

Na Gaeil Notes Friday 22nd December 2023

Lotto results: Lotto Tue 19th December 2023. No winner. Numbers drawn were 2, 6, 12, 32. Lucky dip winners of €20 were Pat Fitzgerald, Harold Tansley, Denis Dillane, Tim Lynch senior, Sarah Cunningham. Next draw will be St. Stephen's night and the jackpot will be €4,450. Why not try your luck in our lotto. The links is as follows: <https://www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/Na%20Gaeil%20CLG/lotto>

RIP: Our deepest sympathy to Martin & Lisa Doyle on the recent passing of Martin's father Paul of Alderwood Road. May he rest in peace.

Nollaig Shona: Wishing a very happy Christmas to all our club members and their families at home and abroad. We'd also like to send Seasons Greetings to our many sponsors who have been so generous to our club during 2023.

Club AGM: Our annual AGM will be held on Thursday 18th January 2024 in the clubhouse. All motions for the AGM together with nominations for Officer positions are to reach the Secretary, John Keating via email on secretary.nagaeil.kerry@gaa.ie by Thursday 11th January. Nomination/motion forms are available from the secretary using the above email.

School's Hurling: Comhgairdeachas le buachaillí iománaíochta ó Ghaelcholáiste Chiarraí a bhuaigh ar Coláiste Mhuire Eas Geinte inné, ar aghadh leo chuig Cluiche Ceannais na Mumhan. Congratulations to Gaelcholáiste Chiarraí's U19 hurling team who beat Coláiste Mhuire Askeaton yesterday by a point, 1-10 to 1-09 in Banteer. They are now through to the U19 (E) Munster Final. The team has 9 Na Gaeil players on the panel.

Scór: We'll shortly be starting on our annual Scór journey, and are looking for secondary school kids - up to u/17 - who'd be interested in taking part in drama, recitation, music, singing etc. We'd also be interested in hearing from adults who might like to take part in any of the above too. Please contact Margaret at (086) 0855008 or Mary at (086) 080 6665 if you'd like more information.

Bingo: Niamh and her bingo committee would like to wish all their bingo patrons a wonderful Christmas and a happy & prosperous New Year. Our next Bingo will be held on January 8th. Looking forward to seeing you all then.

Bingo Christmas Raffle: Congratulations to Regina O'Connor who was the winner of the Christmas hamper. The draw was made at Bingo last Monday night.

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.

Tesco Blue Tokens: We are delighted to have been chosen as a beneficiary for Tesco's Community Fund. If you, or anyone you know, is shopping in Tesco over the next 2-3 weeks please support Bord na n-Óg with blue tokens available at the tills on payment of groceries. Thanks.

Sponsorship Opportunity: If you have a business and would like to promote it with Na Gaeil we have various sponsorship packages available to suit all budgets. Enquiries to Donal (087-2577729) or Terry (086-8293261) or Colm (087-9080465) or Mike (086-2440158) or any member of the club Executive.

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".

Review of u18 girls team's season: There is not a lot of competition for u18 girls but there was a County League which they did very well in. In a very close Division 2 final they lost out to Beaufort.

Review of u15 boys team's season: Our U15 team had a fantastic 2023 season. The year began at the end of January when training commenced in the MTU under lights on the Astro pitch and Sunday mornings in Na Gaeil. Numbers were great with thirty-five players in total and this enabled us to have two teams playing competitive football. We entered Co. League, Central Region and also Town League. Our U15A team won the Co. League Division 2 and our U15B team reached the semi-final in their division. Likewise in the Central Region our A team reached the Division 1 semi-final and our B team were competitive in all their group games. One team was entered in the Town League where we also reached the Division 1 semi-final. We also reached the cup final in the Lee Strand U14 blitz for the first time ever, losing out marginally to Oranmore from Galway. Our U15 players were also well represented in the St. Brendans U15 championship team where we had thirteen players involved in the panel and four to five regular starters. They went on to win the Shield in the Co. Championship. Unfortunately in Féile this year we did not do as well as we had hoped but our lads still enjoyed the experience of taking part in the competition. We had one player starting on the U14 North Kerry Development squad and two in the extended panel. We also had Spar sponsor our new set of jerseys due to the second team so huge thanks to Louis Byrne for that. We also had very generous sponsors within our U15 group that enabled our players to purchase the new club half zip hoodie for just fifteen euro. Thanks again to our sponsors. As a management team we felt the year was a huge success as every young player got to play competitive football matches with numbers strong enough to support two teams. Our ethos for the year was to learn by playing and we hope every player enjoyed their year.

Kerry (Men) McGrath Cup Football Fixtures 2024: Round 1 (Wednesday January 3rd) Kerry v Tipperary in Austin Stack Park at 6pm. Round 2 (Saturday January 6th) Limerick v Kerry in Rathkeale at 2pm. The final is fixed for January 19th.

Kerry (Men) Munster Senior Championship 2024: Semi-final v Cork or Limerick on 20th April 2024.

Kerry (Men) Munster Minor Championship 2024: Quarter-final v Cork on 30th April 2024 at a Kerry venue.

Kerry (Men) Co-Op Superstore Munster Hurling League Fixtures 2024: Round 1 (Tuesday January 2nd) Kerry v Waterford in Austin Stack Park at 7.30pm. Round 2 (Sunday January 14th) Tipperary v Kerry in Nenagh at 2pm. The final is fixed for January 21st.

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 held every Wednesday night starting at 9pm. 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.