

Na Gaeil Notes Monday 2nd October 2023

RIP: The passing of Bill Doody last week came as a great shock to all of us in Na Gaeil. Bill was a much respected and valued member of our club and he will be missed greatly. We send our deepest sympathy to his wife Margaret who is a member of our club executive, and to his children Eoin, Declan, Caoimhe, Mary & Michelle, all of whom have worn and continue to wear the Na Gaeil jersey with distinction. May Bill rest in peace.

Lotto results: Lotto Wed 27th September 2023. No winner. Numbers drawn were 1, 2, 5, 16. Lucky dip winners of €20 were Fr. Amos Ruto, Eamonn O'Neill, Mary & Amelia O'Callaghan, Jimmy Coppinger, Nathy Feely. Tomorrow night's jackpot will be €3,850. Why not try your luck in our lotto. The links is as follows: <https://www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/Na%20Gaeil%20CLG/lotto>

Senior Men: Last Saturday in Dingle our lads took on Dingle in Round 3 of the Garvey's SuperValu Senior County Championship knowing that they had already secured a quarter-final spot. The match was preceded by a minute's silence for the late Bill Doody. The inclement weather made conditions very difficult for both teams but Na Gaeil had the advantage of the blustery wind for the first half. An early attack by Na Gaeil led to a foul on Darragh Reen which Diarmuid O'Connor converted. Dingle were soon level before a free from Devon Burns put us back in front. Minutes later Devon was involved again, this time making a great save down to his right to prevent a Dingle goal. Two Na Gaeil wides were followed by a Dingle wide mid-way through the half as the wind continued to make scoring difficult. It was the 18th minute before the next score came and it was probably the best point of the half as Darragh Reen kicked a great score on the run from 35m out. Na Gaeil's lead was then increased to 3 points when Diarmuid O'Connor added another free however it was Dingle who finished the half stronger and added 2 frees and a point from play to level the game at 4 points each at halftime. Dingle started the 2nd half in similar fashion to how they ended the first and picked off 2 points to go 6-4 ahead. A point from play from the industrious Diarmuid O'Connor reduced the deficit to the minimum again but that was as close as we would get as Dingle proceeded to bag 3 points in 3 minutes, 2 coming from frees. Another free from Diarmuid O'Connor brought it back to a 3 point game but before we could get our hopes up Dingle added another to their tally. Na Gaeil then enjoyed a period of dominance with Jack Doyle, Niall O'Mahony & Damien Bourke doing well at the back but unfortunately our shooting left us down and we only mustered 3 wides from our attacking efforts. That seemed to knock the stuffing out of our lads for a while and Dingle soon hit back with another point to extend their lead to 5 points with just 6 minutes remaining. James O'Connor and Tomás Ó hAiniféin in particular were working hard in attack and it was the latter who kicked our 3rd point of the half. Then a Dara Devine free reduced the gap to 3 but Dingle showed their experience and saw the game out, adding 2 more points before the end. Final score was Dingle 0-13, Na Gaeil 0-08. Team: Devon Burns, Ruairi O'Sullivan, Niall O'Mahoney, Jack Doyle, Luke Barrett, Morgan Madden, Damien Bourke, Diarmuid O'Connor, Jack Barry, Kieran O'Donovan, Tomás O'hAiniféin, James O'Connor, Jack Sheehan, Darragh Reen, Jack Bourke. Subs: John Kearney, Eoin Doody, Kieran O'Connor, Seán O'Connor, Seamus Looney, Jimi O'Suilleabháin, Declan Cooney, Ryan O'Neill, Shane Kelly, Rory Reen, Kian Sheehan, Eoghan Daly, Shawn Duggan, Tadhg Reen.

Basketball: Congratulations to Eddie Sheehy who made his Super League debut with Garvey's Tralee Warriors last Saturday night against Moycullen. Eddie is the son of Morgan & Agnes Sheehy and is a former player with Na Gaeil.

Race Night: Our annual Race Night will take place this year on Friday 17th November in the clubhouse. It's always a great night so don't forget to put it in your diary.

Bord na nÓg: Bord na nÓg meeting this Wednesday at 8.30pm in the clubhouse.

Na Gaeil Shop: An on-line shop will be going live today, Monday, selling Na Gaeil playing gear for all ages. The shop will be open for 2 weeks. The link will be posted on our Facebook page after lunch today.

Suicide Awareness Training: Free safeTALK Suicide Awareness Training for Everyone. This is a half-day suicide alertness training that prepares attendees, regardless of prior experience or training, to become a suicide-alert helper. Most people with thoughts of suicide don't truly want to die, but are struggling with the pain in their lives. Through their words and actions they invite help to stay alive. SafeTALK-trained helpers can recognise these invitations and take action by connecting them with life-saving intervention resources. Date of the training is Tuesday 10th October, from 6pm to 9.30pm in the Kerry GAA Pavillion, Austin Stack Park. For more information please contact chair.hwc.kerry@gaa.ie Please note that you must register for this course in advance of 10th Oct. Pre-registration only at the following link: <https://bookwhen.com/suicideprevention-trainingkerry#focus=ev-sy6m-20231010180000>

Pop-Up Gaeltacht: Fáiltimid ar ais roimh Pop Up Gaeltacht go dtí club theach Na Gaeil ar an Déardaoin beag seo 5ú Deireadh Fómhair ag 8 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 Oct 5th at 8pm. 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 tonight when they take on John Mitchels at 6.30pm in John Mitchels. The girls are in Division 3 and will play Dingle, Kerins O'Rahillys, Beale and Ballymac over the next few weeks.

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

U7 Boys & Girls: Well done to all our U7's group who enjoyed a sunny morning in Killeen yesterday. We practiced our solo's, hand passing and kicking.

Bingo: Bingo in Na Gaeil clubhouse at 8pm tonight. Over €1,000 in cash prizes guaranteed every week, and tonight there's a mini-accumulator jackpot of €175 in 18 calls! 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.