

Na Gaeil Notes Monday 25th September 2023

RIP: It was with great sadness that we learned of the passing last Thursday of Joan Murphy, nee O'Sullivan, of Ard Na Lí. Joan's late husband Séamus was a founding member of our club and Joan herself will be fondly remembered as a great Na Gaeil woman. She was instrumental in many fundraising events in those early years. Joan was pre-deceased by her son Breannán who passed away in February 2022. May she rest in peace.

Lotto results: Lotto Tue 19th September 2023. No winner. Numbers drawn were 3, 4, 23, 32. Lucky dip winners of €20 were Moira Godley, Mary & Eileen O'Shea, Pat & Geraldine McLaughlin, James Moynihan, Cathy Carey. Tomorrow night's jackpot will be €3,800. Why not try your luck in our lotto. The links is as follows: <https://www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/Na%20Gaeil%20CLG/lotto>

Senior Ladies: Our senior ladies lost to Southern Gaels yesterday in their final group game in the Senior County Championship and unfortunately that result means they miss out on a semi-final spot.

Senior Men: Last Saturday in Killeen Na Gaeil took on Dr. Crokes in Round 2 of the Garvey's SuperValu Senior County Championship. The game started in ideal weather conditions and it was the Crokes who were fastest out of the blocks. Their first attack brought a great save from Devon Burns as he tipped the ball onto the crossbar and the followup shot was blocked by a Na Gaeil defender before a Crokes forward eventually put the ball across the goal and wide. It was an early let off for Na Gaeil but Dr Crokes maintained their pressure and secured the game's first point on 4 minutes. A Devon Burns free levelled the game before a free for Dr Crokes put them back in front after 8 minutes. Immediately afterwards Dr. Crokes squandered another goal chance much to the relief of the locals. Diarmuid O'Connor was coming more into the game and kicked a super point from 40 meters out to level matters at 2 points apiece. Dr. Crokes continued to enjoy a lot of possession and added another point from play. Both teams had a wide each before another Dr. Crokes point put them 4-2 ahead. Another powerful run by Diarmuid O'Connor saw him take on the visitor's defence and kick another great score, this time off his left boot. The tigerish Na Gaeil defence were beginning to get to grips with the Dr. Crokes forwards at this stage and a brilliant steal from Stefan Okunbor in the corner back position led to our next score, a point from Jack Sheehan. A minute later it was Jack Sheehan again who put Na Gaeil ahead for the first time scoring a lovely point after a clever dummy solo. Dr. Crokes were soon level again but Tomás Ó hAiniféin added the last score of the half in injury time to leave Na Gaeil ahead by 6 points to 5 at the break. Dr. Crokes were level within a minute of the restart but our lads continued to drive forward and were rewarded when Damien Bourke was fouled and Devon edged us ahead once more from the resultant free. The as ever hard-working James O'Connor popped up with the next score to extend our lead to 2 points but the Crokes replied immediately with a point of their own. Jack Barry won the next kickout and launched a 40m pass into Darragh Reen who did brilliantly to call the mark and subsequently kicked a valuable point. At this stage the weather had deteriorated with persistent rain now falling. Super work again in defence by Jack Doyle and Niall O'Mahony led to another excellent point from Tomás Ó hAiniféin and with 17 minutes remaining Na Gaeil led by 3. Dr. Crokes continued to enjoy plenty possession but squandered numerous opportunities before eventually adding a point to their tally on the 17 minute mark. Then it was Na Gaeil's turn to waste some great chances as 2 potential goal opportunities went abegging in quick succession. Dr. Crokes continued to lay siege on our goal but some excellent defending by our lads and more poor shooting kept them at bay until the 34th minute when Tony Brosnan did finally manage to grab what would be the game's final point. The final whistle was greeted with great jubilation as the win means the lads have secured a place in the quarter-finals. In the meantime they will face Dingle (away) next Saturday in Round 3 at 2pm. Final score was Na Gaeil 0-10, Dr. Crokes 0-9. Team: Devon Burn, Stefan Okunbor, Niall O'Mahoney, Jack Doyle, Morgan Madden, Eoin Doody, 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.

Race Night: The Race Night Fundraising organising committee will meet in the club house tomorrow, Tuesday 26th Sept at 9pm. All new members welcome.

Bord na nÓg: Our next meeting is tomorrow night (Tuesday) at 8.30pm in the clubhouse.

Na Gaeil Shop: An on-line shop will be going live next Monday, 2nd October, selling Na Gaeil playing gear for all ages. The shop will be open for 2 weeks. A link will be available closer to the time on all our social media platforms.

Pop-Up Gaeltacht: Fáiltimid ar ais roimh Pop Up Gaeltacht go dtí club theach Na Gaeil ar an Déardaoin beag seo 28ú Meán Fómhair ag 9 a chlog. Fáilte roimh chách. A warm welcome and céad míle fáilte isteach to the Pop-Up Gaeltacht at Na Gaeil Clubhouse on Thursday next September 28th at 9pm. All welcome to come along, join in and practise their cúpla focal in an informal, relaxed environment. Bigí linn.

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: New players always welcome. Contact Denis on 087-2808719.

U14 Boys: Hard luck to our boys in the Lee Strand Blitz in Connolly Park last Saturday losing the Cup final to Oranmore Maree of Galway by just 4 points. They were outstanding all day and a few injuries on the way didn't help their cause in the final. That said they can be very proud of their performances over the whole day and a Cup final was a first for Na Gaeil. Well done again to a fantastic team.

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.