

Na Gaeil Notes Monday 20th May 2024

Lotto results: Lotto Tue 14th May 2024. Numbers drawn were 13, 26, 28, 30. No winner. Lucky dip winners of €20 were Fr. Amos Ruto, Tony Lyons, Claire Kelly, Margaret Doody, Gene & Madeline Kelly. Our next draw will be tomorrow night and the jackpot will be €1,900. Why not try your luck in our lotto. The links is as follows: <https://www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/Na%20Gaeil%20CLG/lotto>

Bingo: Na Gaeil Bingo tonight at 8pm sharp. Our Mini Accumulator Jackpot House tonight is €280 in 48 calls. We also have a Raffle and Split the Bucket at half time. Bus available on (087) 2817577. Over 18s only. Hope to see you all there for an excellent night out.

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.

Scór: Scór is very much a 'niche' activity within Na Gaeil. Of course we're first & foremost a football club, but Scór is the cultural arm of the GAA and is a really great thing to be involved in - especially for kids. It gives them confidence & is good fun! If you're reading this & think you might like your child to be involved, please contact Margaret at 086 0855008. Or better again, if you're a parent with maybe something to offer to our small but enthusiastic Scór committee, please get in touch....

Fundraiser: Dearbhla Quirke, daughter of Mary & Jerome, is heading to Uganda volunteering for 3 weeks in July and must fundraise €2,650! She will be working as an Occupational Therapist over there in a paediatric rehabilitation centre. If you'd like to donate please click on this link: <https://nurtureafrica.enthuse.com/pf/dearbhla-quirke/post/6702388> Any donations would be greatly appreciated!

Changes to Car Park: We would like to make patrons aware of the new disabled parking bays and the yellow box for ambulance parking which have been added to the club's car parks recently. Please keep them free at all times.

Senior Men: Report from Tim Lynch senior on our game versus Castleisland Desmonds last Tuesday night.....Even though this was our best performance of the season our Round 4 back game did not go according to plan. Desmonds were a much physically stronger team that we found hard to cope with on very treacherous ground following heavy rain up to the twenty minute mark. Then to add to our woes their goalie, Stephen Bartlett, brought off two top drawer saves, one in each half. Either of them would have brought us back into contention at vital times. Our backs and centre field were under pressure all evening against bigger men, for the most part, but they coped well. Most of them are playing senior football for their first season so that with coaching, games and support we can be confident for the future. Any evening that we score 1-13 means that our forwards are doing well. We started in great style with an early point from Dara Devine followed by a converted mark by Mark Lynch. Jack Sheehan put us three up before Desmonds pulled one back. Following some great interplay between our half forwards and centre field Jamsie O'Connor landed a fine goal leaving us five to the good, 1-3 to 0-1. Unfortunately, Luka Brosnan who was a thorn in our side all night, produced a quick goal and two points over the next few minutes to cut the lead to a solitary point. Dara Devine steadied the ship with two points from frees and put us three up after 20 minutes. Desmonds then turned the screws, with Luka Brosnan and Kian Downey being very prominent, and despite the best efforts of our backs Desmonds got 1-5 without reply. We were very unlucky that a fine Jack Sheehan effort drew an outstanding save. Half time score 2-7 to 1-5. The second half was a very evenly contested affair with both sides scoring eight points, with ours coming from Mark Lynch 1, Kian Sheehan 1, Jack Sheehan 2, Dara Devine 4. Final score Na Gaeil 1-13, Desmonds 2-15. Thanks to Desmonds for having everything, except weather, in perfect condition and to the referee for a fine game which was played in a very sporting fashion.

Senior Men: Our lads were on the road again last Saturday night when they took on Fossa in Round 7 of the County League. The game started badly for us when after only 2 minutes we lost Eoin Doody to injury. He was replaced by Morgan Madden. Fossa kicked the first 2 points before a Dara Devine free got us off the mark. Fossa made it 3-1 after 7 minutes but there was to be no further score for 7 minutes. A fine point from Dara Devine after a neat pass from Mark Lynch was the start of a great spell for our lads as we outscored Fossa by 4 points to 1. A Fossa free soon levelled the game and then disaster struck as Dara Devine injured himself when taking on a shot and he had to leave the field. A great point from Jamesie O'Connor, his first of 3 on the night, put us ahead once more but Fossa's O'Shea brothers reeled off 3 in a row to push them 2 ahead as halftime approached. Then Jamesie notched one more to leave us trailing 8-7 at the break. Fossa extended their lead to 2 points from the throw in but 2 excellent scores from Mark Lynch from play levelled matters. The game continued to be very evenly contested and the teams shared 3 points apiece, ours all from play, from Kieran O'Donovan, sub Oisín Maunsell and another from Jamesie O'Connor to leave the teams level on 12 points all after 18 minutes of the second half. Unfortunately for our lads the next score was the decisive one. A high ball into our square wasn't cleared and Fossa managed to force the ball home for the only goal of the game. The home side followed up immediately with another free to stretch their lead to 4 points. But credit to our lads they didn't give up. Sub Kieran O'Connor reduced the margin to 3. Then a slick move upfield looked like it might get us the goal we needed but unfortunately Mark Lynch's shot whizzed just wide of the right upright. It wasn't to be our night and Fossa saw the remaining minutes out adding 3 more points to their total. Final score: Fossa 1-16, Na Gaeil 0-13. While the result didn't go our way on the night it was great to see Oisín Maunsell & Andrew Barry back after long term injuries. Hopefully the injuries sustained by Eoin Doody & Dara Devine on the night won't keep them out of action for long. Team: John Kearney, Enda O'Connor, Ryan O'Neill, Seán Barrett, Peter Doyle, Ruari O'Sullivan, Eoin Doody, Tomas O'hAinifein, Jamesie O'Connor, Damien Bourke, Kieran O'Donovan, Kian Sheehan, Mark Lynch, Dara Devine, Jack Sheehan. Subs: Jack Rodgers, Seán O'Connor, Kieran O'Connor, Cian Devine, Oisín O'Brien, Jack Costello, Kevin O'Donoghue, Oisín O'Sullivan, Aaron Dewey, Tadhg Reen, Jack Doyle, Seamus Looney, Dan O'Connor, Ruairi O'hAinifein, Liam Og Kingston, Shawn Duggan.

Kerry (Ladies) Munster Championship: Congratulations to the Kerry Ladies, especially Deirdre Kearney, Mary O'Connell, Bríd O'Connor, Eilís O'Connor and Jacyn Lucey, who beat Cork in the Munster Final last Saturday in Mallow.

All-Ireland Senior Championship (Men): Well done to Diarmuid O'Connor and the Kerry team on their win over Monaghan last Saturday in the first round of the All-Ireland Series.

Kerry Hurling: No joy for Dan Goggin & Darragh Reen yesterday as the Kerry senior hurlers went down to Offaly in Round 4 of the Joe McDonagh Cup in Tullamore.

Kerry U20s: Commiserations to Jack Doyle and the Kerry u20 team who were beaten by a very strong Tyrone team in the All-Ireland final yesterday in Portlaoise.

Kerry Minors: Well done to the Kerry minors who are Munster champions after defeating Cork last Monday night in Páirc Uí Rinn.

Return of underage training 2024: Our juveniles are back in training for the 2024 season. Contact details for the various age groups are as follows: U5's - Denis Sugrue (087) 2808719. U7's - Shane Moriarty (086) 8380434. U9s - Bryan O'Mahony 087 9585331. New members are always welcome and can contact the relevant team coach above.

U7s: Well done to our U7's who enjoyed training in sunny Killeen yesterday morning. Great to see the skills developing. A big welcome to our new players. Our next training takes place on Thursday at 6pm.

U11 Boys: Our under 11s enjoyed a fantastic day out in Killarney on Saturday. The boys firstly played Legion in a tough encounter before heading to Fitzgerald stadium to watch the Kerry v Monaghan game. The boys behaved impeccably throughout and enjoyed their day out !

U15 Boys: Well done to our U15A team who won the Div. 2 shield final last Wednesday night in Killarney. They defeated Glenbeigh/Glencar/Cromane by 4-15 to 5-8.

Minor Co. League: Our u17 boys have topped their Div 1B group in the Central Region competition and will play Laune Rangers in the semi-final tonight in Killeen at 7pm.

Girls Training: Na Gaeil Ladies juveniles (u8/u10/u12) are back training for the new season. New members are always welcome. For more information contact Eddie on 087-6791460.

Big Screen: All football championship games will be shown live on the big screen in the bar throughout the season.

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 & 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 9.30am and Wednesdays at 6.30pm from Na Gaeil club. Everyone is welcome to come for a nice friendly cycle.

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.