLE LADIES DIV 5 LEAGUE

Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goal Diff	Points
Monkstown 4th	3	3	0	0	14	3	11	9
Kilkenny 1st	3	3	0	0	13	2	11	9
Rathgar 2nd	3	2	1	0	8	2	6	7
Wexford 1st	2	2	0	0	8	0	8	6
Clontarf 2nd	3	2	0	1	4	2	2	6
North Kildare 2nd	3	1	1	1	4	3	1	4
Muckross 3rd	3	1	0	2	3	7	-4	3
Loreto 4th	2	0	0	2	1	7	-6	0
Dublin North 2nd	3	0	0	3	0	7	-7	0
Malahide Fingal 1st	2	0	0	2	1	9	-8	0
Avoca 3rd	3	0	0	3	4	18	-14	0

The fabulous fourths are off to a 'not so fab' start to the season. It's quite the tough league this year, with the 4 new clubs in really strong .. Having lost the first two league games, they are gunning for a win this Saturday! They may be strong but we're stronger!!

FIFTHS**LEAGUE TABLE LADIES DIV 8 LEAGUE**

Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goal Diff	Points
Loreto 5th	2	2	0	0	9	2	7	6
Pembroke Wanderers 6th	2	1	1	0	2	1	1	4
Muckross 4th	1	1	0	0	5	0	5	3
Rathgar 3rd	2	1	0	1	7	4	3	3
Mullingar 1st	1	1	0	0	3	1	2	3
Weston 2nd	2	1	0	1	3	5	-2	3
Glenanne 2nd	2	1	0	1	3	6	-3	3
Our Ladys 3rd	2	0	1	1	2	3	-1	1
Malahide Fingal 2nd	2	0	0	2	1	4	-3	0
Genesis 5th	2	0	0	2	0	9	-9	0

The Fantastic 5ths have had a fantastic start to their season in Division 8, topping the table with wins against Genesis (6-0) and Rathgar (3-2). A core group from last year's team are joined by a number of newly promoted players from last years sixths, along with new members Anna Branagan, Juliet O'Brien and Aisling Kelly. We are delighted to welcome back Anna Land and Nuala Naughton who are returning to full time hockey this season. With their experience and Stu's new game plans, there's nothing stopping us!!

SIXTHS**LEAGUE TABLE LADIES DIV 10 LEAGUE**

Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goal Diff	Points
Muckross 5th	1	1	0	0	6	0	6	3
UCD 6th	1	1	0	0	3	0	3	3
Railway Union 5th	1	1	0	0	3	1	2	3
Three Rock Rovers 3rd	2	1	0	1	2	1	1	3
Trinity College 4th	1	1	0	0	2	1	1	3
Portlaoise 1st	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	3
Loreto 6th	2	1	0	1	2	3	-1	3
Clontarf 4th	2	0	0	2	2	4	-2	0
Guinness 2nd	2	0	0	2	1	6	-5	0
Avoca 5th	1	0	0	1	0	6	-6	0

Meet the 'Slick Sixths' !!

As slick as we are, We are still finding our feet as a new team. Our first two matches were a battle, with one slick win and one not so slick loss. After only being a team for 5 weeks now we have already made some Loreto history! With all 3 O'Donohoe's on our team we

are bound to make a mark, and Eva has started it off getting us our first 3 points!!
If we have learned one so far is life is better when we STICK together!!

VETS



The Loreto Vets are also off to a flying start in their season which began last Friday. The ladies started their season as they mean to continue, with a 2-0 win!

SOCIAL SCENE

WELCOME BACK BBQ



On Saturday 16th September, Loreto Hockey Club hosted it's Welcome back BBQ. Like most Irish barbecues, this one was no different with Chef Bernie Cuniffe & his assistant Paula sheltering under umbrellas while cooking up a storm. However, the weather didn't dampen our spirits as both supporters and teams tucked into hamburgers, hot dogs and chicken wings. It was a great start to the season. Thanks to everyone who contributed and helped out on the day. Keep an eye out for more barbecues during the year ... rain, hail or shine ☀️



BAG PACKING FUNDRAISER

The club also organised a highly successful bag-packing fundraiser in SuperValu Ballinteer.

Thanks to all members who volunteered their time!

We raised a total of €1304.35 towards our pitch replacement fund.



JUNIOR CLUB!

Our Junior Club teams are up and running. This season we have 13 competitive league squads for all junior members from 1 st -4 th Year. This is the most amount of Junior league teams we have ever had.

A very big thank you is due to our very own "Sharks" who has put endless hours into the Junior Club since early September.

There was a huge amount of work involved in setting up these 13 squads with selection, registration, setting up team whatsapp's etc. The admin organisation involved is huge but thanks to parents support it is run very smoothly. A huge thank you goes out to Aishling Tuite, Sue Foran, Liz Jenkins, Trish Bolger, Nicola Kenny, Lisa Walsh and Sinead Kane. In addition, sincere thanks to all the parents that have volunteered to come on board as Team Managers, Class Co-ordinators, Blitz Managers etc. We are a lucky club to have such dedicated and committed parents.

Thanks also to Elma Murray who this year linked with schools in Loreto Beaufort, Wesley and Loreto Foxrock to set up a 13 week Gaisce Programme for 14 T/Y's pupils to get an introduction to hockey coaching. The Gaisce pupils will also assist by umpiring at all Blitz's for the Primary School children.

We are also delighted to welcome back our super new Sunday coaches Clare Byrne, John Pearson, Dave Keogh, Stu Ronan and Caomhfhionn Rohan, Mia Jennings, Hannah Mc Loughlin, Sarah Torrains and Alannah Carragher. In addition to all the mid-week coaches who coach the Primary School children.

Also, a very big welcome to Ciara McNamara our Junior Club Co-Ordinator who has come on board, hit the ground running and is doing great work. Ciara already has

organised 5 monthly fun 4's/ super 6's/ Extreme 8's blitz's for all second to sixth class players, so there will be no shortage of matches for the primary school players.

The first blitz of the season took place Sunday the 8th with our 2nd-6th classes playing Pembroke HC. These blitzes bring great excitement and the girls can't wait to show off their new skills.

There was huge excitement last Sunday, when our first years played their first competitive league match. The first-year Red Team had a super win against Corinthians 4-1 with Abbey Mc Eaney getting a well-deserved player of the match award. Our Blue, Green and Yellow teams all performed very well scoring plenty of goals and enjoying every minute of their first league match for Loreto.

The Junior A team had their first league match last Sunday and secured a 2-0 win with super goals from Aoife Taaffe (goal scorer supreme!) and Olivia Brady (mini sharks!). Eilis O' Neill and Jordan Fahy kept the defence solid throughout. The Junior B team also had their first league game and were very unlucky not to come away with a win, final score was nil all. Kirsty was excellent in defence and Annabel and Mia were super in attack.

The Minor teams are just beginning their league season and we wish them the best of luck for the season.

Special Congrats to Robin McLoughlin and Aisling Murray who got selected on the Under 16 Leinster Squad to play in the Inter Provincials in the NICS in Belfast in October. Its great to see our Junior Club players getting selected at Inter Pro level.
Best wishes girls, all in Loreto are very proud of you.

My First Blitz

The biggest sporting occasion of the weekend wasn't Leinster v Munster in the Aviva Stadium, it was in UCD where our 2nd class girls played their first ever hockey blitz versus teams from Pembroke – below is a first-hand account from one of our players (aged 8) about the whole experience!!

When Ciara Mc told us last week we were going to play a blitz we all cheered and hugged each other. I asked my friend what a blitz was, she said she didn't know but was pretty sure we would get free sweets at the



end of it. I realised it must be something important because my dad started talking about “game management” while mum was furiously hand washing my Loreto socks. The night before the blitz I wasn’t allowed to have any ice cream and had to go to bed early – I was starting to not like the idea.

Everyone was very excited in the car on the way to the blitz. Mum talked about “laying down a marker against Pembroke” but I didn’t want to tell her I had left my markers at home. When we arrived in UCD I couldn’t believe it – there was a pitch with a stand and lots of cheering supporters. And then we all started screaming when our manager told us that the President would be coming to say hello!! Unfortunately Michael D’s car must have broken down because we never got to see him but someone called “Bronnie” showed up and said she was the President....but no one actually believed her.

We were split into teams of 4 and played 3 matches. Our manager was very excited before the game and told us to “leave nothing on the pitch”, so I gave all my stuff to my mum. The matches were great fun and the supporters were cheering stuff like “come on Loreto”, “great play girls” and “no, you are playing the other way!” I made new friends on my team and had chats with some of the Pembroke girls who all seemed very nice. Every time I did a tackle or a pass, the crowd cheered, which made me feel really good. At the end of each game we shook hands with the other team and thanked the referee.

My family was so proud of me – they said I was fantastic and tried so hard in every game. Even though we were told that no one was keeping score, my parents seemed to know the exact score in every game which was

weird. It was the best day ever and I can't wait for the next one!

Thanks to Ciara Mac and all the Junior Coaches for all the hard work!

GOLF OUTING INFORMATION



Due to a number of scheduling difficulties, the 2017 Loreto Hockey Club Golf outing didn't happen earlier in the year.

We don't want our continuous 17 year run to lapse in the battle for the prestigious Cup and the event will take place on:

Date: Saturday November 25th

Time: From 11am

Venue: Naas Golf Club

Format: 12 hole stableford

Green fee: €20

We have a special guest flying in to encourage us all to get out - Elma Connolly (former President) who setup the Hockey Club Golf Outing and presented the cup will be in from New York and playing!

As usual, this is a special chance to catch up with friends and while there may be a few hockey players a little busy that day, we are hoping that all the 'retired' players can come out in force. With 12 holes, you could be back to umpire in Beaufort for the 4:30pm game - not a bother!!

Please contact Inez Cooper on either inezcooper1@gmail.com or to 0868257276 to get on the timesheet.

COFFEE MORNING/CAKE SALE**SUNDAY 15th October 2017**

Loreto Past Pupils Union are having our Cake Sale and Coffee Morning at St. Joseph's Parish Church in Terenure Dublin 6

We will be serving complimentary Tea and Coffee and Cakes will be available FOR SALE.

The Coffee Morning and Cake Sale will take place after the 10.00am and 11.30am Masses in the Parish Hall at the rear of the Church.

The proceeds are in Aid of several well deserving Charities supported by the Loreto Past Pupils Union.

We look forward to seeing you there and would welcome your support.

Loreto Past Pupil's Union

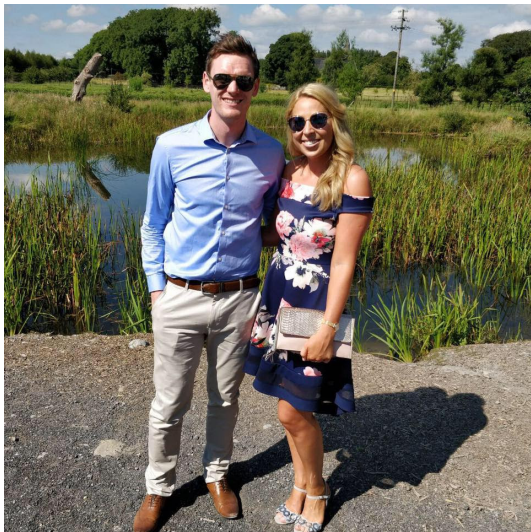
CONGRATULATIONS CORNER!

Huge congratulations to Loreto's Mia Jennings who was part of this years All-Ireland winning Dublin team who beat Mayo.

We are all very proud of you here at Loreto Mia!



Congratulations to Ali Meeke, Jessica Mc Girr, Sarah Torrans and Hannah McLoughlin who were all selected for the Irish Senior squad to play a three match series versus Scotland!



A big congratulations also goes out to our very own Social Secretary Caroline Moran on her engagement to Brendan!

Congratulations to Christina Hamill, Siofra O'Brien and Caitlin Sheerin who were all selected for the U18 Leinster team!

Also a big congrats to Caitlin who has been chosen to captain the side!



Spot the Mum

Karen O'Donohoe, with her daughters Kate and Eva. All 3 played for our 6ths last weekend away to Clontarf, and won 2-1 with Eva scoring the 2 goals!

Congratulations to our Loreto members who represented Ireland during the summer at the Under 21 Euro Hockey Junior Championship in Valencia. Paul Fitz, the assistant coach, with Sarah Torrans and Hannah McLoughlin



LORETO LAUGHS!

Special shoutout to the lady (who shall remain nameless!) who turned up to the Hockey Mums training session with a camogie stick!

If you have any funny stories or overheard, please send them on to loretohockeyclub@gmail.com!



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