

Na Gaeil notes Monday 21st March 2022.

Senior Team: Our senior team were on the road last Sunday as they headed to Templeoe for the first round of Div. 2 of the senior county league. An early Jack Sheehan free was cancelled out by a Stephen O'Sullivan free for Templeoe. Two points from play in quick succession by the lively Dan Goggin put Na Gaeil 3 points to 1 ahead. Templeoe replied with a free but minutes later Jack Sheehan converted his second free to leave Na Gaeil ahead 4 points to 2 mid-way through the first half. A point from play by Templeoe's Daniel Crowley cut the deficit to one. Soon afterwards Na Gaeil keeper Aido Quirke brought off a crucial one-on-one save to keep Templeoe at bay. A point each from Cian Devine and Eoin O'Neill late in the half left Na Gaeil ahead at the break, 6 points to 3. Templeoe started the second half brighter and added 2 points from play to cut the deficit to just one point. However Na Gaeil upped their game and added points from Jack Sheehan, Dan Goggin & Kieran O'Connor in quick succession. Colin Crowley replied with a point for Templeoe before Na Gaeil hit 3 more, a free from Jack Sheehan and points from play from Tomás Ó hAinfeín & Declan Cooney. Suddenly the gap was out to 6 points and Na Gaeil looked comfortable. With 5 minutes remaining Templeoe pointed a free to reduce the margin to 5 points. As the clock ticked down Templeoe launched another attack. A high ball in was fisted away by our keeper, Aido, but we failed to clear it and when it made its way to corner forward Aidan Crowley he blasted it to the net. It made for a nervy last few minutes but despite Templeoe's best efforts our lads showed their experience to hold out in the end by 2 points. Final score: Templeoe 1-7; Na Gaeil 0-12. Team: Aido Quirke, Ryan O'Neill, Niall O'Mahony, Damien Bourke, Eoin O'Neill (0-1), Andrew Barry, Eoin Doody, Fergal Barry, Tomás Ó hAinfeín (0-1), Kieran O'Donovan, Dan Goggin (0-3), James O'Connor, Kieran O'Connor (0-1), Jack Sheehan (0-4, 3f), Cian Devine (0-1). Subs: John Kearney, Declan Cooney (0-1), Jimmy O'Sullivan, Seamus Looney, Liam Óg Kingston, Tadgh Lynch, Seán O'Connor, Ruairí O'Sullivan.

Scór na nÓg: The Scór na nÓg Co final was held last Sunday in Glenbeigh, and our young thespians did the club proud! Daragh Morris, Gráinne Quirke, Siún Clifford, Jack Canty, Rory Reen & Ruadhán Clifford performed "Irish Lessons" by Mary Quirke effortlessly, and this in spite of being without Maolsheachlainn Warr, who was ill & unable to compete. It can't be easy to just suddenly be without a cast member, but the lads made it look seamless!! Unfortunately we weren't successful on Sunday but we've had an enjoyable few weeks rehearsing with a great gang of youngsters, and we look forward to doing it all again next year. Thanks to everyone who helped along the way - in particular Jackie Carlos - who accommodated us at some awkward times for rehearsals.....and also all the parents for their ongoing support.

Sympathy: Deepest sympathy to Gene O Donnell and family, Batemans Green, on the sad passing of his mother, Ita. May she rest in peace.

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Na Gaeil TV: Watch out for Na Gaeil TV's "The Green Flag". Last Saturday night was the launch of episode 3. Its a showcase for everything Na Gaeil. Catch it on Na Gaeil's Facebook page and other social media outlets.

Kerry teams: Well done to Diarmuid O'Connor & Jack Barry who helped the Kerry seniors defeat Armagh last Sunday in the National League. The win guarantees Kerry a place in the Nation League Div. 1 final.

Lotto results: Lotto Tue 15th March. No winner. Numbers drawn were 4, 6, 17, 30. Lucky dip winners of €20 each were Pat Fitzgerald, Ciara Murphy, Tom Nolan, Donal Crowley, Brendan McCarthy. Next week's jackpot will be €6,650.

Retirement: Having postponed this occasion a few times due to Covid restrictions, I'm happy to report that we are FINALLY getting an opportunity to mark Seán O Connor's retirement as clubhouse manager. We have a great occasion - with a meal and entertainment provided - planned for Saturday the 26th March, starting at 7.30pm. For catering purposes we need to know how many people will attend, therefore this will be a ticketed affair, and these will be available in the bar from Tuesday the 15th March. Please come along and help to pay tribute to Seán, who has been a stalwart of the club for many years.

Registration: Player registration is now due. The family membership is a great option to help support our ever-expanding club. 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>

Volunteers needed: The club is at all times looking for new volunteers. If you'd like to give a hand with our bingo on a Monday night, our lotto on a Tuesday night or maybe helping with juvenile coaching we'd be delighted to hear from you. You can contact Colm on 087-9080465.

U9s: Our u9s enjoyed their last session in the MTU last Sunday. Next Sunday we look forward to heading to Killeen from 11am to 12pm and getting stuck in for the season ahead!

U11s: Both our U11 teams had their first competitive outing against our near neighbours John Mitchels last Sunday morning and both teams were excellent. The outlook for the year is very promising judging by Sunday's performances. Well done everyone involved and a big thank you to Eoin and everyone at Mitchels for hosting us.

U15s: No gym next Friday night. Pitch session as usual on Sunday from 11am to 12.30pm. Our first game in the county league is fixed for Wednesday 30th March, away to Listowel Emmets.

U17s: Our minors hosted Renard/St. Marys in their second game in the county league Div 6B last Saturday. Our lads played their part in a very entertaining game. Unfortunately Renard/St. Marys proved a little too strong, winning on a scoreline of Na Gaeil 3-9; Renard/St. Marys 5-10. Next game for this age group is a home game v Gneeveguilla on Saturday next, 26th March.

Cúl Camps 2022: A note for your diary if you have little footballers in your houseNa Gaeil's Cúl Camp will be held from July 4th-8th.

Na Gaeil cycle club: Cycle each Saturday at 9.30am from Na Gaeil club. Everyone is welcome to come for a nice friendly cycle.

Na Gaeil Bingo: Monday the 21st March, we will be holding a Raffle and the proceeds of the Raffle will be donated to the Ukraine Appeal. 3 lots of tickets for €5. If you would like to donate your €5 there is a collection bucket in the club, behind the bar. Leave us your name and mobile number and we will enter you into the Raffle. Míle Buiochas. Na Gaeil Bingo Committee.

Cards: The weekly 45 card game is back. Every Wednesday night, starting at 9pm sharp. Bring your own partner or come along and we will get you a partner.

Win a House: Win a house in Killarney with Kerry GAA. For €100 you could win a stunning new build A-rated 3 bedroom house superbly located just off the Park Road in Killarney. Kerry GAA is also running numerous other promotional draws throughout the fundraising campaign. The earlier you purchase your “Win a House in Killarney” ticket (or tickets!) the more draws you will be entered into. Remember all tickets purchased before the deadline for each promotional draw will entitle you to be entered into all promotional draws thereafter. Support your club and support your county. Go to kerrygaa.ie and buy your ticket today. If you're not in you can't win!