

Na Gaeil Notes Monday 18th September 2023

Lotto results: Lotto Tue 12th September 2023. No winner. Numbers drawn were 3, 18, 21, 32. Lucky dip winners of €20 were Mary Golden, Meabh Barry, Shane Daly, Aidan Carmody, Pauline Fitzmaurice. Tomorrow night's jackpot will be €3,750. Why not try your luck in our lotto. The links is as follows: <https://www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/Na%20Gaeil%20CLG/lotto>

RIP: Everyone involved in our club bingo is shocked and saddened to hear of the passing of Pat Boyle, Rathoonane. Pat was a regular player at our Monday night bingo and she will be greatly missed. May she rest in peace.

RIP: Our sincere sympathy to senior players Jack and Kian Sheehan on the death of their grandfather Donal Sheehan, Abbeydorney last Saturday.

RIP: Our sincere condolences to Mike Culloty and his family on the death of his sister Eileen Hanlon, Carrigaline, recently.

Coffee Morning: Don't forget the Coffee morning in aid of Kerry Hospice will be held in the club next Sunday morning the 24th September from 10am to 12pm. Your support would be greatly appreciated for this great cause.

Senior Ladies: Good luck to our senior ladies who will play their final group game in the Senior County Championship next Sunday, away to Southern Gaels.

Senior Men: Last Friday night in Austin Stack Park Na Gaeil took on St Brendan's in the opening game of the Garveys SuperValu Senior County Championship. Na Gaeil were boosted by the return of Stefan Okunbor to the starting 15 and he was to play a prominent role throughout the game. St Brendan's won the throw-in but it was the impressive Darragh Reen who gave our lads an early lead before St Brendan's followed up with an equaliser. Our full-forward line were causing problems for the St. Brendan's backs and a point apiece from Dara Devine (free) and Jack Sheehan extended our lead to 2 points. A free from St Brendan's in the 10th minute cut the gap to a point but incredibly that was to be their last score until the 50th minute. Good work in our defence kept St Brendans at bay and led to another Darragh Reen point. Neither team managed a score for the next 12 minutes but it was Na Gaeil who made the most of the final 5 minutes to add 3 points without reply, leaving us ahead at halftime by 7 points to 2. The early stages of the 2nd half were nip and tuck and it was the 7th minute before the next score. A St. Brendan's attack was broken down by Stefan Okunbor and the ball was quickly moved downfield to Diarmuid O'Connor on the run and he kicked a beauty from 45m out. Damien Bourke then came storming into the game and kicked a point to put us ahead by 7 points. Over the next few minutes Na Gaeil introduced subs Dan Goggin, Jack Bourke and Kieran O'Connor and all 3 showed their worth. St. Brendan's converted a free but then Na Gaeil struck for their first goal. Stefan played the ball to Diarmuid O'Connor who bore down on goal before passing the ball across the square to Jack Bourke who calmly sidestepped the St Brendan's keeper and finished to the net. St. Brendan's were finding it very hard to get through the dogged Na Gaeil defence but they did convert another free to leave the score 1-9 to 0-4 with 7 minutes remaining. The tie was soon well and truly over as a surging run by Damien Bourke ended with him billowing the St Brendan's net for our second goal. A great steal in midfield by Jack Barry led to a Kieran O'Connor point and a few minutes later it was Kieran again who was at the end of a swift move to volley the ball past the helpless St Brendan's keeper. Both teams exchanged points before the final whistle to leave the final score Na Gaeil 3-11, St. Brendan's 0-5. Team: Devon Burn, Stefan Okunbor, Niall O'Mahoney, Jack Doyle, Eoin Doody, Morgan Madden, Damien Bourke, Diarmuid O'Connor, Jack Barry, Kieran O'Donovan, Tomás O'hAiniféin, James O'Connor, Jack Sheehan, Dara Devine, Darragh Reen. Subs: John Kearney, Jack Bourke, Kieran O'Connor, Seán O'Connor, Seamus Looney, Jimi O'Suilleabháin, Declan Cooney, Dan Goggin, Luke Barrett, Ryan O'Neill, Ruairi O'Sullivan, Shane Kelly, Rory Reen, Kian Sheehan, Eoghan Daly, Shawn Duggan, Tadhg Reen.

U14 Girls: Hard luck to our u14 girls who lost to Listowel Emmets in the North Kerry League last Monday night on a scoreline of Na Gaeil 2-3, Listowel Emmets 3-6.

U16 Girls: Our u16 girls will start their North Kerry League campaign soon. They are in Division 3 and will play Dingle, Kerins O'Rahillys, Beale, Ballymac and John Mitchels.

U5 Boys & Girls: Great session yesterday morning by our u5s. Kicking and hand passing were what we worked on. New players always welcome. Contact Denis on 087-2808719.

U7 Boys & Girls: Well done to our u7s who all played great football against Ballymac yesterday morning. Some personal bests were definitely on display.

U11 Boys: Well done to our u11 boys put in two mighty shifts at John Mitchels yesterday morning. Thanks to Mitchels for hosting us.

U13 Boys: Unfortunately our u13 boys were beaten yesterday in the Central Region Division 1 final by John Mitchels in a very close game. Final score Na Gaeil 1-9, John Mitchels 0-13.

U15 Boys: Unfortunately our u15 lads lost their Central Region Division 1 semi-final to Laune Rangers last Wednesday night on a scoreline of Laune Rangers 1-13, Na Gaeil 2-5.

U17 Boys: Commiserations to our lads who lost to Annascaul/Lispole/Dingle last Saturday in Killeen in the club championship semi-final.

Bingo: Bingo in Na Gaeil clubhouse at 8pm tonight. 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 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.

Club History: 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 (www.nagaeil.ie). Click on "Club News" then "Weekly notes" and select "Old results by Michael Golden".

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 8.30am from Na Gaeil club. Everyone is welcome to come for a nice friendly cycle. Please note change of time.

Cards: 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.