

Na Gaeil Notes Monday March 9th 2020

County League Na Gaeil entertained Glenbeigh/Glencar in windswept Killeen in their first round Division 2 County League game on Sunday afternoon. Na Gaeil played with the aid of the wind in the opening half but with only seven of the fifteen that started in the All Ireland Final six weeks earlier taking to the pitch they were always going to be up against it. Jamie Lowham opened the scoring for the home side on five minutes and this was followed up with a good point from debutant Jack Sheehan on eleven minutes. Gavin O'Grady pointed a free for the visitors with 23 minutes gone but Na Gaeil's Tadhg Lynch chipped in with a fine point a minute later. Dara Devine pointed two frees for the home side in the closing stages of the half and Tommy Cahill fired over one for Glenbeigh/Glencar. Half time score: Na Gaeil: 0-05; Glenbeigh/Glencar: 0-02.

Glenbeigh/Glencar's midfielder Liam Smith was black carded early in the 2nd half but this did not stop the inform Gavin O'Grady from scoring three points for the visitors inside the first 12 minutes to bring the sides level and leaving Na Gaeil with an uphill battle. Glenbeigh/Glencar scored the next 4 points through Darran O'Sullivan(2) and one each from Tommy Cahill and Gavin O'Grady(free) to put them 4 points clear. Dara Devine pointed another free for the home side but Daniel Griffin and Tommy Cahill scored one each for Glenbeigh/Glencar. Dara Devine pointed his fourth free of the game in time added on before the referee Gerdie Carroll blew the final whistle. Full time score: Na Gaeil: 0-07; Glenbeigh/Glencar: 0-11. It was great to see our four debutants Devon Burns, Tadhg Lynch, Rory Murphy and Jack Sheehan acquitting themselves well in this encounter.

Team: Devon Burns, Ryan O'Neill, Kieran Dineen, Damien Bourke, Fergal Barry, Eoin Doody, Niall O'Mahony, Dan O'Connor, Andrew Barry, Kieran O'Donovan, Tadhg Lynch, Rory Murphy, Dara Devine, Jamie Lowham, Jack Sheehan. **Subs:** Liam Salmon for Tadhg Lynch; Seamus Looney for Kieran O'Donovan; Paul Daly for Jack Sheehan; Jamsie O'Connor for Rory Murphy; Shane Fitzgerald for Niall O'Mahony.

County League Round 2 Na Gaeil will play Listry away in round 2 of the County League on Sunday next at 2pm.

Minor County League Na Gaeil had a good win over Rathmore in round 4 of the County League on Saturday last in Killeen. They now play Dr. Crokes at home next Saturday March 14th at 4pm in a round 1 back game.

Scór Sinsear Congratulations to Na Gaeil's Helen Sugrue who qualified for the County Final of Scór Sinsear in recitation and to Jimmy Adams, Niall O'Mahony, Seán O'Donoghue, Sorcha Ní Shúilleabháin, Marguerite Maunsell, Clodagh Griffin and Helen Sugrue who also qualified with their scetch. We wish them the very best of luck in the County Final which takes place this Friday night March 13th in Milltown at 7pm.

Bacon and Cabbage On St. Patrick's Day bacon and cabbage will be served in the clubhouse from 2 to 4.30pm. This is a long standing tradition in Na Gaeil on Paddy's Day so do come along and enjoy our delicious home cooked food.

Music There will be music in the clubhouse on St. Patrick's Night from 8 to 10pm. It promises to be a great night so we hope to see you there.

Broadway I think nearly everyone in Na Gaeil will know who Mary Quirke is and if you don't, you've obviously been living under a stone for the last few years, because Mary is the talented writer who gave us "One Wedding and a Funera" in 2017, followed it up with "One Murder and a Christening" in 2018 and "One Ordination and a Donation" in 2019! All three of these comedy/dramas were staged as fundraisers in the club hall and were resounding successes. Mary has written ten minute dramas for Scór for many years now and has seen two of these reach the Scór na nÓg All Ireland Finals, which is a huge achievement for any amateur dramatist. However, her reputation is spreading further than she could ever have imagined because, in January 2021, one of these short sketches will be performed on Broadway (no less) by children from St Brigid's GAA club in New York!! This came about through Loretto O'Sullivan, the mum of one of our Scór na nÓg competitors, whose sister is involved with Scór in St Brigid's and asked if she could use Home is "Where the Heart Is", our Scór na nÓg entry for 2020. Mary gave her blessing. St Brigids competed in the NY Scór finals and emerged victorious. Believe it or not but as part of their prize have secured the opportunity to perform the little drama on Broadway during a showcase of Irish Arts and Culture in early 2021. This is a great accolade for Mary and Na Gaeil Club are very proud of her and this fantastic achievement. It just goes to show that our talents are not confined to the football field!! Corona Virus notwithstanding, perhaps we should start saving for a trip to the Big Apple?!! It would be quite something to witness "Home is Where the Heart Is" on the most famous stage in the world....!

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.

Sympathy We extend our sincere sympathy to the family of Mike O'Brien from Ragoonane and formerly of Ballyseedy Cottages who passed away last week. Mike was a regular visitor to our clubhouse in Na Gaeil and will be fondly remembered by all who knew him there. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis. We also offer our sincere sympathy to the family of Timmy Sheehan, Oakpark Terrace on his recent passing. Timmy was a great Austin Stacks stalwart and passionate Kerry GAA follower. He reported on many Na Gaeil games down through the years with Radio Kerry, his most recent being our All Ireland semi final clash with Kilmaine of Mayo in Cusack Park, Ennis last January. May he rest in peace.

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 €4,100 took place on Tuesday evening last. Numbers drawn were 1,8, 17, 24 . There was no winner. €50 winners were John Creedon, Shanakill and Senior Men 2019, C/O The Bar. €25 winners were David Couchman, Ardfert, Martina Culloty, Ballinorig East, Pat Slattery, Abbeydorney and Pat Boyle, Ragoonane. Next week's jackpot is €4,200. 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