

Na Gaeil Notes Monday 25th March 2024

Lotto results: Lotto Tue 19th March 2024. Numbers drawn were 3, 21, 25, 29. No winner. Lucky dip winners of €20 were Louis Byrne, Patrick O'Donovan, Sarah O'Connell, Catherine Moynihan, T.J. Nelligan. Our next draw will be tomorrow night and the jackpot will be €1,500. Why not try your luck in our lotto. The links is as follows: <https://www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/Na%20Gaeil%20CLG/lotto>

RIP: Our sincere sympathy to Tim Lynch senior on the death of his sister-in-law Teresa Lynch (nee Stynes) last week. May she rest in peace.

Bingo: Na Gaeil Bingo tonight at 8pm sharp. Our Mini Accumulator Jackpot House of €390 was won last Monday so tonight the jackpot reverts to €200 in 40 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: The Scór na bPaistí and the Scór Sinsear county finals were both held in the Tintean Theatre in Ballybunion last Saturday. Our kids ballad group sang their hearts out & were unlucky not to be placed. Aoibhinn & Caoimhe Ni Shuilleabháin, Ciara Ní Mhurchú & Eva Ní Luasaigh can be very proud of their faultless renditions of Trasna na dTonnta & The Little Skillet Pot. These girls are young, very talented & I have no doubt will have great success in Scór in the years ahead. Our Nuachleas group - Harry Rooney, Daniel Fitzmaurice, Bláithín Casey, Jane Cantwell, Farren Ní Dhálaigh, Aoibhinn O'Mahony, Rachel O'Mahony & Lily Barrett gave a great account of themselves in the Mary Quirke penned 'The Wake' but were outside the prizes this time around. We had 2 entries in Scór Sinsear - Helen Sugrue in the Aithriseoracht competition, Martin Grealish, Mike O Sullivan, Liam Óg Kingston, Mary Ross, Noelle Kingston, Mary Reen & Helen Sugrue in the Nuachleas. We won both & also came away with the shield for overall best club. The Scór Sinsear group now go forward to the Munster semifinal which will be held in Pallasgreen on April the 6th. Scór na bPaistí is finished for this year. Thanks to everyone who helped us out in any way over the last few months. Kateanne O Connor & Nora O'Sullivan were responsible for the lovely singers, and Kateanne also gathered a Grúpa Ceoil for the district finals. Mary Lacey & Johnny Maunsell are always so helpful to us regarding rehearsals in the club hall - occasionally at awkward times! The Nuachleas couldn't happen without Mary Quirke. I cannot stress how lucky we are to have her in the club. Helen Sugrue gave freely of her time to mentor our young aithriseoracht competitors. And obviously I must also mention, and sincerely thank, all those wonderful kids who took part in Scór AND their parents - none of it would be possible without you. 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....

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. Registration for all age groups can be done using the following Klubfunder link: <https://www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/Na%20Gaeil%20CLG/Membership>

U7 Training: Well done to our U7's group who were in great spirits yesterday morning. The group participated in fun games practicing their balance, agility and coordination. Skills development included high catch, solo and fist pass, punt kick and defending. The group finished with a game.

U11 Boys Training: The under 11s were busy in the MTU yesterday morning as they prepare for the upcoming leagues. The boys are making great progress and looking forward to the season ahead.

Senior Men: Last Saturday evening our Senior men opened their Credit Union County League Division 2 campaign, taking on Glenbeigh/Glencar in Caherslee. Glenbeigh/Glencar were quickly out of the blocks and notched the first point of the game. A blustery cross-field wind ensured that the scoring would be challenging, and it played its part in Na Gaeil's first score. Dara Devine's effort at a point was held up by the wind but when it dropped Jamesie O'Connor was quickest to react, and he toe-poked the ball into the visitors net to give Na Gaeil the best possible start. Glenbeigh/Glencar added 2 points to level the game before Dara Devine pointed a free after Jack Sheehan was fouled. Dara again, this time with a great effort from play, put us 2 ahead after 21 minutes. A great fingertip save by John Kearney kept Glenbeigh/Glencar at bay and they failed to convert the resultant 45. Moments later great work by our forwards resulted in a turnover and Dara Devine pointed from play again. The visitors added 2 quick-fire points from play to cut the deficit to a single point but on the stroke of half-time Dara Devine bagged his 4th point of the half to leave Na Gaeil ahead 1-4 to 0-5. The opening few minutes of the second half saw the sides exchange points (frees) before Tomás Ó hAiniféin kicked a great score from 35m to extend our lead to 3 points with 18 minutes remaining. The next 10 minutes were to prove crucial though as Glenbeigh/Glencar added 3 points while Na Gaeil's efforts only registered 3 wides. In injury time Dan Goggin judged the wind to perfection to kick an excellent point to put Na Gaeil ahead once more. However, play continued for another 4 more minutes and Glenbeigh/Glencar snatched an equaliser from a free with the last kick of the game. Final score: Na Gaeil 1-7, Glenbeigh/Glencar 0-10. Team: John Kearney, Enda O'Connor, Ryan O'Neill, Seán Barrett, Peter Doyle, Ruairi O'Sullivan, Kieran O'Donovan, Tomas O'hAinifein, Damien Bourke, Jamesie O'Connor, Dara Devine, Cian Devine, Mark Lynch, Jack Bourke, Jack Sheehan. Subs: Shane Daly, Kieran O'Connor, Seán O'Connor, Shane Kelly, Kian Sheehan, Kevin O'Donoghue, Jack Costello, Aaron Dewey, Senan Ross, Morgan Madden, Darragh Reen, Tadhg Reen, Oisín O'Brien, Eoin Doody, Dan Goggin, Seamus Looney, Liam Óg Kingston, Oisín Maunsell, Eoghan Sheehy, Dan O'Connor, Ruairi O'hAinifein, Oisín O'Sullivan. Next Sunday in Round 2 our lads will be on the road as they take on Templehoe at 2pm.

Minor Co. League: Our u17 team had a very unsatisfactory scenario yesterday when they travelled to Ballinskelligs for their County League game against St. Michaels Foilmore/Skellig Rangers only to find out that the pitch was unplayable. This Thursday (28th) the lads are due to play Milltown/Castlemaine in a back game in Milltown at 6pm.

Senior Ladies: Our senior ladies made a good start to the Credit Union Donal Curtin Cup yesterday with a 3-6 to 2-5 win away to Beaufort.

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.

Lidl Ladies National League: Well done to the Kerry Ladies, especially our Na Gaeil girls, who defeated Galway yesterday by 2-11 to 0-12. They have now qualified for the National League Division 1 final against Armagh which will be played in Croke Park on Sunday April 7th at 3pm.

Allianz National Football League: Well done to the Kerry senior men who defeated Galway yesterday in the final round of the National League by 0-15 to 1-10.

Big Screen: All National Football league and 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".

Kerry (Men) Munster Senior Championship 2024: Semi-final v Cork or Limerick on 20th April 2024.

Kerry (Men) Munster Minor Championship 2024: Quarter-final v Cork on 30th April 2024 at a Kerry venue.

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 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.