

## **Na Gaeil notes Monday 26th September 2022.**

**Senior Co. Championship:** Last Saturday night our senior team travelled to Gallarus to play West Kerry in Round 3 of the Senior County Championship. Despite playing with the aid of the strong breeze our lads got off to the worst possible start as West Kerry managed a goal straight from the throw in. This was quickly followed by a West Kerry point. Fortunately the reply from Na Gaeil was swift. A Jack Sheehan point from play was followed by 2 Diarmuid O'Connor frees to leave just a point between the sides after just 7 minutes. Next, a long ball from Jack Barry found Diarmuid O'Connor on the halfway line and he ran 40m before firing the ball over the bar to level the game. Scores came thick and fast after that with points from Jack Sheehan, Diarmuid O'Connor and Andrew Barry to just a single point for West Kerry to leave us ahead 0-7 to 1-2. A West Kerry effort for a goal went just wide and from the resultant attack Jack Sheehan was on hand to rifle the ball to the net to stretch our lead to 5 points with just 18 minutes gone in the first half. West Kerry added a point from a free before Jack Sheehan again hit the net following great work by Dan Goggin and James O'Connor. Our lead now was out to 7 points but to their credit West Kerry didn't lie down. Their next attack was well saved by Devon Burns but the rebound was volleyed to the net by the in-rushing Thomas O'Donnell. Two minutes later the same player added a second goal to leave just a single point between the teams approaching half-time. The impressive Jack Sheehan slotted over a valuable point and then on the stroke of half-time Diarmuid O'Connor converted yet another free to leave the half-time score West Kerry 3-3, Na Gaeil 2-9. The second half started with another point from a free by Diarmuid O'Connor before Darragh Reen got one from play. Then in the 5th minute came a big moment. West Kerry were awarded a penalty which was brilliantly saved by Devon Burns. It rebounded out to a West Kerry player who looked certain to score but Devon blocked it a second time and we cleared our lines. Soon afterwards Devon converted a 45' to increase our lead to 6 points. West Kerry added 3 points in quick succession before Diarmuid O'Connor converted another free to halt their momentum. Crucially the next score was a goal by Darragh Reen after 17 minutes to put us in the driving seat again. Further points from play by the excellent Diarmuid O'Connor and Dara Devine were cancelled out by 3 points by West Kerry as the game edged to full time. However the final score fell to the industrious Dan Goggin who was at the end of a flowing move and he finished to the net to leave the final score West Kerry 3-9, Na Gaeil 4-15. It was an historic occasion for our lads, the club's first ever victory in the Senior County Championship. Well done to all the players and the management team on this great achievement. Team: Devon Burns, Jack Doyle, Niall O'Mahony, Enda O'Connor, Darragh Reen, Eoin Doody, Luke Barrett, Jack Barry, Diarmuid O'Connor, Andrew Barry, Dan Goggin, James O'Connor, Kieran O'Donovan, Tomás Ó hAinfeín, Jack Sheehan. Subs: Dan O'Connor, Cian Devine, John Kearney, Kieran O'Connor, Seán O'Connor, Jimi O'Sullivan, Seamus Looney, Ruairí O'Sullivan, Dara Devine, Jack Bourke, Damien Bourke, Fergal Barry, Ryan O'Neill, Declan Cooney & Shawn Duggan.

**RIP:** The club would like to extend its deep sympathy to the family of the late Brendan Dowling who passed away last week. We send our condolence too to the Austin Stacks club as Brendan was their President. May he rest in peace.

**Lotto results:** Lotto Tue 20th September. No Winner. Numbers drawn were 13, 18, 27, 31. Lucky dip winners of €20 were Yvonne Eggleston, Denis Sayers, Mary Jo Curran, Jame O'Donoghue, Myra Daly. Next week's jackpot will be €1,200. 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 were so unlucky to lose by the bare minimum to Finuge/St Senans in the semi-final of the Senior County Championship played in Lixnaw yesterday. Final score was Na Gaeil 1-9, Finuge/St Senans 1-10.

**U9 boys:** Fossa u9s visited Na Gaeil yesterday morning. Half our panel played Fossa away last Sunday so this time it was the turn of our other half to put it up to the Killarney outfit! Our players did themselves proud displaying some fine football. Well done lads.

**U13 boys:** Our U13's had the pleasure of hosting two teams from Mallow last Saturday in Killeen. It was a great occasion and there were two excellent games played. Plenty of food and teas and coffees after the matches allowed for a bit of mingling between players, parents and coaches. We also presented Mallow with a plaque to mark their visit to our club. We have no doubt there will be future encounters with Mallow for days like this. Thanks to Mick and George for refereeing.

**U15 boys:** Hard luck to our u15 lads who were unlucky to lose to Ardfert in the replay of the Kelliher's Toyota Central Region Div 3 semi-final in Ardfert last Wednesday. The game was level approaching full time but Ardfert scored 2 points in quick succession to claim the win. Final score was Ardfert 2-11, Na Gaeil 2-9. Team: Liam Cooper, Gearóid Moynihan, Jamie Schoenmaker, Jack Kelly, Karl Cronin, Ruadhan Clifford, Cillian Griffin, Jeaic Canty, Darragh Morris, Ryan Sheehy, Conor Lucey, Paddy McElligott, Danny Kingston, Iarla Ó hAinfeín, Brian Reidy. Subs: Cathal Fitzgerald, Fionn O'Brien, Cathal O'Sullivan, Darragh Callaghan, Phillip McEneaney.

**U17 boys:** Our lads are due to play John Mitchels in the Town League final on Monday 3rd October at 7.30pm under lights in Mitchels.

**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.

**Race Night 2022:** Date for your Diary. On the 11th of November Na Gaeil will host their annual Race Night in the clubhouse and will also broadcast live on Facebook. We welcome back the Tote which always adds an extra element of fun and excitement to the night. This year will also include an Auction for a signed Kerry Jersey. Highlight of the night will be the "The Na Gaeil Gold Cup" with a top prize of €1,000 to the winner. The Race Night Committee members are actively co-ordinating this year's event and will be appealing to all club members to give their support in raising vital funds for our club.

**Head Shave:** Congrats to one of our own senior players, Shawn Duggan, who is shaving his head on October 14th for The Little Princess Fund. Please see link below to donate to help this great organisation.

Well done "Duggser".

[https://www.facebook.com/donate/542863184313980/?fundraiser\\_source=messages](https://www.facebook.com/donate/542863184313980/?fundraiser_source=messages)

**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. Bring your own partner or come along and we will get you a partner.

**Notes:** If you'd like anything included in the club's weekly notes please send it to me at [pro.nagaeil.kerry@gaa.ie](mailto:pro.nagaeil.kerry@gaa.ie) before 9am on Monday and I'll do my best to include it.