

Na Gaeil Notes Monday November 16th 2020

Annual Mass A reminder that Na Gaeil Annual Mass for club members with special remembrance of deceased members will be streamed live from St. Brendan's Church on this coming Thursday October 19th at 7.30pm. Go to www.stbrendanstralee.org to get the live streaming.

Virtual Race Night Na Gaeil is organizing an all-sponsored Virtual Race Night for Friday 11th December at 8.30pm. Because of Covid 19 restrictions, attendance at the Clubhouse is curtailed and, accordingly, we are proceeding virtually with our annual race night. Whilst obeying Government and GAA guidelines since the re-commencement of activities in June, all of our teams, from U-6's to Senior Men and Ladies, have been training and playing a full season of games at all levels. Costs and expenses associated with a multitude of activities have placed a huge strain on the Club finances. Our income has been hugely impacted as we have been obliged to indefinitely cancel our weekly Lotto and Bingo since the ongoing restrictions were first imposed in March. We are now appealing to our members, supporters and the wider public to support Na Gaeil CLG at this difficult time by contributing to our Race Night as very many of you have done in the past. Buying a horse for €40 will ensure the continued growth and development of the club. You can do this by contacting any club officer or member of the Race committee. You can buy a horse online using the link: <https://www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/Na%20Gaeil%20CLG/EventRegistration>

Thanks to all those that have supported us to date. Time is fast approaching to December 11th so please click into our link and purchase a horse for the big night.

Munster Quarter Final It was a year ago at the weekend, Saturday November 16th 2019 that Na Gaeil played Kilshannig in the Munster Quarter final of the Junior Club Championship. Just to refresh your memories this is the match report on the game: Na Gaeil travelled to Mallow on Saturday last to take on Cork Champions Kilshannig in the Munster Quarter final of the Premier Junior Championship. The pitch was in great shape and the conditions were perfect for football in November. Na Gaeil got off to a great start with a pointed free from Dara Devine after three minutes for a foul on Diarmuid O'Connor. Jamie Lowham and Diarmaid Herlihy kicked one each from play and this was followed by another pointed free from Dara Devine for a foul on Jamie Lowham. Na Gaeil were totally on top winning all their individual battles all over the field and putting the opposition's defence under fierce pressure. On the quarter hour mark Eoin O'Neill kicked a long ball into Diarmaid Herlihy and he finished it to the net to make it 1-04 to no score. Dara Devine scored a wonderful point from play in the

twenty first minute to extend Na Gaeil's lead further. Kilshannig had no answer to the Tralee side's intensity with their defence totally on top. Jack Barry and Diarmuid O'Connor had the measure of the O'Hanlon brothers at midfield where they were ably assisted by the industrious and hard working Dan O'Connor. Dan Goggin was also working tirelessly in the half forward line setting many attacks in motion. It looked like Kilshannig were going to finish the half scoreless. But when Eoin O'Sullivan kicked a high ball into the Na Gaeil square in injury time Clare referee Chris Maguire awarded Kilshannig a penalty for a foul on their corner forward. Eanna O'Hanlon duly dispatched it to the net. This gave the Avondhu side a lifeline and some hope for the second half. Score at the interval: Na Gaeil: 1-05; Kilshannig: 1-0.

Kilshannig came out after the break with all guns blazing and exerted some pressure on Na Gaeil for the first time in the game. They dominated the first ten minutes of the half but the Na Gaeil defence weathered the storm and Kilshannig could only manage a pointed free from the boot of Eanna O'Hanlon in this period. After two Na Gaeil players were treated for minor injuries in the tenth minute the referee threw up the ball which was won by Jack Barry. He off loaded it to Diarmuid O'Connor who cut through the Kilshannig defence. He slipped a pass to Diarmaid Herlihy and he finished it to the Kilshannig net. Na Gaeil got into their stride and dominated proceedings once more. Diarmaid Herlihy pointed in the twelfth minute and Diarmuid O'Connor calmly slotted over a 45 two minutes later. The unerring Dara Devine fired over two further frees to put Na Gaeil eleven points up with ten minutes left to play. The Tralee side got a little complacent and a few misplaced passes allowed Kilshannig reduce the margin somewhat. Substitute Jerome Murphy sneaked in for a goal with Kieran Twomey and Conor McMahon adding points to bring it back to a six point game. But the outstanding Na Gaeil defence battened down the hatches once more and snuffed out every Kilshannig attack from there on. Eoin Walsh raced through and scored a lovely point in the twentieth minute followed by another great point from Mike Griffin in the twenty eighth minute. Referee Chris Maguire blew the final whistle after four minutes of injury time had been played. Final score: Na Gaeil: 2-11; Kilshannig: 2-03. This was a great team performance by Na Gaeil. Timmy Culloty was solid between the posts. The full back line of Ryan O'Neill, Kieran Dineen and Damien Bourke didn't put a foot wrong all through. In front of them Fergal and Andrew Barry along with Eoin O'Neill and captain Eoin Doody were on top of their game cutting off the supply of ball into the Kilshannig inside forwards and attacking at every opportunity. That Kilshannig only managed to score two points from play over the hour is testament to this. Kieran Donovan, Shane Fitzgerald, James O'Connor and Darragh Reen all impressed when introduced. All in all it was a good day at the office for the Na Gaeil players and management. Thanks to all our supporters that travelled to Mallow to cheer on the lads on the day. We will expect an even bigger crowd in Austin Stack Park on Saturday next when Na Gaeil take on Michael Cusacks of Clare in the Munster Semi Final at 1pm.

Team: Timmy Culloty, Ryan O'Neill, Kieran Dineen, Damien Bourke, Fergal Barry, Andrew Barry, Eoin Doody, Diarmuid O'Connor, Jack Barry, Dan O'Connor, Eoin O'Neill, Dan Goggin, Diarmaid Herlihy, Jamie Lowham, Dara Devine. **Subs:** Mike Griffin for Jamie Lowham; Eoin Walsh for Ryan O'Neill; Kieran Donovan for Eoin O'Neill; Darragh Reen for Dan Goggin; James O'Connor for Dara Devine; Eamon O'Neill for Timmy Culloty.

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. This means that our Monday night bingo, Tuesday night lotto and Wednesday night card playing are suspended until then as well as all other activities that normally took place there on a weekly basis.

Clothes Collection There is now a Clothes Collection Bin situated in Na Gaeil car park for use by all members of the public.