

Na Gaeil Notes Monday April 15th 2019

Seniors Skellig Rangers made the long trip to Killeen on Saturday evening to take on Na Gaeil in round 2 of the Premier Junior Championship. In wet and windy conditions Na Gaeil played with the aid of the breeze in the first half and their no. 10 Ian McCarthy slotted over a 20 metre free after two minutes. Na Gaeil's Jamie Lowham pointed from play on ten minutes. Na Gaeil won the kickout and after some good interplay Jack Barry passed to James O'Connor who found the back of the Skellig net from just outside the square. On the quarter hour mark Skellig Rangers no. 11 Darragh O'Sullivan pointed a good free against the wind to get them off the mark. Ian McCarthy responded with another pointed free for Na Gaeil before Skellig's Diarmuid Keating scored their first point from play. The impressive Ian McCarthy again fired over the bar and this was followed by further Na Gaeil points from Diarmaid Herlihy and Dan O'Connor before referee Jim O'Connor blew the short whistle. Half time score: Na Gaeil: 1-06; Skellig Rangers: 0-02.

Na Gaeil again started the 2nd half brightly with substitutes Diarmuid O'Connor and Dara Devine raising white flags. Skellig's Darragh O'Sullivan pointed another free on 37 minutes but their forwards were finding it difficult to breach the Na Gaeil defence where Andrew Barry was a commanding figure at no. 6. Eight minutes into the half Andrew Barry won a good ball out on the wing and worked it in to James O'Connor. He off loaded it to Dara Devine who kicked it into the back of the Skellig net. It was always going to be an up-hill struggle for the South Kerry boys after conceding this score. Dan Goggin and Kieran Donovan added to Na Gaeil's tally before Skellig's Darragh O'Sullivan fired over another free. Heading into the last quarter there were further Na Gaeil points from Dan O'Connor, Dan Goggin and Fergal Barry. Skellig Rangers Danny O'Sullivan and Darragh O'Sullivan had each a point from placed balls before Jack Barry fired over the last point of the game. Final score: Na Gaeil: 2-14; Skellig Rangers: 0-06. Na Gaeil are away to Ballymacelligott in the final group game next Saturday evening April 20th at 6.30pm.

Team: Timmy Culloty, Eoghain Sheehy, Kieran Dineen, Ryan O'Neill, Kieran Donovan(0-01), Andrew Barry, Eoin Doody, Dan O'Connor(0-02), Jack Barry(0-01), Ian McCarthy(0-03), Eoin O'Neill, James O'Connor(1-0), Diarmaid Herlihy(0-01), Jamie Lowham(0-01), Dan Goggin(0-02). **Subs:** Damien Bourke for Eoin Doody; Dara Devine(1-01) for Diarmaid Herlihy; Diarmuid O'Connor(0-01) for Jamie Lowham; Fergal Barry(0-01) for Kieran O'Donovan; Eoin O'Neill for Jordan Murphy; Shane Fitzgerald for Eoghain Sheehy.

Premier Junior Championship Na Gaeil play Ballymacelligott away in the final group game on this Saturday evening April 20th at 6.30pm.

Minors Na Gaeil minors came agonisingly close to defeating Legion in the County League Division 1 semi final at the weekend. Legion scored a point three minutes into injury time to seal victory. Na Gaeil Minors are a great bunch of young players and were very committed all year. They were competitive in all their games and everyone in the club is very proud of them.

Sympathy We extend our sincere sympathy to the family of Eileen O'Keeffe, Racecourse Lawn who died last week. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a h-anam dílis.

Free Digital Skills Course Our Club are looking for members who are interested in participating in a Free Digital Skills Course. Topics covered include: surfing the net, email, social media, shopping and banking online. If interested drop into the club house and sign up. Course duration is 10 hours and will be run over a couple of evenings in the clubhouse. Dates and times will be scheduled depending on demand. This is a great opportunity for anybody wishing to brush up on their computer skills and it's free. So please come along and sign up as soon as possible and we will get the course up and running.

Date for your Diary Na Gaeil Annual Golf Classic will take place in Mahony's Point, Killarney on Friday 31st May, which is the bank holiday weekend.

Na Gaeil Cycling Club Na Gaeil Cycling Club winter schedule: Saturday mornings at 10am from the clubhouse. ALL ARE WELCOME, High Vis essential.

Fir Na Gaeil Light Football Training for Men who have retired from playing football and for those that have not played and would like to try it out. Very little skill is required. This is a great way to keep fit with light training, ball games and a bit of a laugh. . Training is on Monday and Friday nights in Na Gaeil. Contact Eddie at 0876791460 for more info

Mná Na Gaeil We are a Gaelic for Mothers and Others team who come together and do a bit of exercise, football training and socialising. Anyone who would like to join are most welcome, No skills are required, just a good attitude and a sense for fun. Training is on Wednesdays and Sunday evenings. Contact Eddie at 0876791460 for more info.

Lotto The draw for the jackpot of €2,400 took place on Thursday evening last. Numbers drawn were 3, 4, 6, 28. There was no winner. €50 winners were Margaret Crean, Racecourse Lawn and Jimmy O'Sullivan, Ballyard. €25 winners were Brian Coakley, Derrylea, Tom Rice, Abbeydorney, Mike Griffin, Highfield Grove, and Kevin Donovan, Racecourse Lawn. Next week's jackpot is €2,500. All are welcome for the draw in the club each Tuesday night at 10.30pm.

Bingo Bingo is on every Monday night at 8.30pm sharp. We have prize money of over €1,000 guaranteed every week with a mini jackpot that increases fortnightly when not won. A door prize and a half-time raffle with lovely prizes will also take place every week. A bus service is available at 087 2817577. You can ring this number for pick up and drop off. 100% of the funds raised go back directly into the club. The bingo is run on a totally voluntary basis by our club members. A huge thank you to all the parents who offer their time to run this vital fundraiser for the club. If anyone wants to donate a spot prize for our weekly bingo raffle, please leave it at clubhouse and mark it "Bingo". Thanks to all our patrons who support this event on a weekly basis.

Cards A card game is held every Wednesday night in the clubhouse. This is a very sociable occasion where you meet your friends for a great night's entertainment and relaxation. Starting time is 9.30pm and everyone from novice to senior will enjoy a relaxing game of 45.

Clothes Collection There is now a Clothes Collection Bin situated in Na Gaeil car park. If anyone has bags of old clothes to dispose of please drop them in the bin. If the bin is full, they can be dropped into the clubhouse. It would be much appreciated.