**Kilmeen & Kilbree GAA Club Notes 2/9/19**

**Junior County Champions!**

On Saturday Kilbree’s junior camogie team won the Junior C county championship. This was a rematch of the county league final where Kilbree met Rockban. Rockban were victorious in the league final but Kilbree were victorious on this occasion. This is just the second year that Kilbree has fielded a junior team. Rockban started brightly scoring three points without reply. However, Kilbree started to play from this point with four points from Mairead Crowley who was exceptional throughout this contest and all season. Rosemarie Dullea scored 1-2 before the short whistle. Rockban scored one more point before the break. The half-time score was Kilbree 1-6 Rockban 0-5.

Kilbree got an ideal start to the second half. Rosemarie Dullea ran through the centre of the Rockban setting up Aife O’Neill for a fine goal. Rosemarie and Mairead Crowley added two more points before Rockban added three of their own. Kilbree responded well to a Rockban goal with two points from Mairead Crowley and a goal by Leanne Sheehy. The final score was Kilbree 3-10 Rockban 1-08. Kilbree’s defence was superb throughout this final, lead by exceptional displays from Sinead O’Donovan, Aine Crowley, Laura McCarthy and Aisling O’Shea. Younger members of the team played far beyond that expected from them. Rebecca Hurley, Aife O’Neill and Jessica O’Driscoll are still U16. Mairead Crowley, Sarah O’Donovan and Leanne Sheehy are only U17, they have had incredible performances throughout the league and championship. Leanne Sheehy, and sisters Eilis and Maire O’Brien were dominant around midfield and Grainne O’Brien captained the side. Grainne is a real leader on and off the field. Congratulations to the management team of Sean O’Brien, Aidan O’Shea and Pauric Reilly. There were jubilant scenes when Grainne O’Brien was presented with the cup. The ladies now look forward to playing at the next grade up in 2020.

Team: Aisling O’Shea, Sarah O’Donovan, Sinead O’Donovan, Rebecca Hurley, Aine Crowley, Laura McCarthy, Eilis O’Brien, Leanne Sheehy (1-0), Maire O’Brien, Mairead Crowley (0-8), Grainne O’Brien, Rosemarie Dullea (1-2), Aife O’Neill (1-0).

Subs: Jessica O’Driscoll, Lorna O’Brien, Claire Reilly, Alice O’Donovan, Katie Lancaster, Sinead O’Connell, Noirin O’Brien and Ruth Kingston.

**Minor Hurling**

Kilbree met Ahan Gaels in third round of the minor hurling championship, on Monday night in Ballinacarriga. Both sides traded points in a most exciting close affair. In the second quarter, Kilbree pulled away with five successive points without reply. However, Ahan Gaels settled and were just two points adrift at half-time. The half time score was Kilbree 0-13 Ahan Gaels 0-11.

Ahan Gaels scored a goal early in the second half and Kilbree had to dig deep to stay in this game. Kilbree scored six successive points without reply before Ahan scored another goal, against the run of play. Jack Murphy scored a goal to bring the sides level nearing full time. Two late points by Cathal Dineen and Mark Grace ensured that Kilbree would be victorious after a most exciting finish. Kilbree have now qualified for the championship semi-final which will be played shortly.

Team: Harry Oates, Brian Buttimer, Thomas O’Sullivan, Paul Lyons, Odhran Kerrisk, Thomas Beese, Brian Carmody, Cian Murphy, David O’Regan (0-1), Ray Shanahan, Thomas Tyner (0-12), Oisin O’Sullivan (0-1), Mark Grace (0-2), Jack Murphy (1-6), Cathal Dineen (0-2), Ethan Buttimer, Gearoid Hayes and Kieran O’Sullivan.

The minor footballers played Sam Maguires on Wednesday night in Clonakilty, in the first round of football championship. Sam Maguires had a great start and converted five points before Kilmeen’s Jack Murphy scored a goal. The Dunmanway side added two more points before Cathal Dineen scored two points. Oisin O’Sullivan, Jack Murphy and Brian Buttimer also added scores before half time. The half time score was Kilmeen 1-5 Sam Maguires 0-9.

Sam Maguires were the much stronger side in the second half. Kilmeen’s Cian Murphy scored two points and Cathal Dineen one in the second half. However, Sam Maguires added 2-5 to the scoreboard in the second half and were comfortable winners.

Team: Gearoid Hayes, Paul Lyons, Thomas O’Sullivan, Darren Scannell, Brian Buttimer, Joe Bailey, Oisin O’Sullivan, Cian Murphy, Cathal Dineen, Ethan Buttimer, Eugene O’Donovan, Jack Murphy and Eoin O’Sullivan.

The U16 hurlers were in championship action against Fastnet Gaels in Leap, on Friday night. This was an incredibly exciting encounter. Kilbree were 4-4 to 0-0 down after fifteen minutes. The Kilbree boys kept their heads and fought for every ball. Oisin O’Sullivan dominated in midfield and scored some fine frees adding 0-6 before the break. Brian and Ethan Buttimer were exceptional while Brian Carmody made some very exciting runs through the heart of the Fastnet Gaels defence scoring a goal. Darren McCarthy scored a great goal. Fastnet Gaels lead 4-5 to 2-4 at halftime.

Kilbree’s defence soaked up some pressure in the second half. Kilbree’s fighting spirit paid dividends. Scores by Darren McCarthy, Brian Buttimer, Brian Carmody, Oisin O’Sullivan and a late goal by Conor O’Sullivan, ensured Kilbree would progress to the next round. The final score was Kilbree 6-9 Fastnet Gaels 6-6. Congratulations to Oisin O’Sullivan who played on the victorious Cork West U15 football team against Dublin last weekend.

Team: Eoin O’Sullivan, Ethan Jennings, Ryan Jennings, Joe Bailey, Micheal Keohane, Ethan Buttimer, Oisin O’Sullivan, Brian Buttimer, Conor O’Sullivan, Eugene O’Donovan, Brian Carmody, Gearoid Hayes, Darren McCarthy and Cillian Twohig.

The U16 camogie team are competing in the top grade in the county championship. They welcomed Midleton to Rossmore on Sunday morning. This match was a tough physical battle with plenty of skill on display from both sides. An early goal by Maeve O’Neill was the difference between the sides for much of the first half. Kilbree’s defence was outstanding, led by full-back Kate O’Donovan, stopping many scoring chances. Kilbree lead by four points at half time 1-6 to 0-5.

Maeve O’Neill and Caoimhe Murphy added points early in the third quarter. Midleton drifted to being seven points behind. A late Caoimhe Murphy goal sealed the deal and Kilbree were victorious. The final score was Kilbree 2-11 Midleton 0-9.

Team: Heather Brimble, Orlagh O’Neill Callanan, Kate O’Donovan, Jessica O’Driscoll, Margaret Collins, Emily O’Donovan, Rebecca Hurley, Mary Murphy, Niamh McCarthy, Lucy Collins, Maeve O’Neill, Caoimhe Murphy, Aife O’Neill, Alison Collins, Ava Murray, Katelyn McCarthy and Megan McCarthy.

An U8 monster camogie blitz was held in Rossmore on Saturday morning. Ten teams participated in this most enjoyable morning of camogie fun. Well done to the girls, they played exceptionally well. Thanks to the organisers and the parents that helped with refreshments afterwards. The future looks very bright for Kilbree camogie.

The U12 footballers were crowned league champions on Sunday night. They played St James in Rossmore. It took the Kilmeen boys a little while to settle, however three first half goals by Sean O’Carroll certainly helped. Tim Bailey added another goal just before the break. Points by Joe Barry, Jason Murray and Ben Barry gave Kilmeen a 4-6 to 1-2 lead at halftime.

Kilmeen were a much more dominant force in the second half. Strong performances by Howard O’Donovan, Oisin Harrington, Mark Collins and Rory McCarthy closed out this match. The final score was Kilmeen 5-14 St James 1-6. Captain Ruairi O’Sullivan was delighted to receive the silverware. It was wonderful to see this group of boys celebrate their victory. Well done to the team and Brian Harrington, Noel Young and Tim Callanan who have looked after them so well.

Team: Ruairi O’Sullivan, Olan Murphy, Tadhg O’Brien, Mark Collins, Rory McCarthy, Howard O’Donovan, Tim Bailey, Shane Clancy, Oisin Harrington, Ben Barry, Joe Barry, Jason Murray, Tadhg O’Neill Callanan, William Young, Sean O’Carroll, Cillian Piper, Donnacha Keohane, James Scannell, Ronan Scannell and Rory Twohig.

There was no winner of this week’s lotto jackpot. The numbers drawn were 8, 26 and 30. The lucky dip winners were Pat Clancy, Tim Lawlor and Thomas Hill. The lotto jackpot is €4,200.