

Na Gaeil Notes Monday 30th October 2023

Lotto results: Lotto Tue 24th October 2023. No winner. Numbers drawn were 9, 13, 15, 22. Lucky dip winners of €20 were Ian Kelly, Jim & Renee Fitzgibbon, Ricky Fitzgerald, Shane Murphy, Marian Murphy. Tomorrow night's jackpot will be €4,050. 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 our Senior team took on Kerins O'Rahillys in a crunch game to decide which team would retain their senior status for 2024 and it proved to be a cracking match. From the throw in both teams went at it hammer and tongs and incredibly the first 7 minutes produced 3 points apiece, ours coming from Diarmuid O'Connor, Jack Sheehan and Devon Burns. Rahillys then reeled off 3 points without reply and Na Gaeil looked in trouble. To their credit though our lads battled back and Jack Sheehan kicked a great point off his left. The hard-working James O'Connor added another to leave just a point between the sides after 18 minutes. But Rahillys seemed to be finding their scores easier to come by and immediately added 2 points. Dan Goggin got through on goal but unfortunately his shot was saved by the Rahilly's keeper. The final 10 minutes of the half failed to produce a score for either team leaving Rahillys ahead by 8 points to 5 at halftime. Our lads needed a good start to the second half and it came via a Darragh Reen free after the impressive Jack Sheehan was fouled. Dan Goggin soon followed with a point of his own and there was only the minimum between the sides again. Kerins O'Rahillys notched the next score but this was immediately cancelled out by another Jack Sheehan point. Two frees from Rahillys put them 3 points ahead and with 20 minutes remaining Na Gaeil needed a response. Jack Sheehan kicked his 4th point of the game and then Jack Doyle kicked a beauty from 40 meters. The next 10 minutes were notable for a number of wides for both teams, including a missed goal chance for our lads as we went in search of the equaliser. It finally came in the 25th minute when Dara Devine converted a free. But the drama didn't end there as Rahillys forced a turnover and raced upfield to put themselves ahead once more. Na Gaeil threw caution to the wind and in one final attack Morgan Madden found himself in space and coolly slotted over the equaliser to the huge relief of the many Na Gaeil supporters present. Extra time started very positively for Na Gaeil with Diarmuid O'Connor winning the throw-in and he was fouled as he bore down on goal. Devon Burns converted the resultant free, putting Na Gaeil ahead for the first time in the game. A minute later Dara Devine doubled our lead. David Moran pegged one back for Rahillys but James O'Connor restored our 2 point lead with a neat score just before halftime. Rahillys were back level within 5 minutes of the second period restart with 2 frees. As the tension hit fever pitch our lads got their noses in front again with a point from substitute Jack Bourke following great work by his brother and man-of-the-match Damien, only for Rahillys to equalise once more with a converted free. In the last minute of extra time a trademark surging run by Diarmuid O'Connor won Na Gaeil a 25m free and Dara Devine held his nerve to pop it over. Rahillys went all out to try to engineer an equaliser but our lads turned them over. A swift counter-attack saw our captain Kieran O'Donovan carry the ball upfield before passing to Jack Bourke & his precise pass across the square was batted to the net by Dara Devine. The final whistle sounded soon afterwards and Na Gaeil had bravely retained their senior status. Final score Na Gaeil 1-17, Kerins O'Rahillys 0-16. Team: Devon Burns, Eoin Doody, Niall O'Mahoney, Jack Doyle, Morgan Madden, Stefan Okunbor, Damien Bourke, Diarmuid O'Connor, Jack Barry, James O'Connor, Dan Goggin, Kieran O'Donovan, Jack Sheehan, Ryan O'Neill, Darragh Reen. Subs: Dan O'Connor, Kieran O'Connor, Seán O'Connor, Dara Devine, Jack Bourke, Seamus Looney, Jimi Ó Suilleabháin, Declan Cooney, Luke Barrett, Ruairí O'Sullivan, Tadhg Reen, Kian Sheehan, Shane Kelly, Eoghan Daly, John Kearney, Seán Duggan, Rory Reen, Enda O'Connor, Liam Óg Kingston, Oisín Maunsell, Tomás Ó hAiniféin, Fergal Barry.

Race Night: On Friday 17th November at 8pm Na Gaeil will host their Annual Race Night, in the clubhouse, and it will also be streamed live on Facebook. All horses purchased will be entered in a draw to compete in the prestigious final race, The Na Gaeil Gold cup, with a Prize of €1,000 for the winner. It could be you! Its been an Historic Year: Na Gaeil senior men are competing in the Co. Championship quarter final for the first time ever. All-Star nominee Diarmuid O'Connor and Jack Barry played at centre field for Kerry in the All-Ireland final. Mary O'Connell, Eilis O'Connor, Deirdre Kearney were on the Kerry panel for the All-Ireland final with Laura Fitzgerald as goalkeeper coach. We have underage representatives, boys and girls on all development squads who also play in the Kerry jersey. Congratulations to all our players who brought great pride and joy to their families, and to our club. Currently we are the only club in Kerry with both Ladies and Men teams having senior status. The proceeds of our Race Night are vital funding for

- Catering for all training requirements for over 500 boys and girls, from under 6 to Senior.
- Catering for Scór na nÓg and Scór Sínsir.
- Maintaining and upgrading our facilities, indoors and outdoors.

Please support our club by purchasing a horse for €50. You can win €75 in a standard race and €1,000 in the Na Gaeil Gold Cup. There will also be a Best Dressed Lady and Gent competition with valuable prizes for both. Horses can be purchased online via Klubfunder or in the clubhouse. The link for klubfunder is: https://www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/Na_Gaeil_CLG/EventRegistration#EventRegistrationOptions

Tralee/St. Brendans Board: Our senior team will play Ardfert next Sunday in Ardfert at 1pm.

Bingo: Our mini jackpot house wasn't won last Monday night so tonight it will be worth €210 if won in 41 calls. Make sure you are there by 8pm sharp. Strictly over 18s. Valid proof is required where necessary.

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.

U16 Girls: Well done to our girls who defeated Beale last Tuesday night. They are due to play Ballymac this evening (Monday) at 4pm in Killeen.

U15 Boys: Good luck to our lads who will play John Mitchels today (Monday) at noon in Killeen in the semi-final of the Town League.

Cumann na mBunscol: Congratulations to Abbeydorney National School who defeated Gaelscoil Mhic Easmainn last Tuesday night in their Cumann na mBunscol final in Austin Stack Park. Both teams had lots of Na Gaeil players in their squads.

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" & 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 9am 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. 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.