



Pictured at the Community Games Sportmanship Awards were Lauren Buckley (Shanagolden), Brian Sexton (Bruree) and Sarah Dickinson (Shanagolden).

GREYHOUNDS LIMERICK GREYHOUND STADIUM

Work on new multi-million greyhound stadium begins

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WORK on the new €18 million Limerick Greyhound Stadium has begun at the site of the former Greenpark Racecourse.

Greyhound enthusiasts in the mid-west will be relieved to hear that the filling and preparation of the site for the new Greyhound Stadium has started.

The filling operation got under way in recent days when the first lorries arrived and unloaded their cargo. The filling process will last for a number of months and thousands of lorries will visit the site during the operation. The new 500m track and state-of-the-art stadium will be the centre-piece of the development. The stand in the new stadium will feature viewing and dining areas and several bars. The next stage is being finalised at present with the completion of the interviews for the selection of the Project Manager for the works.

Notices for tenders have also been issued for the main contractors and specialists for the development. These should be in place over the next couple of months.

Tony McKenna, Chairman of Limerick Greyhound Stadium & IGB Board Director welcomed the developments.

He said: "The commencement of this work demonstrates the commitment of the Irish Greyhound Board in bringing a state of the art facility to the greyhound owners and breeders of Limerick."

"It is long overdue and will be a benchmark for future developments in greyhound racing circles not only in Ireland but abroad.

"This is yet another example of the strong sporting tradition that Limerick has and the location will be ideal for visitors not only to the mid-west region, but from all over Ireland."

GLIN COURSING DRAW

Derby Trial Stake: Westpoint Man v Ahcomeon Judge, Clounagh Silent v Crushers Paddy, Shandrum Bar v Vacume Legacy, Eshwary Brae v Kierans Charisma, Joans Steeler v Jumbos Up, Jobys Trapattoni v Ballyhast Eoin, Jonty v Kilnfield Boss, Antique Oscar v Living A Dream, Bristol Tevez v Gingerbread Lad, Gallant Dietmar v Flow On Ted, Twice The Crack v Carlsbush Jim, Cloverhill Major v Cooga Dan, Wizard Caesar v Allowdale Turbo, Middleoftheplate v Coolcastle Point, Crafty Perlico v Lisloose Rockie, Shadow Tevez v Gilded Coast.

Reserves: Kinsale Time, Mountain Lad, Fionntra Gilly & Glanmore Gar.

Desmond Cup: Walled City v Scotch Action, Cnoc Alann v Black Is Special, Catunda Ashmore v Rest Easy, Stop Pushing v Killeagh Turbo, Gallant George v Quarrymount Man, Crafty Sissoko v Pumpkin Diamond, Oldfield Dasher v Only For Fun, Droopys Pete v Newry House, Flowonlovlyriver v Street Sense, Jobys Gladiator v

Sandy Sea, Fionntra Sandy v Feale View Ash, Black Chalk v Strideaway Daly, Trumpers Matty v Cooga Del-boy, Fairview Kingdom v Gingerbread Boy, Echo Point v Carrowkeal Myles, Croga Croi v Dadser And Dave. Reserves: Turbo Time, Shining Henry, Corran Cool & Fear Bhocht.

Local Bitch Stake: Offshore Pine v Lady Poo, Cowboy Blue v Make The Turn, Echo Valey v Nochera, Rons Glory v Tenas Joy. Reserves: Spooky Annie & Annasprida Vieri.

Local Dog Stake: Fort Boss v Floating Rain, Poached Salmon v Pardini, Cold Killer v Owvane Sound, Killacolla Blue v Tassas Torres, Stormy Montana v Ballyabbey Joe, Killacolla Tyson v Jobys Conqueror, Lost Found Vieri v Spouting Rock.

Oaks Trial Stake: Ever So Molly v Mountain Angel, Maumhill Cindy v Blueberry Lady, Roes Pick v Cushie Clara, Why Tanyard Tess v Kilcara Abbey, Tromora Ocean v Ballybrack Milly, Drunk All Day v Homestead Beauty, Siberian Sunrise v Fishermans Blond, Glenlea Rosie v Her Time, Chiltern Pearl v Dixie Darlin, Call Kit v Leigh Smokey, Funny Sensation v Amyville Aoife, Speed On Wonder v Killinane Smokey, Comogue Sky v Shannonvale Inn, Friendly Lilly v Denise Does It, Ler Ban Mor v Herhairwasblak, Tiny Mary v Sandy Eabha.

Reserves: An Gabha Beag, Spur Majestic, Lively Cindy & Steves Eva.

LIMERICK HOCKEY CLUB

ON Saturday Limerick Hockey Club Ladies team travelled to Tipperary Town to play Clonmel.

Clonmel came from Division 4 and beat Limerick in the quarter finals of the May Costley cup at the end of last season, so needless to say Limerick was anticipating a tough match.

It certainly lived up to expectations. From the outset Limerick attacked with vigour, speed and strength to a surprised Clonmel.

Limerick put a lot of pressure on with some excellent moves up the left between Fiona O'Neill, Grainne Leonard and Tara Whisker.

Clonmel were quick on the attack and played the long ball to their wings throughout the game which Limerick had covered.

However, the Limerick defense remained calm and focused under pressure.

After a short corner broke down, Claire Casey passed the ball to Tara Whisker who dropped it back to the top of the circle where Sarah O'Brien struck it to score. Half time result 1-0.

In the second half Limerick seemed to settle into their stride and saw some skilful passes between Ciara Hayes and

Emma Geraghty.

However, in the last five minutes Clonmel broke and only for a talented tackle by Laoise Mc Namara would have had a shot on goal.

Final score Limerick HC 1 (S.O'Brien) Clonmel HC 0.

Next Saturday sees the ladies at home in Villiers Secondary School at 1.30

LHC Mens A team had an away division 2 game against Galway on Sunday, 28th. Although Limerick scored two good goals, one from a short corner by Robbie Ryan, the other from a clear strike taken by Tom Clarke at the top of the D, Galway were ultimate victors winning by 3 goals to 2.

Limerick's A squad was Bob shine in goal, George Blackwell, Robbie Ryan, Gordon Shine, Matt Shine, Roger Clarke, Tom Clarke, Stuart Greene, Brian Fitzell, Peter Hastings, Roderick Smith and Andrew Osak.

Next game is on Sunday Oct 5th against UCC.

LHC Mens B team had a home game against Catholic Institute and were beaten 4-0 despite the welcome addition of Nathan Eacrett to the team at half time. Next game October 12 against Belvedere.



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Tipperary Racecourse

TIPPERARY Racecourse stages its Super Sunday raceday this weekend when the track hosts a bumper card featuring top class flat and National Hunt racing.

The €70,000 Ballykisteens Hotel and Golf Resort Tipperary Hurdle is set to be another competitive renewal of the early season jumps calendar.

The line-up for Sunday's race is likely to include Larkwing, an impressive winner of the Kevin McManus Grimes

Hurdle at the track in July, Lounanas from the Eoin Griffin yard and Jessica Harrington's Tipperary All-Star.

The €80,000 Group 3 Coolmore Stud Concorde Stakes will once again be a competitive contest which could see Psalm bid to add to her two previous victories at the rack in 2008. Charlie Swan's, Limerick-owned Crooked Throw, will be trying to win his initial Group race, while Jessica Harrington's Jumbajukiba will be seeking to add to his Group 3

tally.

The competitive card will also feature The O'Dwyer Steel Like a Butterfly Novice Chase and The Tipperary Supporter's Club Joe Mac Novice Hurdle. The opening race on the card is the Longfield Stables Abergwaun Stakes.

Multiple Cheltenham Champion Hurdle winner Istabraq will once again be paraded during the day along with banks' king, Risk of Thunder.

Patrons can enter a special racecard draw for a

four-day trip to the 2009 Cheltenham festival, sponsored by Tully Travel, Carlow, while there will also be a draw for a luxury Tipperary Co-Op hamper.

There will be plenty of children's entertainment provided on the day, while children under-14 are admitted free to Tipperary.

The first race on Sunday's programme is due off at 2.15pm and gates will be open from 12.15pm.

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