

# Na Gaeil Notes Monday March 1<sup>st</sup> 2021

**Reminder** County Board secretary Peter Twiss would like to remind all club officers, team managers, coaches & players that the present Covid Restrictions (updated and forwarded by Croke Park to all Units on 1<sup>st</sup> Feb 2021) remain in place. All Clubs must ensure that any form of collective training does not take place. Clubs are also reminded that all pitches and gyms must remain closed for the time being. We all look forward to the resumption of GAA activities in our Club grounds in the non-too distant future, but in the meantime lets ensure the health and safety of all within our community is given our full attention.

**Seachtain na Gaeilge** Seachtain na Gaeilge is an international Irish language festival and one of the biggest celebrations of our native language and culture that takes place each year in Ireland and many other countries from March 1<sup>st</sup> to March 17<sup>th</sup>. To celebrate this festival in our club, our Oifigeach na Gaeilge Barry Sugrue will post an Irish word each day on our Na Gaeil Facebook page for you to become familiar with and practice. So have a look and enjoy!

**CBS Fundraiser** CBS The Green Parents Council are holding a fundraising Virtual 5K Run from Thursday to Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup>. They are inviting Na Gaeil Club members-young and old, to participate in this family fun event. This is a first for the Parents Council and is an effort to bring the school community together, under a common goal while apart. It is intended to raise funds for general school activities once the pupils return to school and they are also donating some of the proceeds to Jigsaw Kerry to support young people's mental health. Young people and adults can register with [www.myrunresults.com](http://www.myrunresults.com) click on the link [https://www.myrunresults.com/events/run\\_for\\_the\\_green/4042/details](https://www.myrunresults.com/events/run_for_the_green/4042/details). The run.. or walk can be undertaken anywhere within ones 5km radius any time from Thursday March 25<sup>th</sup> to Sunday March 28<sup>th</sup>. You can follow them on facebook The Green Tralee CBS our website [www.thegreen.ie](http://www.thegreen.ie) or twitter@thegreencbs as the date approaches for updates on what promises to be a fun, community and worthwhile event. The cost of the event is €10 for adults; €5 for U18's and €20 for a family of four. Many of our young Na Gaeil players attend The Green CBS so it would be nice to support this event.

**Súil Siar** Munster Novice Football Final, Sunday December 12<sup>th</sup> 2010: Na Gaeil travelled to Knockaderry in Limerick on Sunday last to take on Granagh/Ballingarry in the Munster Novice Football Final. Despite their net being breached three times Na Gaeil managed to claim the title and become the

fourth Kerry side in a row to do so following a strange 60 minutes in Knockaderry outside Newcastlewest. One would normally take one's hat off to a defence that only concedes one point in the entire course of a game but sloppy defending on three occasions saw the Tralee side allow Granagh/Ballingarry back into a contest that the Limerick side actually led by 2-01 to 0-05 at half time. Only for a Trojan performance from midfielder, David Culloty and a lively half forward line of Ian McCarthy, Michael Griffin and Eamon O'Neill, Na Gaeil might very well have been left licking their wounds last Sunday. While Na Gaeil outscored their opponents eleven scores to four overall they were guilty of letting the Limerick side off the hook at various stages, not converting good scoring opportunities and losing possession at critical stages. They led three points to no score after 10 minutes thanks to points from Diarmaid Herlihy, Michael Griffin and Declan Doody, but disaster struck in the 13<sup>th</sup> minute when a sideline ball caused havoc in the Na Gaeil defence and despite Bobby Houlihan's first tilt being blocked down, the rebound came to Pat Carroll who side footed the ball past Adrian Quirke and into the net. Two Eamon O'Neill points regained the initiative for the Tralee side and while the game was ebbing and flowing at both ends the Na Gaeil defence was caught out by a high ball when Marcus Moore picked out Niall Cahill and he powered past Quirke in the Na Gaeil goal in the 22<sup>nd</sup> minute. Granagh/Ballingarry's full forward Eoin Kennedy scored their one and only point of the game three minutes later as Na Gaeil went in at half time with plenty to think about. The Tralee side emerged with far better purpose in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half, David Culloty really getting a grip on the game at midfield while Robert Murphy foraged well in defence. Two early points from Paul Daly leveled the scores up. While the Limerick side's energy and determination was still very evident their scoring touch almost evaporated in the 2<sup>nd</sup> period. Culloty put Na Gaeil back in front with a point in the 42<sup>nd</sup> minute and the Tralee side's supporters breathed a little easier shortly afterwards when a brilliant burst by Michael Griffin at the Granagh defence saw him work the ball through to Diarmaid Herlihy who passed to Seamie O'Neill for a vital goal that stretched Na Gaeil's advantage to four at 1-08 to 2-01 with 15 minutes left. Points in the 46<sup>th</sup> and 53<sup>rd</sup> minute from Griffin and Culloty brought the lead to six as the Limerick side's lack of scoring power started to see the game slip away from them. They kept Na Gaeil on their toes though going into stoppage time as substitute Seamus McDonnell managed to reduce the margin to three with their third goal. But two late wide were as good as points for Na Gaeil as they hung on for victory in the finish. Of the four victorious Kerry sides (the others being Cromane, Tousist, and Churchill) Na Gaeil certainly had the toughest of all in this competition last Sunday.

**Na Gaeil:** Adrian Quirke, David Ross, Richard Barrett, Dylan Brazil, Robert Murphy, Colm Lyons, Niall Lucey, David Culloty(0-02), Declan Doody(0-01), Ian McCarthy, Michael Griffin(0-02), Eamon O'Neill(0-02), Paul Daly(0-02), Seamie O'Neill(1-0), Diarmaid Herlihy(0-01). Subs: Kieran Dineen for Richard Barrett; Donie Rooney for Diarmaid Herlihy.

**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.