

Na Gaeil Notes Monday November 22nd 2021

Race Night Our Race Night took place on Friday last from the clubhouse and on Facebook Live and was a resounding success. It went off without a hitch due to the great work done by our hard working Race Committee. Great credit has to go to chief organizer Terry McEaney who was ably assisted by Cathy Carey, Donal Lucey and our magnificent sales team, who worked tirelessly over the last six weeks to bring you the race night. Our technical team of Alan Cantwell, Denis Moriarty, Brian O'Shea and Ciara did a superb job in the production side of things and left no stone unturned to ensure that everything ran smoothly on the night. Denis Sugrue did a great job as MC and chairperson Tim Lynch Jnr. was on hand to welcome everybody and later in the evening to interview Kerry senior manager Jack O'Connor and former Kerry captain Dara O Cinnéide. The feature race of the night, the €1,000 Na Gaeil Gold Cup was won by club stalwart, Joe Clifford's horse Oreo. Trainer was Noah Clifford and jockey was Aoileann Clifford. Best dressed lady was Cathy Carey and best dressed gent was Joe Hanley. Club chairperson, Tim Lynch Jnr. presented them with their prizes. The support we received from our members and the wider community was phenomenal. We would like to thank everybody that purchased a horse. The parents of our under-age players gave us great support as did all of our club members, relatives and friends. We extend a big thank you to the businesses in our community and further afield that sponsored races and included advertisements in our Race Program. We really appreciate your support at this time. All funds raised will go to the running of the club at every level.

Senior Championship Large crowds flocked to Austin Stack Park on Saturday evening for the eagerly awaited clash of St. Brendan's and Austin Stacks in the Garvey's Senior Football Championship semi final. After a rather lackluster first half, the game came to life early in the 2nd period. St. Brendan's were dealt a huge blow at the beginning of that half when they lost Diarmuid O'Connor with a hand injury. However they never dropped their heads and took the game to Stacks, playing some superb football. They conceded a goal late in the half to go 3 points in arrears but their never say die attitude saw them scoring 3 wonderful points to force extra time. Stacks again scored a rather fortuitous goal in the 2nd period of extra time to go 4 points ahead and looked to be home and hosed. But St. Brendan's just wouldn't go away and went a point ahead through an amazing goal by Ivan Parker nearing the end of extra time. Stacks forced a draw which brought the game to the penalties with St. Brendan's unfortunately losing out in the end. But what a performance by St. Brendan's. While they are bitterly

disappointed they can hold your heads up high after giving it their all and leaving everything on the pitch. Well done to all the players and management on a great performance. They were just a bit unfortunate that lady luck deserted them on the night.

Speedy Recovery We wish Diarmuid O'Connor, who sustained a nasty hand injury in the Senior County Championship semi final against Austin Stacks on Saturday night, a speedy recovery and hope he will be back to full health soon.

Freshers League It was great to see two Na Gaeil stars Enda O'Connor and Tomás O hAiniféin captaining CIT and UCC in their Freshers League clash recently. It was a nice moment when both players headed to the middle of the field for the toss. Na Gaeil's Jack Bourke was also on the UCC team and played well by all accounts.

Na Gaeilgoers It's Back! Na Gaeilgoers walking / running group is back every Monday and Thursday evening at 7.30pm sharp. Start your fitness journey by walking or running 5km while also getting fresh air and meeting new people. High vis jackets a must. Route will be around Tralee town and will be explained on the night. Children welcome but must be accompanied by an adult throughout the route. Please arrive at Na Gaeil and have parked by 7.25pm. Respect social distancing. This event will go ahead unless there is a weather warning. So please come along and join us.

AGM Our club AGM which was scheduled to take place on Friday December 3rd has been postponed due to our senior team's involvement in the Intermediate Final which may take place that weekend. It will now be re-scheduled at a later date which will be confirmed in due course.

Bingo Na Gaeil Bingo Committee is delighted to announce the return of our popular bingo every Monday night at Na Gaeil Clubhouse, at the earlier starting time of 8pm. We have Split the Bucket on the night also. Masks have to be worn entering and attending Bingo and proof of Covid Vaccine has to be shown to committee members. Social distancing must be observed at all times. A bus service to and from the bingo is available. Just ring 087 281 7577.

Sympathy We offer our sincere sympathy to the Rice family on the sad passing of George. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis.

Win a House Win a house in Killarney with Kerry GAA. For €100 you could win a stunning new build A-rated 3 bedroom house superbly located just off the Park Road in Killarney. Kerry GAA is also running numerous other promotional draws throughout the fundraising campaign. The earlier you purchase your “Win a House in Killarney” ticket (or tickets!) the more draws you will be entered into. Remember all tickets purchased before the deadline for each promotional draw will entitle you to be entered into all promotional draws thereafter. Support your club and support your county. Go to kerrygaa.ie and buy your ticket today. If you're not in you can't win!

Lotto Our Lotto draw was held on Tuesday last, November 16th in the clubhouse at 8.30pm. Numbers drawn were: 12, 14, 16, 17. There was no winner of the jackpot. €20 Lucky Dip winners were: Liz Mackey, John & Eileen Barry, Craig Henry, Conor Kavanagh and Myra Daly. Next week's jackpot is €5,800.

Clothes Collection The Clothes Collection Bin that was located in Na Gaeil car park for use by all members of the public has unfortunately had to be removed as some people were using it as a place to dump their refuse. We are sorry for any inconvenience caused.