

Na Gaeil Notes Monday May 3rd 2021

Covid Update The good news is that from Monday next May 10th outdoor training is permitted at adult level in pods of a maximum of 15 people. However games are not allowed and indoor facilities must remain closed. This is welcome news for our senior players who are delighted to be able to meet up and train collectively again. Then from June 7th, subject to the public health situation at the time, club games will be permitted at all levels but must be played behind closed doors. The Allianz Leagues in hurling will return next weekend and the football leagues the following weekend.

Under-Age There was great excitement last week as all our under-age teams returned to training. With the sun shining and the pitch in pristine condition players, mentors and coaches are delighted to be back and can now, hopefully look forward to an enjoyable and fruitful season ahead.

U15 After months of uncertainty the U15 boys were thrilled to be finally back training last Wednesday evening. J. J. eased the boys in with some running drills and score taking exercises. Training will be every Wednesday from 5.45pm to 7.20pm and on Sundays from 4.45pm to 6.30pm. The lads will be playing in Division 3A of the County League which is due to commence in early June.

Sympathy We offer our sincere sympathy to Eamon Browne and his partner Mairéad on the sad passing of Mairéad's father Ted O'Shea of Mangerton Road, Killarney . May he rest in peace. We extend sincere condolences also to Kevin Murphy and family on the recent passing of his brother Tony, of Meadowlands. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis. Sincere sympathy to Donie O'Sullivan on the sad and recent passing of his wife Aine, of Racecourse Lawn. May she rest in peace. Condolences also to the family of Eddie Walsh from Asdee who passed away recently. Eddie was a referee and was well known in GAA circles. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis.

Lotto After a long suspension our first lotto draw took place last Tuesday evening. The numbers drawn were: 3, 21, 25, 26. There was no winner of the €4,300 jackpot. The five €20 Lucky Dip winners were: Dónal O'Connor, Lisbeg; Anthony & Oonagh O'Gara, Ballintosherig West, Kevin Woods, Lios Dara, John O'Shea, Oakpark Drive and Colm O'Conchubhair, Racecourse Lawn. Next week's jackpot is €4,350. All lotto sales are online. Just go to www.nagaeil.ie and click on lotto to buy a ticket. The draw will be live on Facebook each week.

Súil Siar March 26th 2010: Na Gaeil 1:14 Knocknagoshel-Brosna 1:13. Our minors got back to winning way, at Knocknagoshel on Saturday, with a narrow victory over the home side. Playing against a strong breeze in the first half it was the scoring burst of Darren McCarthy just before half time, when he scored 1-1 in a devastating 3 minute spell, that brought us back into the game and allowed us go in just 1-6 to 1-4 down at the break. The expected wind assisted overhaul of that lead in the second half failed to materialise as the sturdy North Kerry outfit fought tooth and nail to prevent an easy victory. Inspired by James Walsh they cut swathes through a lighter visiting team and scored 7 points against the wind in that second half, getting their final point in the 33rd minute. Na Gaeil, though struggling in many positions, refused to give up the game. Powered by Ian McCarthy at midfield, who's personal tally of 8 points from play and frees speaks volumes for his performance, the team drove forward at every opportunity. Some inspired saves from the home team's goalkeeper, especially two pile drivers from a much more involved Lorcan Seymour, kept Knock in the game. At the other end Barry O'Connor produced a superb full length diving save to turn a certain goal around the post, and aided by the resolute defence of Jack Barry and Ross Culloty, Na Gaeil performed solidly in the face of the Knock attacks, but still gave up far too many opportunities. Young Michael Maher was the man of the day for Na Gaeil and the catalyst for much of our play, as he won possession time and time again in the air, from breaking ball, and from the adoption of good supporting positions. He stroked over a beautiful point to put us ahead for the first time in the 20th minute. Main beneficiaries of the play of McCarty and Maher in the forward division were Sean Lyons who notched three points from play and David Leahy, operating at full forward, who held his position well, won or broke ball back to the forwards and never gave up. Jonathan Lee and Eoin Daly covered acres of ground on the wings and with improved passing and ball control will become very effective in the remaining games. The win almost guarantees us a Semi Final berth in the County League, Division 3B. Between injuries, suspension and ill health we had only 15 players on duty in Knocknagoshel. Team coach, Mike Culloty, and his fellow selectors are issuing an open invitation to all under 16, 17 and 18 players in the club to return to the minor fold, or indeed to join our team for the first time. All are welcome. Our new rain jackets-specially designed for our minor players- add a further dash to our already appealing set of young men. **Team:** B O'Connor, D Collins, M Maher, J Prendergast, K Moriarty, J Barry, R Culloty; I McCarthy, D Moynihan, J Lee, E Daly, D McCarthy, S Lyons, L Seymour, D Leahy. Travelling supporters: Conor Nolan, Daniel O'Mahony, Pato, J Crean, A& A Carmody, B. McCarthy.

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.