Na Gaeil Notes Monday 16th October 2023

<u>RIP:</u> Sincere sympathy to our bar manager Mary Lacey O'Callaghan and the extended Lacey family on the passing of Mary's father Tim recently. May he rest in peace.

Lotto results: Lotto Tue 10th October 2023. No winner. Numbers drawn were 13, 24, 25, 29. Lucky dip winners of €20 were Declan Healy, Ian Kelly, Siobhán Lacey, Margaret Doody, Shane Murphy. Tomorrow night's jackpot will be €3,950. Why not try your luck in our lotto. The links is as follows: https://www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/Na%20Gaeil%20CLG/lotto

Senior Men: Unfortunately our senior team bowed out of the Garvey's Supervalu Senior County Championship yesterday in the quarter-final at the hands of a very strong Mid Kerry side. Na Gaeil started brightly with a good score from play from Dan Goggin after good work by Damien Bourke but Mid Kerry dominated possession for the next 10 minutes and notched up 1-7 without reply. Our lads did have a goal opportunity in the 13th minute following a great catch from Diarmuid O'Connor in midfield but the Mid Kerry goal keeper was out quickly to block Darragh Reen's shot and the ball was cleared. Mid Kerry added another point before Jack Sheehan kicked a nice score from 35 meters following a pass from Morgan Madden. Mid Kerry added another point before 2 Na Gaeil wides left the score at 1-9 to 0-2 after 20 minutes. Then Mid Kerry's Mike Breen picked up a black card for a foul on Diarmuid O'Connor and our lads had a purple patch. In quick succession Devon Burns converted a free, Darragh Reen added one from play and Jack Barry added another. As the game entered injury time Morgan Madden won the kickout out near the sideline, played a one-two with Dan Googin before unleashing a shot past the Mid Kerry keeper and into the net. Mid Kerry managed 1 more point before the half time whistle to leave them ahead by 1-10 to 1-5. However any hopes of a Na Gaeil comeback were dampened as we registered 3 demoralising wides within 4 minutes of the restart. Mid Kerry tagged on 2 points before Dara Devine converted a free but that was to be our last score until the 32nd minute. Mid Kerry continued to dominate and added 5 points to their total as they ran their bench. Niall O'Mahony was unlucky not to get a consolation goal in the 30th minute as his shot cannoned back off the crossbar and it probably summed up Na Gaeil's afternoon. Darragh Reen bagged a point in injury time but Mid Kerry finished the game out with 2 more points to leave the final score Na Gaeil 1-7, Mid Kerry 1-19. Team: Devon Burns, Eoin Doody, Niall O'Mahoney, Jack Doyle, Morgan Madden, Stefan Okunbor, Damien Bourke, Diarmuid O'Connor, Jack Barry, Kieran O'Donovan, Dan Goggin, James O'Connor, Jack Sheehan, Dara Devine, Darragh Reen, Subs; John Kearney, Jack Bourke, Kieran O'Connor, Seán O'Connor, Seamus Looney, Jimi O'Suilleabhain, Declan Cooney, Dan Goggin, Luke Barrett, Ryan O'Neill, Ruairi O'Sullivan, Tadhg Reen, Rory Reen, Kian Sheehan, Eoghan Daly, Shawn Duggan, Shane Kelly, Liam Óg Kingston, Enda O'Connor, Oisín Maunsell, Shane Daly, Tomas O'hAinifein.

<u>Senior Men:</u> Our Senior Club Championship relegation game with Kerins O'Rahillys has been fixed for Saturday Oct. 28th in Austin Stack Park at 5.30pm. We hope to see a huge Na Gaeil support for this crucial game.

Bingo: Bingo in Na Gaeil clubhouse at 8pm tonight. Over €1,000 in cash prizes guaranteed with an Accumulator Jackpot House as a possible bonus, raffle prizes galore along with Split-the-bucket and multiple chances to win on the night. 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 strictly over 18s.

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.

<u>Club History:</u> During the year Michael Golden spent many hours putting together a list of notable club results and other information about the club since its foundation in 1978. This can now be found on our website (<u>www.nagaeil.ie</u>). Click on "Club News" then "Weekly notes" and select "Old results by Michael Golden".

Race Night: On Friday 17th November at 8pm Na Gaeil will host their Annual Race Night, in the clubhouse, and it will also be streamed live on Facebook. All horses purchased will be entered in a draw to compete in the prestigious final race, The Na Gaeil Gold cup, with a Prize of €1,000 for the winner. It could be you! Its been an Historic Year: Na Gaeil senior men are competing in the Co. Championship quarter final for the first time ever. All-Star nominee Diarmuid O'Connor and Jack Barry played at centre field for Kerry in the All-Ireland final. Mary O'Connell, Eilis O'Connor, Deirdre Kearney were on the Kerry panel for the All-Ireland final with Laura Fitzgerald as goalkeeper coach. We have underage representatives, boys and girls on all development squads who also play in the Kerry jersey. Congratulations to all our players who brought great pride and joy to their families, and to our club. Currently we are the only club in Kerry with both Ladies and Men teams having senior status. The proceeds of our Race Night are vital funding for

- Catering for all training requirements for over 500 boys and girls, from under 6 to Senior.
- Catering for Scór na nÓg and Scór Sínsir.
- Maintaining and upgrading our facilities, indoors and outdoors.

Please support our club by purchasing a horse for €50. You can win €75 in a standard race and €1,000 in the Na Gaeil Gold Cup. There will also be a Best Dressed Lady and Gent competition with valuable prizes for both. Horses can be purchased online via Klubfunder or in the clubhouse. The link for klubfunder is: https://www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/Na_Gaeil_CLG/EventRegistration#EventRegistrationOptions

<u>U16 Girls:</u> Our u16 girls have 2 games this week. Tomorrow they host Beale at 6pm and then on Thursday they're away to Kerins O'Rahillys. Good luck girls.

<u>U5 Boys & Girls:</u> Our end-of-season medal presentation for our U5 players takes place in Na Gaeil Clubhouse on Friday October 27th at 6:30pm. This is a highlight for all the players who are each presented with their medals. As tradition the kids are asked to dress up in their Halloween costumes for the occasion. Weather permitting Sunday October 22nd will be our last U5's training session for 2023.

<u>U7 Boys & Girls:</u> We had 32 kids at our U7's training yesterday morning. The kids practiced their soloing, hand passing, kicking skills followed by a game. Next Sunday is our final session for 2023. Our end-of-season medal presentation for our U5 and U7 players takes place in Na Gaeil Clubhouse on Friday October 27th at 6:30pm. This is a highlight for all the players who are each presented with their medals. As tradition the kids are asked to dress up in their Halloween costumes for the occasion. Weather permitting Sunday October 22nd will be our last U7's training session for 2023.

<u>U9 Boys</u>: Well done to 19 of our Under 9's who played 6 matches in the UL Sports Grounds yesterday, competing against teams from Limerick and Clare. A great trip and super performances for our last outing of the season.

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

<u>Na Gaeil cycle club:</u> Cycle each Saturday at 9am from Na Gaeil club. Everyone is welcome to come for a nice friendly cycle. Please note change of time.

<u>Cards:</u> The weekly 45 card game is held every Wednesday night, starting at 9pm sharp. Everyone is welcome.

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.