

Na Gaeil Notes Monday 1st May 2023

Lotto results: Lotto Tue 25th April 2023. No winner. Numbers drawn were 8, 16, 23, 24. Lucky dip winners of €20 were Margaret O'Shea, Terry Healy, Rebecca McCarthy, Sorcha Uí Shuilleabháin, Liz Heaphy. Tomorrow night's jackpot will be €2,750. Why not try your luck in our lotto. The links is as follows: <https://www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/Na%20Gaeil%20CLG/lotto>

Lotto QR Code: Another way to play our lotto.....Watch out for the Lotto QR codes located around the bar. Just scan the QR code and follow the steps to play.

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.

Scór: The finals of Scór na bPaistí were held in Glenbeigh last Saturday and Na Gaeil had a very successful outing there, taking home the County trophy & medals for the Nuachleas competition. Philip Doyle, Clodagh Morris, Lily Barrett, Amelia O'Callaghan, Jake Barrett, Farren Ní Dhálaigh, Caoimhe Daly & Danny Brick held the large audience enthralled with their performance of Mary Quirke's "The Voyage of the Visionaries" and were deserving winners on the day. Also representing us was Caoimhe Daly, who told the story of "Bridget & the Lurkeen" in the Aithriseoracht competition. She was unlucky not to be placed, as was Aoibhín O'Sullivan, who danced a light jig in the solo dancing. Thanks to all the above mentioned kids, who worked very hard over the past several weeks to bring all the pieces together - the sketch, the recitation & the dance. Thanks are due also to the mentors - Mary Quirke, who is our playwright supreme, Helen Sugrue & Josephine McGillycuddy. There has to be a special mention also for the staff & management of the club, who facilitated us in every possible way.

Kerry Team: Good luck to Jack, Diarmuid & the Kerry team in the Munster Final versus Clare on Sunday.

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.

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

U7 Boys & Girls: The U7's had a busy morning in sunny Killeen yesterday. The boys and girls practiced their solos, hand passing, kicking skills and finished with a game. Well done to everyone, you were all very impressive. Keep up the great work and don't forget to keep up the practice during the week. Thanks to Parents, Coaches and our new photographer Keith for the great photos.

U11 Boys: Well done to both under 11 teams who travelled to Spa, Killarney last Thursday evening and put on a fine display of football! Well done boys! Then the lads had a very productive training session yesterday in Killeen. They practiced tackling without fouling and kicking and soloing with their weaker leg before a full pitch game. The boys now look forward to their last game of phase 1 in the county league away to Listowel on Thursday.

U13 Boys (Green Team): U13 County League Phase 1, Round 5. Thursday 27th April. Na Gaeil B 2-5 Legion B 2-2. Na Gaeil Green team finished off their County League Phase 1 with a three-point win against Legion. The win means the men in green finished with three wins from five and played some fine football throughout. Conditions were slippery in Killeen and both teams struggled with their first touch. When the game settled, Ben O'Sullivan and Paddy Hennessy clipped over two fine points. At the back, Seán O'Connell was finding his man expertly on his restarts. Eoin O'Connor who had his best game of the year was ably assisted in the full back line by the ever-dependable Seán Óg Murphy and Jude Hogan who was having a gripping battle with the Legion full forward. As play began to open up Kieran Felly reacted smartly to bury the ball after a goal mouth scramble. Rory John O'Brien and Nathan Anthony in the middle of the park were winning the midfield battle as the hosts led 1-3 to 0-1 at the break. Donagh O'Connell opened the scoring in the second period and Na Gaeil seemed to be cruising. However, the Killarney men hit their purple patch and bagged 1-1 in two minutes to just two points between the teams. Ephrem Falvey and Conor Reidy were stepping up in the half back line as was Ned Breen and Adam Fitzgerald who covered more than one position on the night. As Legion pushed our lads back an O'Sullivan 45 dropped short and among a flurry of hands the ball ended up in the net. Goal machines Feely and Hennessy both claimed the goal as did O'Sullivan who dropped it in!! Towards the end of the game, William Scanlon showed some lovely touches. Jonathan Sheehy who covered every run on the pitch moved to the backs and coupled with Donagh O'Connell at the back ensured the home side prevailed by three. Well done to all. The U13's are delighted to be going to the Munster football final on May 7th to see Na Gaeil stars Diarmuid O'Connor and Jack Barry in the flesh. Not to mention one of their own, Eoin Tansley who lines out for the Kingdom in the primary game at half time.

U15 B Boys: Our U15B team played Ardfert away last Monday night in the Co. League. It was Ardfert that got the better start and got early scores to put the pressure on our lads. However as always we responded well and pushed Ardfert all the way to halftime for them to earn their lead. After scoring 2-4 in the opening 10 mins it was a much smaller margin at halftime after being reduced to 6 points, 2-9 to 2-3. Second half was again a great display of football with both sides showing great skill and talent. Though we tried hard and could have closed the gap Ardfert just seemed to have an answer for all we put up to them. Final score was Ardfert 4-12, Na Gaeil 3-5.

U15 A Boys: Our U15A team hosted John Mitchels last Wednesday evening in the 3rd Round of Division 1 Co. League. To our boys credit they started really well and found themselves 4 points to the good after 10 mins. Mitchels pressed hard and replied with some great scores but our lads responded well every time. Goals from Na Gaeil in the first half really set the tone and the workrate across the field earned Na Gaeil a 9 point lead at halftime.

The second half was similar with good football played by both sides. However goalkeeper Jacob Drzymala keeping a clean sheet was key to success and his defense working tirelessly to ensure he had all the support required was all crucial in this all important victory. Midfield dominated and supplied a forward line that did not disappoint in a final score of Na Gaeil 3-11 to John Mitchels 0-7.

U17 Boys: Last Tuesday night our u17 boys had the opportunity to play in Austin Stack Park when they took on Cordal/Scartaglen in the final of the Keanes SuperValu Division 4 County League. It was the third time the sides had met in the competition with the initial game ending in a draw and the second game resulting in an 8 point win for Cordal/Scartaglen.

Cordal/Scartaglen played with the aid of the slight breeze in the first half and opened the scoring before Na Gaeil added points from Conor Lucey, Liam Cooper and Man of the Match Mark Lynch to lead 3-1 after just 6 minutes. This was followed by 2 wides apiece before Liam Cooper stretched the gap to 4-1 and Na Gaeil looked to be in the driving seat. The Cordal/Scartaglen forwards were finding it hard to penetrate the hard-working Na Gaeil defence and they kicked 2 more wides. However on the 18 minute mark Cordal/Scartaglen's pressure finally paid off when they got through for a goal to leave the sides level. It was a body blow to the Na Gaeil boys but they responded well with a point from midfielder Sean Barrett. However this was followed by 3 wides in a row from our boys before Cordal/Scartaglen ended the half with a converted free to leave the sides level at halftime, Na Gaeil 0-5, Cordal/Scartaglen 1-2.

Mark Lynch and Liam Cooper made the most of the breeze to add 2 quick points to Na Gaeil's tally just

after halftime. But then Cordal/Scartaglen came to life and added 4 points without reply to put them 2 points ahead with 20 minutes remaining. Na Gaeil looked to be in trouble but a free from Liam Cooper cut the gap to 1 point. Unfortunately the next 2 Na Gaeil attacks resulted in wides but our lads kept their heads. A well-worked move found its way to Peter Doyle and his shot sailed over the bar to level the game with just 10 minutes remaining. The game was in the melting pot and the excitement now was at fever pitch. Both sides added 2 more wides each and it looked like extra time might be needed. On the stroke of full time Na Gaeil won a 45 after a great save by the Cordal/Scartaglen keeper. Liam Cooper's kick wasn't a great one but it found its way to our vice-captain Sean Barrett who turned and fired it over the bar to the delight of the many Na Gaeil supporters present. But the drama didn't end there. Cordal/Scartaglen mounted one last attack and won themselves a 45. The ball was kicked in towards goal and the Cordal/Scartaglen forwards tried to work an equaliser but it was fitting that our dogged defence once more held out and cleared their lines. Final score: Na Gaeil 0-10, Cordal/Scartaglen 1-6. Team: Iarla Ó hAiniféin, Daragh Morris, Kevin O'Donoghue, Cillian Griffin, Ruadhan Clifford, Jamie Schoenmaker, Conor Lucey, Peter Doyle, Séan Barrett (Vice Captain), Ruairí Ó hAiniféin, Jack Costelloe, Brian Heaphy, Mark Lynch, Liam Cooper, Paddy McElligott. Subs: Dan Maloney, Oisín O'Sullivan (capt), Séan Barry, Fionn Heaslip, Dara Cunningham. The players and management were delighted to receive shorts and socks prior to the game. A big thank you to Bord na nÓg and our treasurer Cathy Carey for sourcing them at very short notice.

Senior Mens Co. League: Round 5 of the League saw our senior team play host to Firies yesterday in ideal conditions. Firies started well despite playing into the breeze and got the first point of the game. Kian Sheehan replied for us before Firies added their second. A Jack Sheehan point after 10 minutes levelled the game once again but then Firies took over, adding 6 of the next 8 points as the game neared halftime. Dara Devine converted a free on the stroke of halftime which saw the margin cut to 3 points. The first 10 minutes of the second half failed to yield a score for either team but eventually Dara Devine pointed for us. Firies added a point but 3 points in a row from Na Gaeil, the pick of them being a great score from Damien Bourke, had the sides level and it felt like Na Gaeil had the momentum. But again Firies hit back with a point to egde them in front once more, 10 points to 9. A foul on Jack Sheehan saw Dara Devine level the game before Damien Bourke added his second of the day to put Na Gaeil ahead for the only time in the game. On the stroke of full time Firies were awarded a penalty but their effort was well saved by Devon Burns and the ball was cleared to safety. It looked like Na Gaeil would hold out for a valuable win but five minutes into injury time Firies converted a close in free to take a share of the league points. Final score Na Gaeil 0-11, Firies 0-11. Team: Devon Burns, Jimi Ó Suilleabháin, Ryan O'Neill, Seamus Looney, Fergal Barry, Damien Bourke, Kieran O'Donovan (VC), James O'Connor, Tomás Ó hAiniféin, Seán O'Connor, Andrew Barry (C), Kian Sheehan, Kieran O'Connor, Dara Devine, Jack Sheehan. Subs: John Kearney, Eoin O'Neill, Eoghan Daly, Shane Kelly, Shawn Duggan, Shane Daly, Paul Burke, Jack Bourke, Declan Cooney, Rory Murphy, Tadhg Reen, Rory Reen, Seamus Looney, Seamus O'Neill, Liam Óg Kingston, Lorcan Seymour, Darragh Reen.

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.