

Na Gaeil notes Monday 7th March 2022.

Senior Team: Last Saturday our senior team had their first game of the season when they hosted Ardfert in the Town Board\St. Brendans Board league. Na Gaeil led by 2 points at halftime and although Ardfert reduced the deficit to 1 point early in the second half Na Gaeil added 6 points without reply to pull away and win by 1-13 to 0-9. It was a memorable day for young Jack Doyle as he made his first senior start and he can be very pleased with his performance. Well done too to John Kearney who came on as a sub for his first taste of senior action. Team: Aidan Quirke, Jack Doyle, Niall O'Mahony, Damien Bourke, Jimmy O'Sullivan, Ryan O'Neill, Andrew Barry (0-1), Eoin Doody, Fergal Barry, Seamus Looney (0-1), Dan Goggin (1-1), James O'Connor (0-1), Jack Sheehen, Darragh Devine (0-9, 8F), Cian Devine. Subs: Tomás Hanafin, Liam Óg Kingston, Declan Cooney & John Kearney. Next Sunday 13th March our seniors are away to Kerins O'Rahillys at 12.30pm in the next round of the Tralee/St. Brendans senior league.

Social: Na Gaeil Celebration/Social evening was held in Meadowlands Hotel on Saturday last. This was a hugely successful occasion thanks to the efforts of Cathy Carey, Margaret Doody, Jenny Sheehy and Therese Keating who worked tirelessly with the hotel over the last few weeks to make the event a resounding success. Na Gaeil were celebrating, from a football point of view, our most successful year ever. As Intermediate County champions, Intermediate Munster Champions and being promoted to Senior status we had much to celebrate. Our senior team and mentors were feted by all the speakers and were congratulated, by special guest, Pat O'Sullivan, chairperson of the Co. Board as he presented each player with his medals. Conor Kavanagh kept the night running smoothly and named Enda O'Connor as Footballer of the year. This was a very popular choice as evidenced by the reception the nomination got from his teammates and general guests. Conor, on naming Clubman of the year, explained that there were five, the senior mentors and coaches, Mark Bourke, Niall Lucey, Moss Whelan, Paul Daly and Niall O'Meara. This group had put in a long year & had achieved their goals. Eoin Doody, senior captain, made a special award on behalf of the senior team to Paul Daly for his role as mentor and player within the group. He explained that after a particular game the opposition captain asked if Paul was one of Na Gaeil's Kerry minors. That in itself sums up Paul. Conor thanked the Meadowlands Hotel for a most successful evening which included a fantastic setting, a fabulous meal & outstanding service. Nothing more could be asked. Kerry Balloons added to the occasion with a fine display of Green and White balloons. He thanked our sponsors, Louis Beirne, Declan Costello, The Rose Hotel, Ballygarry Hotel and Ballyseedy Garden center. Conor had a special welcome for the many players from the club's ladies senior team who came and enjoyed the night. Following a moments silence Fr. Pádraig Walsh said the grace and remembered our ex chairpersons who died during the year, Denis Reen and Harold Behan and all other members and supporters who passed away during the year. May they rest in peace.

Na Gaeil TV: Na Gaeil TV launched a new Youtube show last Saturday called "The Green Flag". Its a showcase for everything Na Gaeil. Catch it on Na Gaeil's Facebook page and other social media outlets.

Scór na nÓg: The Tralee District Round of Scór na nÓg takes place in the clubhouse on Tuesday the 8th March, starting at 7pm. We're hoping for representation from all the town clubs. Please come along & support Gráinne Quirke, Siún & Ruadhán Clifford, Rory Reen, Jack Canty, Darragh Morris & Maoilseachlainn Warr, who'll perform "Irish Lessons", a drama from the pen of our very own Mary Quirke.

Lotto results: Lotto Tue 1st March. No winner. Numbers drawn were 5, 8, 17, 28. Lucky dip winners of €20 each were Mary Lacey, George Denis, Seán O'Connor, Adrian O'Connor & Eoin Doody. Next week's jackpot will be €6,550.

Congratulations: Well done to the club's Sorcha Casey & Emer O'Sullivan who were part of the Gaelcholáiste Ciarraí team which won the U19 schools basketball All-Ireland last week in Tallaght. Hard luck to Róisín O'Mahony and Elsie Peig Rogers who were part of the Gaelcholáiste Ciarraí U16 team who were pipped by Intermediate School Killorglin by just a single point in their final, also in Tallaght.

Registration: Player registration is now due. The family membership is a great option to help support our ever-expanding club. We have made it very easy for all parents to pay membership by following the link to Klubfunder:

<https://www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/Na%20Gaeil%20CLG/Membership>

Volunteers needed: The club is at all times looking for new volunteers. If you'd like to give a hand with our bingo on a Monday night, our lotto on a Tuesday night or maybe helping with juvenile coaching we'd be delighted to hear from you.

U9s: Our u 9 boys had a fabulous morning in the MTU Astro last Sunday morning! The sun shone down on over 30 boys and a great effort was made by all players. We had 3 different games to ensure all boys got plenty ball time. Well done lads.

U11s: Our 22 U11s had a wonderful session last Sunday morning in glorious conditions in the IT. The main focus of our session was the quick pick-up followed by Near Hand Tackling which all the lads did very well and we finished up with some shooting.

U15s: The lads played Austin Stacks in a challenge game last Sunday in Connolly Park. It was a good workout for the lads. Gym training continues every Friday from 6pm to 7pm with our pitch session on Sunday from 11am to 12.30pm.

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.

Win a House: Win a house in Killarney with Kerry GAA. For €100 you could win a stunning new build A-rated 3 bedroom house superbly located just off the Park Road in Killarney. Kerry GAA is also running numerous other promotional draws throughout the fundraising campaign. The earlier you purchase your "Win a House in Killarney" ticket (or tickets!) the more draws you will be entered into. Remember all tickets purchased before the deadline for each promotional draw will entitle you to be entered into all promotional draws thereafter. Support your club and support your county. Go to kerrygaa.ie and buy your ticket today. If you're not in you can't win!