

Na Gaeil Notes Monday 15th May 2023

Lotto results: Lotto Tue 9th May 2023. No winner. Numbers drawn were 6, 8, 16, 27. Lucky dip winners of €20 were Niall O'Meara, Patrick Donovan, Pat O'Connor, Trophyworld, Mary O'Mahony. Tomorrow night's jackpot will be €2,850. Why not try your luck in our lotto. The links is as follows:

<https://www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/Na%20Gaeil%20CLG/lotto>

Registration: We have made it very easy for all parents to pay membership by following the link to Klubfunder: <https://www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/Na%20Gaeil%20CLG/Membership> The family membership is a great option to help support our ever expanding club.

RIP: Our sincere condolences to our under 9 coach Mike O'Toole and his family on the passing of his dad Tommy last Saturday. May he rest in peace. Also, our sincere sympathy to former underage players Jack and Paddy O'Callaghan on the passing of their dad John O'Callaghan, Racecourse Road, last week. May he rest in peace.

New Arrival: Congratulations to Brian O'Shea and his wife Ciara who welcomed a baby boy last week.

Connect Kerry: Congratulations to our Bar Manager Mary Lacey O'Callaghan who has been nominated for a Connect Kerry Women in Business Award. The awards will take place on Friday 16th June at Ballyroe Heights Hotel.

Senior Mens Co. League: Round 6 of the County League saw our lads make the trip to Cahirciveen to play St Marys yesterday. Both teams were in need of a win so the game was keenly contested from the start. St Marys played with the aid of the breeze in the first half and were 3 points to nil ahead after 12 minutes. Na Gaeil had plenty possession but were finding it hard to get ball into our forwards. Eventually a point from Kieran O'Connor got us on the scoreboard. Five minutes later Dara Devine converted a free to leave us trailing by just a point. But St Marys upped their game and using the wind to good effect they reeled off 3 points in a row to lead 6 points to 2. As the game approached halftime Dara Devine was on hand to kick our 3rd point and crucially it was a point from Seán O'Connor in injury time that reduced the deficit at halftime to a very manageable 2 points. That first half was notable for the dominance of Devon Burns in goals as he made 3 or 4 great catches to cut out dangerous attacks from St Marys. The second half started brilliantly for our lads as they notched 3 points without reply in the first 5 minutes, one each from Andrew Barry and Kieran O'Connor and a free from birthday boy Dara Devine which left us in the lead for the first time. A free from former Kerry player Bryan Sheehan soon followed and the game was level. The same player, despite being the St Marys goalkeeper, went downfield and kicked a point from play to put the Marys back in front, 8 points to 7. St. Marys added a point from play and a free to push them ahead by 3 points mid-way through the half. Crucially for us Ben O'Donoghue from St Marys picked up a black card and Na Gaeil used the numerical advantage to add a free from Devon Burns & 2 points from play from Dara Devine to level the game with 7 minutes remaining. As the clock ran down Na Gaeil kicked 2 wides in a row and it seemed we might have to settle for a draw. However our lads forced a turnover in midfield and moved the ball quickly to Kieran O'Donovan. He fed Dara Devine about 25 yards out from the St Mary's goal. Dara was quick to notice that the goalkeeper was missing & he coolly slotted it home for the only goal of the game. Immediately afterwards Jack Sheehan added an insurance point to leave the final score St Marys 0-10, Na Gaeil 1-11. Team: Devon Burns, Ruairi O'Sullivan, Niall O'Mahony, Jimi O'Suilleabháin, Fergal Barry, Damien Bourke, Ryan O'Neill, Jamsie O'Connor, Tomás O'hAiniféin, Seán O'Connor, Andrew Barry (C), Kieran O'Donovan (VC), Kieran O'Connor, Dara Devine, Jack Sheehan. Subs: John Kearney, Eoin O'Neill, Kian Sheehan, Seamus Looney, Eoghan Daly, Shane Kelly, Shawn Duggan, Jack Doyle, Shane Daly, Jack Bourke, Declan Cooney, Rory Murphy, Paul Burke, Tadhg Reen.

U5 Boys & Girls: New members are always welcome. Contact Denis on 087-2808719.

U7 Boys & Girls: We had a great attendance at U7's training yesterday morning. The boys & girls practiced their soloing, hand passing, defending, kicking skills and finished with a game. Keep up the great work and don't forget to keep up the practice during the week. Training continues Thursday evening at 6pm.

U11 Boys: Well done to our under 11 boys who had a tough training session yesterday morning. The session concentrated on hand passing and using the weaker leg before some mini matches at the end. The boys are looking forward to the next phase of the county league at home to Kenmare on Thursday at 6.30pm.

U13 A Boys: Na Gaeil A 0-8, John Mitchel's A 3-10. The newly crowned Division 1 winners of Phase 1 of the county league came crashing down to earth with defeat at home last night. In a game that that was level at 6 points each at the break, a sluggish second half meant that the visitors came away with the spoils in a score-line that probably didn't reflect the difference between the sides. A tricky cross wind meant that scores were at a minimum in the opening half and exchanges were tit for tat as both teams felt out the opposition. Eoin Tansley clipped two lovely points in the first half in which, Donagh O'Connell, Andy Costello and Dean O'Leary played well. Ben O'Sullivan was picking out lovely short kickouts but we turned over possession that was very unlike how we've played all year. An injury to O'Leary at the back and compounded with Mitchel's players winning their individual battles, meant that the home side had to go for broke. Despite the best efforts of Costello, Nathan Anthony and James Kelly our visitors made hay with the open spaces that had to be left in search of scores and ran out deserving winners. We are all always proud of what our lads do and as the saying goes; "win or learn"! Training on Tuesday and Thursday 6-7pm and both teams welcome Legion on Sunday 21st May. Team Ben O'Sullivan, James Kelly, Dean O'Leary, Rory John O'Brien, Jake Barrett, Philip Doyle, Joe Field, Eoin Tansley, Tom Slattery, Aaron O'Donovan, Danny Brick, Eoin Hannon, Nathan Anthony, Andy Costello, Donagh O'Connell, Luca Cronin, Seán O'Connell, Conor Reidy.

U13 B Boys: Na Gaeil B 3-5, John Mitchel's B 3-6. In a cracking contest in Killeen yesterday evening our Green team lost by the minimum to John Mitchels. The visitors played all the football in a tricky cross-wind in the first half and had us under pressure in most areas at the start of the game. After a slow start Eoin O'Connor and Ephrem Falvey got to grips with the opposition and halted the visitors domination. The work rate from Luca Cronin, Conor Reidy and in particular Jonathan Sheehy at centre-forward began to slow the Mitchels domination and kept the game a contest going into the break, however we still trailed 2-4 to 1-1 at the break. Na Gaeil came out a different side in the second period and burst into life with goals from Sheehy and Paddy Hennessy. Ruairí Coakley, Seán Óg Murphy and Seán O'Connell were outstanding as the game came into its final stages. Na Gaeil were a point down as the game entered its final minutes when the drama ramped up. Ever dependable Hennessy bagged a goal, Cronin with a point and with two minutes to go we went two up, only for the visitors to reply with a goal of their own. At the stroke of full time the Na Gaeil men thought they won the game with a goal, only for the umpire to signal a wide. Final score Na Gaeil 3-5, John Mitchels 3-6. Kudos to Ruairí Coakley and Corey Kinsella who played their first game this year, both played well and have will have great days in green ahead. Well done to the referee, all players and to Mitchel's for a super game of football. Team; Seán O'Connell, Seán Óg Murphy, Ephrem Falvey, Eoin O'Connor, Jude Doyle, Dylan McCarthy, Ruairí Coakley, Conor Reidy, Luca Cronin, Kieran Feely, Jonathan Sheehy, Paddy Hennessey, Corey Kinsella, Adam Fitzgerald.

U15 A Boys: Our U15A team played Austin Stacks last Wednesday evening in their home semifinal of Division 2 Co. League. Against the breeze in the first half we exchanged scores and made it 0-1 to 0-1 after 5 mins. Our point came from a great 45 by Fionn Daly. Gearóid Moynihan was outstanding at full back and contested every ball that was sent his way. Donncha Hartnett and Jack Kelly were off his shoulder every time and tidied up everything inside the 20m line. Cillian Griffin in the centre-back position again commanded the half back line and his bursts through the centre opened up the middle numerous times. Stacks had a purple patch and managed 2-01 up to the 20 minute mark of the first half. To our

credit we kept the score board ticking with points from Danny Kingston who responded to each of the Stacks goals with a ball over the bar leaving the score line 2-02 to 0-3. The next ten minutes we improved and our midfield pairing of Samson Abubakar and Brian Heaphy got on a lot more ball feeding our forwards who delivered. Danny Kingston put in a dangerous ball to the square and a brilliant run by Fionn Daly distracted the keeper and the ball went uncontested into the net. Another good ball into the inside line meant Danny put the ball across the square for Ryan Sheehy who fisted into the net. Leading now by 0-1 it was Stacks who levelled it up at halftime leaving it 2-03 to 2-03. To be fair to Stacks they would have been a little disappointed going in level at halftime as it was Jacob Drzymala in goals for us, just returned from injury, who made three great saves to keep us in touch in the first half. Our boys started really well in the second half and showed a desire for winning through their huge work rate. Half backs Sean Óg O'Connor and Philip McEaney were up and down the lines all night always creating chances and being available for the ball. Shane O Donavon and Brian Reidy were as ever industrious around the middle eight helping out midfield and with their tackles and turnovers again fed the inside line. It was points in this half that made the difference and Danny Kingston again delivered kicking three frees and three from play. Samson also added one to the points tally. Darragh Callaghan at corner forward was involved in nearly every play in this second half and along with Ryan Sheehy and Fionn Daly they never stopped getting involved in the play. Stacks to their credit kept fighting all the way through but a fantastic run by Samson Abubakar through the middle finishing the ball in the net probably put us out of sight. Final score was Na Gaeil 3-10 to Austin Stacks 2-05. Subs on the night were Sean Cantwell, Karl Cronin, Victor Malakov, Luke Gannon, Ruairí Lacey, Eoghan Daly and David Buckley. This win has earned our lads a Division 2 Co. League final v Legion that will be played in Listry at 7pm on Wednesday 17th May. Thanks to Austin Stacks for a sporting game and the Referee for doing a great job. The team were delighted to wear their new jerseys on the night. Thanks so much to Louis Byrne of Spar Oakpark for sponsoring them. We really appreciate it.

U15 B Boys: Our U15B team had no game last week but have a Shield semi-final v Fossa B (away) on Wednesday 17th May at 7pm.

U17 Boys: Last Monday night our u17 boys played their second game in the Central Region league when they travelled to Castlegregory to take on the locals. It proved to be a one-sided game as Castlegregory were missing a few regular starters. Final score: Na Gaeil 3-21, Castlegregory 1-8. Team: Iarla Ó hAiniféin, Daragh Morris, Kevin O'Donoghue, Ruadhan Clifford, Jamie Schoenmaker, Cillian Griffin, Conor Lucey, Séan Barrett, Ruairí Ó hAiniféin, Jack Costelloe, Liam Cooper, Mark Lynch, Paddy McElligott, Brian Heaphy, Seán Barry. The lads will be playing Desmonds tonight in Castleisland at 7.30pm in the 3rd and final group game.

Bingo: Every Monday evening in Na Gaeil clubhouse at 8pm sharp. Over €1,000 in cash prizes guaranteed every week, with an accumulator jackpot in play each week. Double book €10, Single book €6, Mini book €3. Jackpot Sheets €2 each. Bus service available on 087-2817577. Please note our bingo is now open to over 18s only.

Volunteers: The club are looking for people to help out at bingo on Monday nights. If you can spare 2 hours every 5 or 6 weeks then Niamh (087-9863667) would be delighted to have you on board.

Kelloggs Cúl Camp: The Kelloggs Cúl Camp will be held in Na Gaeil on the week commencing Monday 3rd July.

Hire the Hall: The hall in the clubhouse is available for parties or other events. Please email nagaeilclubhouse@gmail.com if you'd like to make a booking.

Na Gaeil cycle club: Cycle each Saturday at 9am from Na Gaeil club. Everyone is welcome to come for a nice friendly cycle.

Cards: The weekly 45 card game is back. Every Wednesday night, starting at 9pm sharp.

Notes: If you'd like anything included in the club's weekly notes please send it to me at pro.nagaeil.kerry@gaa.ie before 9am on Monday and I'll do my best to include it.