

2002/2003 success review New Season started - New teams

Starting into the new season, we have are welcoming new players into our U14 team. Naturally some of last years U14 players move up to the U16 and some of the older U16 players are now playing for Lughnasa's 2.team "Daghda". All our teams finished the year with great achievement and success.

The newly formed **U14** team started in November'02 and got 4th in the all Ireland league and got 3rd in the Focus Europe tournament in Navan in May'03. This is an excellent accomplishment and we are certain we will see more wins from the team. For the new season '03-'04, we are inviting more young players to join and add more talent to the team.



U16 are all Ireland Champions again. After one year of absence the title is once again in Tallaght. After consistent performance over the season, the team claimed their title in a tough and dramatic final in May. Well done to Paddy, Daragh, Gary, Jimmy, Alan, Sean, Gary, Yannic and Oisin, for training hard and adding a lot of new skills to their play.

International

Our Handball friends from Bad Pyrmont, in Germany, paid us a "return" visit and joined us in a weekend full of fun and Handball. This intensified the international contacts that Lughnasa and other Irish Handball clubs are forming.



The U16 team went off to Gothenburg in Sweden for the largest Handball tournament in the world and enjoyed themselves. So did the girls from Terenure, who carried the Irish flag at the opening ceremony.

Just some statistics from the Partillecup:

Number of teams: 725

Number of games: 2 467

Number of goals: 51 201



Training - Matches

Training continues for the U14 and U16 in the Tallaght Sports Complex on Saturdays at 4.30pm. The Senior team trains at 6pm in the hall.



When the teams are going to travel to matches to other parts in the Country (e.g. Sligo, Galway, Clifden) we will circulate information sheets. Sometimes we're asking for drivers to take some players to the match. This will be done with as much as possible notice, but sometimes we'll have to communicate by phone. Therefore we appreciate the player registration forms being filled in and returned.

Cost

The monthly contribution to Lughnasa Handball Club is €15. This is paid on a monthly or 3 month in advance basis and as of this season we will issue **receipts** for your confirmation. This includes a free T-shirt for new members joining and all contributions to the Irish league and tournaments.

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If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact Tom O'Brannagain 086 - 858 5433 or Thorsten Niermeyer 086 - 172 2111.

