

# Na Gaeil Notes Monday April 19<sup>th</sup> 2021

**On-line Lotto Re-launch** We are delighted to announce the re-launch of the Na Gaeil Club lottery which was suspended in March 2020 due to the Covid-19 Restrictions. We invite all of our club members which include officers, committee members, senior men's and ladies' teams, coaches, mentors, parents, former players and indeed people in the wider community to support the first of our re-launched lottery draws which will take place on Tuesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. It is important to note that for the immediate future while Covid persists in our community, lotto sales will be totally electronic. To this end we are adding a facility to play our lotto online through our website [www.nagaeil.ie](http://www.nagaeil.ie). All you have to do is log on to our website and click on the lotto icon to purchase your lottery ticket. Tickets can also be purchased through Klubfunder. This means that all Na Gaeil followers no matter what part of the world they live in can support the club by participating in our on-line lotto.

We are very grateful to all that have supported our lottery in the past. For those supporters that have bought repeated entry tickets, please also note that we will be extending the end-date of these tickets by 60 weeks to compensate for the period where there were no draws. You can choose four numbers from 1 to 32. Tickets cost €2 each or you can buy three for €5. Also €50 will enter you in the draw for 26 weeks and €100 will buy you a yearly subscription. There will be five lucky dip draws for €20 for those entered each week that the jackpot is not won. The jackpot currently stands at €4,300.

Again we would encourage everybody involved with the club, supporters, their families and friends and of course, the wider community to support our club lottery, as it is a very important source of funding for the club's activities at all levels and grades. It is more vital than ever in the current climate as our usual fundraising initiatives have been severely restricted due to the current Covid-19 Pandemic.

We are also developing a Na Gaeil Club smart phone app which will be available shortly for download from the Na Gaeil website. This will be a great way for our members and supporters to keep in touch with all of the club's activities and provide a paperless method of playing our club lotto. We will keep you informed about this. We look forward to your continued support and wish you the best of luck in our first lotto draw on April 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Congrats** Congratulations to Donie Rooney, former All Ireland winning manager with Na Gaeil Senior Football Team, on his appointment as manager of the St. Brendan's Board football squad for the 2021 Senior County Championship campaign. He brings a great depth of knowledge and experience to the position and we wish him well in his new role.

**Súil Siar** County Novice Football Final, September 14<sup>th</sup> 1986: The headline in the Kerryman read "Na Gaeil Miss A Lot - But Draw". There were times in this County Novice Football Final when the Tralee side, Na Gaeil could have put the game beyond all reach of their plucky South Kerry opponents in Killorglin last Sunday. But a string of disappointing wides allowed Renard to get a replay which seems likely to be played on Sunday October 19<sup>th</sup> at the same venue. A Jekyl and Hyde performance by Na Gaeil's right half forward John Hegarty (he is Tralee United's stylish right winger) was typical of the fortunes of the Tralee men. Hegarty's pace and skill made him too much for his diligent marker Eamon Fitzgerald to handle but his accuracy throughout the day was very disappointing. He could only score two points (one from a free) despite a lot of possession. Playing with the wind, Renard scored first in this entertaining game, with full forward, Brendan O'Shea getting a point. O'Shea played for the Kerry Vocational Schools when they won this year's All Ireland Final. Na Gaeil replied within a minute when Hegarty went on a fine run. He cut through the Renard defence and set up corner forward Tom Tobin with a chance of a goal. The Tralee Garda finished the ball to the net with flawless accuracy. Hegarty followed with his only point from play, after running on to a poor kick-out from Renard full back, Robert Wharton. Renard then made a complicated series of switches to strengthen their half forward line, moving midfielder Diarmuid O'Sullivan to centre forward and pulling full forward Brendan O'Shea back to the left wing. Left half forward Pat McCrohan dropped back to midfield while centre forward Joe Wharton moved to full forward. As Na Gaeil were adjusting to the new configuration, midfielder James Sugrue weaved his way through their defence to pick off a fine point, despite constant attention from Seán Coffey. The new Renard line-up produced two more points without reply from Brendan O'Shea and Diarmuid O'Sullivan to level the scores. But wing forward Aidan McCarthy put Na Gaeil back in front just before the half-time whistle. Renard introduced substitute Kieran Murphy less than five minutes into the second half to replace Eamon Fitzgerald who was having trouble with John Hegarty. Murphy moved to left corner back and the tenacious Renard captain, Mossie Kelly came up to keep a closer eye on Hegarty. Na Gaeil had at least five wides before they finally opened the scoring in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half with a point from a 21 yard free from Hegarty. Renard were back on level terms through points from John Joe Wharton and James Sugrue, but a crashing Na Gaeil goal by Seán Coffey, set up by Tom Tobin, seemed to put paid to their efforts. However a determined Renard fight back fired by the example of Mossie Kelly who was having a great game in his new left half back position soon wiped out the three point deficit and poor wides by Hegarty and Seán Coffey prevented Na Gaeil from getting a

winner. Final score: Na Gaeil: 2-03; Renard: 0-09. **Na Gaeil:** Gerry Buckley, Gerry O'Leary, Nelie O'Sullivan, Gerry Moloney, Ned O'Neill, Ger Carmody, Cormac O'Donoghue, Martin Mitchell(capt) Noel McCoy, John Hegarty(0-02), Seán Coffey(1-0), Aidan McCarthy(0-01), Tom Tobin(1-0), Tony Flavin, Charlie O'Sullivan. **Subs:** Gerry Collins for Gerry O'Leary. Referee: Tomás O Conchubhair, Lispole.

**Sympathy** Na Gaeil GAA Club offers its sincere condolences to the O'Leary family on the sad passing of Denis O'Leary, Gurrane, Oakpark, Tralee and formerly of Dromcollogher and Athea, Co. Limerick. Denis was a great Na Gaeil man and was involved in coaching in the club. His sons Gerry and Tom also played for Na Gaeil. May he rest in peace. We also offer our sincere sympathy to the Conneely family on the recent passing of John Conneely of Ballyard, Tralee and formerly from Cedarwood Road, Dublin. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam, dílis. Our sincere condolences too, to the Walsh family on the recent passing of Sandra Walsh, Ard Na Lí, Tralee. May she rest in peace.

**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.