**Kilmeen & Kilbree Club Notes 27/5/19**

Kilbree camogie club fielded a junior team for the first time in 2018. They defeated St Vincent’s last week to set up a county league final tie with Rockban. The final was played on Friday night in Inniscarra.

This match was a tough battle between two well matched sides. Kilbree were four points to one down after twenty minutes. Mairead Crowley scored a second point, Aife O’Neill added another and Kilbree were three points adrift at half time. The half-time score was Rockban 0-6 Kilbree 0-3.

Kilbree were a much stronger force in the second half, Mairead Crowley scored three points without reply to make the sides level. Rockban responded with 2-2 just before the midpoint of the second half. Kilbree were awarded a penalty which Mairead Crowley converted. Leanne Sheehy added another goal and Mairead Crowley scored another three points. This was a thrilling encounter and the sides were level at full time 2-9 a-piece.

An early goal for Rockban gave them an advantage. The sides traded two points each. However, it was that early goal that proved to be the difference between the sides at the end of extra time. The final score was Rockban 3-11 Kilbree 2-1. Well done to the junior ladies for putting up an incredible fight against a very strong team. Well done to the team management and thanks to all the supporters. This team can look forward with confidence to the championship.

Team: Katie Lancaster, Sarah O’Donovan, Sinead O’Donovan, Rebecca Hurley, Aine Crowley, Grainne O’Brien, Eilis O’Brien, Maire O’Brien, Mairead Crowley (2-10), Rosemarie Dullea, Leanne Sheehy (1-0), Laura McCarthy and Aife O’Neill (0-1).

Subs: Lorna O’Brien, Jessica O’Driscoll, Claire Reilly and Alice O’Donovan.

Kilbree’s Junior A hurling team welcomed Courcey Rovers to Rossmore on Sunday morning. Kilbree were six points down at half time. A much improved second half performance together with two Darragh Coakley goals and a Sean Reale goal put the Kilbree lads ahead. In an exiting finish Kilbree held out to win by a point. The final score was Kilbree 3-11 Courcey Rovers 0-19.

The second football team played away in Glengarriffe on Saturday. Kilmeen were victorious with a goal between the two teams. The final score was Kilmeen 1-18 Glengarriffe 0-18.

The U10 camogie girls played an U10 blitz on Saturday. They played exceptionally well against St Colums and Bandon in glorious sunshine.

Team: Lucy Medcalf, Katie O’Donovan, Clodagh O’Keeffe, Ella Burke, Laoise Sutton, Emma Medcalf, Caoimhe Sutton and Aisling Burke.

Kilmeen National School boys were crowned Sciath na Scol football champions on Thursday in Dunmanway. This is the school’s third consecutive year winning this competition. The boys played a strong Laragh NS side in the final and won 5-9 to 2-8. There were great scenes of celebration when captain Shane Keohane lifted the cup. Congratulations to the boys and their teachers Michael Keohane, Kenneth McCarthy and Colm O’Sullivan.

Many of this school team were involved in the U12 and U14 matches taking place during the past week.

The U14 footballers played Clonakilty in Ahamilla on Monday 20th May. The Kilmeen boys were much the stronger team and were comprehensive winners on the night.

Team: Ruairi O’Sullivan, Mark Collins, Olan Murphy, Jack Hehir, Conor O’Sullivan, Sam Bailey, Daniel McCarthy, Darragh Clancy, Oisin Harrington, Ben Barry, Cillian Twohig, Joe Barry, Micheal Keohane, Peter O’Sullivan, Louka Mohan, Culann Finn, Jason Murray, Shane Keohane and Tim Bailey.

The U12 footballers played Sam Maguires on Tuesday night in Rossmore. The Kilmeen lads were the winners on the night.

The U14 hurlers are preparing for Feile on the weekend of 7-9th June. This promises to be a most enjoyable weekend. On Friday night the team travelled to Ardfield to play St James where they were comfortable winners.

On Monday night Newcestown provided much sterner opposition for Kilbree in Rossmore. This was a closely fought battle from the start. Sam Bailey, Mark Collins, Olan Murphy and Oisin Harrington were rock solid in defence. Goalkeeper Peter O’Sullivan made some fine saves. Conor O’Sullivan dominated in midfield and took his scoring opportunities. Micheal Keohane lead the forwards and converted his scoring chances. Goals by Cillian Twohig and Micheal Keohane proved crucial in the first half. Kilbree were playing with a strong win and lead 2-4 to 1-3 at half time. Kilbree had to work hard in the second half against this wind. Scores by Joe Barry, Micheal Keohane, Conor O’Sullivan and Cillian Twohig kept Newcestown at bay. The final score was Kilbree 4-11 Newcestown 3-6.

Team: Peter O’Sullivan, Mark Collins, Olan Murphy, Ben Barry, Oisin Harrington, Sam Bailey, Daniel McCarthy, Micheal Keohane, Conor O’Sullivan, Joe Barry, Culann Finn, Cillian Twohig, Ronan Hayes, Ruairi O’Sullivan and Colm Hayes.

There was no winner of this week’s lotto jackpot. The numbers drawn were 20, 27 and 40. The luck dip winners were Donal McSweeney, Ryan O’Donovan and Paul O’Donovan. Next week’s lotto jackpot will be €2,700.