

Na Gaeil Notes Monday April 12th 2021

Restrictions Ease Even though we are not back on the playing fields as of yet it gives us a sense of hope to see some easing of the restrictions from Monday April 12th. After over a hundred days in lockdown we can now travel within our county or within 20km of our homes if crossing county boundaries. In addition all school children are back to school for the first time since December which is fantastic for parents, students and teachers. People can now meet one other household outdoors but not in gardens. While these are very modest changes they are very welcome however and will give most of us the opportunity to travel to our local beaches for a nice walk and allow us breathe in some welcome sea air! Things can only get better in the weeks and months ahead as more people receive their vaccinations so we have a lot to look forward to.

Return to Play Collective senior inter county training will resume on April 19th. There is no return date yet for collective inter county minor or U20 training. The current exemptions only relate to senior level. The Allianz Football leagues will commence on the weekend of May 15th /16th to potential League Finals on the weekend of June 19th /20th. The Provincial championships will commence on the following weekend and will be on a knock- out basis. The All Ireland Finals should be played by the end of August.

Club Window It is important to note that we still do not have permission to return to club training or games yet. However, calendar is set up in such a way that: Club competitions with county players can take place as County teams exit the Championships (in football, teams start exiting from the end of June) **(Restrictions Permitting)**. From August 1st, all counties bar All Ireland Semi-Finalists in Football and Hurling, and the teams in the Div 1 Hurling Relegation play off, will be free to stage club competitions with county players. **(Restrictions Permitting)**. Additionally, the commencement of the Provincial Club Championships will be delayed until Mid-November. Provinces have been requested to ensure Clubs with players in the senior inter-county All Ireland Semi-finals and Finals will not be involved in the earliest round of the relevant Provincial Championship (where possible). Senior Provincial Club Championship will most likely start in or around the weekend of Nov 20/21 (dates to be finalized by each Provincial Council). All Ireland Senior Club Finals are provisionally scheduled for the weekend of February 12th/13th 2022.

Sympathy We extend our condolences to Donal Lucey on the recent passing of his uncle Connie Kelliher of Upper Shinnagh, Rathmore. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis

Lotto Re-launch Great work is being done behind the scenes to get our lotto up and running again. It has been suspended since March 2020 and we hope to re-launch it on Tuesday April 27th. It will be fully electronic due the current Covid-19 Pandemic. We hope that you all will support the club raise much needed funds by playing our lotto on-line. So watch this space for further information.

Suil Siar Castleisland Mart Premier Junior Championship April 17th 2017: Na Gaeil saw off the challenge of Mid-Kerry Champions Beaufort in this exciting first round of the Premier Junior Championship on Monday last. This game ebbed and flowed with both sides enjoying sustained periods of dominance but a crucial 2nd half penalty save by Na Gaeil keeper Tadhg O'Neill proved to be the key to the Tralee side's victory. The battle for midfield supremacy was also crucial in this contest with the clash of Jack Barry and Ronan Murphy worth the entrance fee alone. Others like Liam Carey, Mike Breen, Diarmaid Herlihy and Stefan Okunbor all shone on a perfect day for championship football. Na Gaeil led at the interval 1-11 to 0-05 but they actually trailed 0-05 to 0-03 after 21 minutes of play. A fantastic 10 minute burst at the end of the half yielded 1-08 without reply and appeared to end the game as a contest. Na Gaeil's goal came from the boot of the hard-working Seamie O'Neill. Diarmaid Herlihy was also a real livewire scoring four points from play while Jamie Lowham proved the perfect target man on the edge of the square. Darragh Carmody was as accurate as ever in the other corner to complete the full forward line that fired the Tralee side to victory. It was not before a real fright however as Beaufort thundered into the game with a third quarter salvo that saw them reel off an unanswered 1-04 to cut the margin to just two points. Mike Breen was hauled down in the penalty area with a goal at his mercy in the 46th minute, Beaufort were trailing by just three points at the time. Liam Carey's penalty was superbly saved by Tadhg O'Neill. The Na Gaeil net-minder also saved the follow up shot by Carey and that proved to be the crucial moment of the game. Dan O'Connor's late point stretched the lead to four and a vital two scores clear of a Beaufort side that will regret a number of missed chances in the second half. Final score: Na Gaeil: 1-14; Beaufort: 1-11.

Na Gaeil: Tadhg O'Neill, Dylan Brazil, Kieran Dineen, Eoin Doody, Kieran O'Donovan, David Culloty, Andrew Barry, Jack Barry, Stefan Okunbor(0-01), Seamie O'Neill(1-0), Michael Griffin, Ian McCarthy(0-01), Darragh Carmody(0-06), Jamie Lowham(0-01), Diarmaid Herlihy(0-04). Subs: Eoin O'Neill for Seamie O'Neill; Eoin Walsh for Ian McCarthy; Dara Devine for Jamie Lowham; Dan O'Connor(0-01) for Diarmaid Herlihy. Referee: Paul O'Sullivan. Man of the Match: Jack Barry.

Clubhouse The clubhouse is closed for all outside activities and the gym will also be closed until there is further clarification from GAA Headquarters as to when they can re-open.

Clothes Collection There is now a Clothes Collection Bin situated in Na Gaeil car park for use by all members of the public.