

Na Gaeil Notes Monday October 21st 2019

Senior Football Championship Well done to St. Brendan's on their quarter final win over Legion on Saturday evening last. A great display by the whole panel, with the three Barry brothers and Diarmuid O'Connor from Na Gaeil all playing well. They now play East Kerry in the semi-final on Sunday next October 27th in Fitzgerald Stadium at 1.30pm. Extra time will be played if necessary.

Na Gaeil Ladies We played Southern Gaels in the Mary Jo A Final on Sunday morning in Strand Road. We started with two early points playing into the wind from Sarah Cunningham after great work from Niamh Plunkett and Clodagh McHugh. This was quickly followed by a goal after a great run from Nora O'Connell after Mary won a kick out and she blasted past the keeper into the back of the net. Nora scored another point from distance after a turnover from Meabh Barry. Southern Gaels replied with two frees from Rachel Dwyer. Gaels started to get themselves back into the game with three well worked points from Rachel Dwyer. An early ball into the forwards found Shannon O'Donnell in space after a slip from a Na Gaeil defender and Shannon found the bottom corner of the net. From a kick out from Ciara, Eilis won the ball and played Jadyn for a point before Nora O'Connell scored another two points to finish our scoring for the 1st half. Southern Gaels scored the last point of the 1st half to leave it 1-06 apiece. It was a tight first half with both sides giving very little away.

Na Gaeil came out in the 2nd half with the grit between their teeth, playing into the wind. An early free from Meagan Sheehy put them a point up, quickly followed by a goal from Sarah Cunningham after Niamh and Meagan worked to play her in. With Na Gaeil defence of Sarah Quigley, Muireann Moriarty, Sarah Barrett, Kate Anne O'Connor, Emma O'Keeffe and Eilis O'Connor all winning their positions, Southern Gaels struggled to get past us. They did get a penalty but Clodagh McHugh stood big in the goals as the penalty hit the post. Freya came into backs and caused trouble with her runs out from the back. Ciara, Hilary and Eimer came into the forwards with fresh legs with Eimer nearly getting in to score. Jadyn Lucey scored another point before Meagan went on a mazy run, taking on four Gaels' defenders and finding the top corner of the net. Southern Gaels kept working hard to get forward but struggled against Na Gaeil's midfield sisters Nora and Mary O'Connell. On another turnover won by Carla Hanafin, we won a free from which Meagan Sheehy found the back of the net. Na Gaeil's last point came after a great run from Eilis who was played in by Ciara. Southern Gaels scored two frees near the end of the game. Final whistle was blown and the game finished on a scoreline of 4-09 to 1-08. The trophy was presented to the Na Gaeil Captain Meabh Barry by the County Board Representative Nora Feely.

Scorers Sarah Cunningham 1-02; Meagan Sheehy 2-01; Nora O'Connell 1-03; Jadyn Lucey 0-02; Eilis O'Connor 0-01.

Team: Sarah Quigley, Mary O'Connell, Brid O'Connor, Nora O'Connell, Jadyn Lucey, Eilis O'Connor, Meagan Sheehy, Meabh Barry, Kate Anne O'Connor, Maria Quirke, Sarah Cunningham, Clodagh McHugh, Aine O'Sullivan, Erika O'Sullivan, Sibeal Casey, Marguerite Maunsell, Clodagh O'Connor, Muireann Moriarty, Emma O'Keeffe, Martina O'Connor, Ria Walsh, Dearbhla Quirke, Caragh O'Neill, Freya O'Connor, Sarah Barrett, Carla Hanafin, Muire Kingston, Blaithnaid O'Connor, Niamh

Plunkett, Ciara Rath, Brid Sinnott, Eimer O'Sullivan, Cara Grealish, Hilary Costello, Allesandra De Leo.

Congratulations to our U14 team who defeated Corca Dhuibhne in the Div 2 Plate Final on Friday night. Na Gaeil Ladies would also like to say well done to Niamh Moriarty and Deirdre Kearney who both played in New Zealand at the weekend playing football with their local GAA team Celtic GFC Auckland

Table Quiz Na Gaeil Ladies Annual Family Halloween Table Quiz is on this Friday night October 25th at 8.30pm in Na Gaeil. Best Halloween costumes on display. €20 per table. All welcome

AGM Na Gaeil AGM will be held in the clubhouse on Friday December 6th at 8pm. All members are welcome to attend.

U8's & U10's On Sunday eve at 5 pm the clubhouse was packed to capacity as the U8's and U10's gathered for their end of year celebration. There was great excitement as our special guests were Kerry Stars, Jack Barry, Diarmuid O' Connor and the Na Gaeil members from the Kerry Minors including Devon Burns our very own Minor All Star goalkeeper, Jack Sheehan and Oisin Maunsell. They signed autographs and jerseys and posed for photographs with the children. It is great to have so many great role models in the club for these stars of the future to look up to. Our U10's coach Gavin Lacey and U8's coach Shane O'Brien along with our Kerry stars presented certificates to all players.

Na Gaeil Coiste na nÓg chairperson Colm Ó Súilleabháin addressed the large attendance of players and their parents. He commended all these young players for their commitment and dedication to training during the year. He also thanked the coaches for all their hard work and the parents for their co-operation and enthusiasm.

Race Night A date for your diary. On **Friday 30th November** we are holding an all sponsored Race Night to finance our increasingly expanding Club both on and off the field of play. It is a special year for the club with the senior team being crowned Premier Junior Champions in May. They now look forward to the first round of the Munster Championship in November with a tilt at the Cork County Champions. This will bring a new but welcome expense. We ask all our supporters, players and parents to purchase a horse @ € 40 from any member of the Race Committee or from the Club Bar over the coming weeks. There will be a prize for the best dressed lady and gent at the event. There will also be Tote facilities. The night is always a great social occasion in the Club. Be part of it.

Scór We're just starting to organise ourselves for the upcoming Scór season. Anyone interested in taking part, or helping out, please contact Margaret on 086 0855008

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 €2,100 took place on Thursday evening last. Numbers drawn were 5, 18, 20, 28. There was no winner. €50 winners were Louis Byrne, Spar, Oakpark and Tadhg Condon, Ballinorig. €25 winners were Padraig Heaphy, Mounthawk, Con Murphy, Oakpark Demesne, Ian O’Kelly, Currovough and Junior Locke, Shanakill. Next week’s jackpot is €2,200. 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 park.