

Na Gaeil Notes Monday February 24th 2019

Na Gaeil Victory Social Na Gaeil All Ireland Victory Social was held in the Meadowlands Hotel on Saturday night last and what a great night it was with over two hundred people in attendance. There was a great atmosphere there as everybody is still on a high following our senior team's magnificent victory in the All Ireland Final in Croke Park a month ago. The function room was festooned in green and white balloons, banners and bunting which really added to the occasion. The Meadowlands staff served up a most delicious meal which was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. Chairperson Tim Lynch said what this monumental achievement meant to the club and thanked everybody that helped along the way. He said that it was great to see so many of the founder members present at the function and looking so hale and hearty. The management team of Donie Rooney, Richie Barrett, Kieran O'Shea, Eoin Joy and Niall O'Meara were honoured for their role in guiding the senior team to All Ireland glory and presentations were made to each of them for their commitment and endeavour. Donie and Richie who came up through the under-age ranks of Na Gaeil spoke of what this victory meant to them and said that the homecoming the team received on the night will live long in the memory. They also thanked our generous sponsors who came on board for our Croke Park journey. Dan O'Connor also made a presentation on behalf of all the players to Donie, Richie and Kieran who have stepped down from management. Kerry County Board Chairperson Tim Murphy was also present. He congratulated the club on their magnificent achievement this year and for the great strides they have made in their short forty year history. He has no doubt but that they will feature strongly in the Intermediate Championship in the next few years. The players were presented with their medals by Tim Lynch and Donie Rooney with Richie Barrett very eloquently saying a few words about each player as they received their medal. Treasurer of the club Cathy Carey was presented with the Juvenile Club Person of the Year Award and there is no one more deserving of this accolade. As Cathy went up to receive her award from Coiste na nÓg Chairperson Colm O'Suilleabháin she received a standing ovation from the packed hall which is testament to the high esteem in which she is held in the club. She is involved in every aspect of club life and does a lot of unseen work behind the scenes outside her role as treasurer. Well done Cathy! After all the formalities were over the band "Celebrations" took to the stage and what a fantastic night of entertainment they provided. The dance floor was packed all night long with young and old in a real celebratory mood. Indeed a great night was had by all. We extend a big thank you to the staff and management of the Meadowlands Hotel for serving up a most delicious meal and to the band "Celebrations" for their wonderful music and song on the night. We would like to thank our hard working committee of Cathy Carey, Margaret Doody, Jennie Sheehy, Therese Keating, Agnes Sheehy and Tim Lynch jnr. for putting so much effort into organising this wonderful event.

Minor County League Na Gaeil minor team play Killarney Legion away in round 2 of the County League on this coming Saturday February 29th at 3.30pm. Round 1 which was postponed will be rescheduled at the earliest possible date.

Juvenile Training Juvenile training has commenced in the I.T. North Campus from 11am to 1pm on Sunday mornings. The U6, U8, U10, U12 and U14 age groups are being put through their paces by our qualified and experienced coaches. Everyone is welcome. Please bring a bottle of water, your gum shield and €2. Enquiries to Colm O'Suilleabháin at 087 908 0465. The All Ireland Cup made a welcome visit to training last Sunday morning much to the delight of all our young footballers.

Corn Uí Mhuirí Congratulations to The Green C.B.S on their great victory over St. Brendan's Killarney in the Corn Uí Mhuirí Munster Final at the weekend. There were great displays from our three Na Gaeil players Devon Burns, Ruairí O'Sullivan and Darragh Reen. We wish them all the best as they now embark on the All Ireland series.

Good Luck We wish Gaelcholáiste Chiarraí football team the best of luck as they take on Scoil Íde agus Iosaf, Abbeyfeale in the Munster Final of the Corn Sheáin Uí Mhurchú competition on Saturday next at 12pm. The venue has yet to be confirmed. Donie Rooney is the manager and the team hosts a plethora of Na Gaeil players.

Sympathy We extend our sincere sympathy to Hanafin family on the recent death of their mother Mary Hanafin, Lispole. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a h-anam dílis

Na Gaeil Cycling Club Na Gaeil Cycling Club summer schedule: Saturday mornings at 9.00am 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 €3,900 took place on Monday evening last. Numbers drawn were 15, 16, 22, 27. There was no winner. €50 winners were the O'Connor Clan, Ragoonane and Aidan Browne, C/O The Bar. €25 winners were Pat Slattery, Abbeydorney, The Lads, C/O Na Gaeil, Dixie, Killeen and Kevin Lucey & Melissa Hurley, Caherleaheen. Next week's jackpot is €4,000. 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