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

The plan to retain the “Flyer Nyhan” did not go to plan on Sunday. The JAHC final against Ballinascarthy was played in Enniskeane. An early Sean Reale goal gave Kilbree the perfect start. Kilbree lead 1-3 to 0-1 after ten minutes. Ballinascarthy settled from this point. A Ballinascarthy goal just before half time gave them a three-point advantage at the break 1-9 to 1-6.

Kilbree came back into this match and defended well in the third quarter. With eight minutes left, there was just three points between the teams. However, Ballinascarthy finished strongly in a frantic final few minutes. The final score was Ballinascarthy 2-18 Kilbree 1-11. Both sides now progress to the county series.

Team: D Dullea, B Deasy, L O’Brien, B Keohane, J Clancy, B O’Donovan, K Keohane, D Coffey, R Collins, D Coakley, D McCarthy, J Deasy, M O’Donovan, O Scannell, S Reale.

Subs: D O’Gorman for S Reale, J O’Donovan for M O’Donovan.

Congratulations to Kilbree’s goalkeeper Denis Dullea who won the adult puc fada at the Sam Maguire 7’s in Dunmanway, on Saturday.

The U16 hurlers lost out to St Patrick’s in the U16 hurling championship semi-final. This was played on Wednesday in Leap. St Patrick’s went on to win the final at the weekend.

The U14 hurlers played their hurling championship semi-final against Western Gaels, on Saturday in Newcestown. Kilbree dominated most of the exchanges during this match. Sharp free shooting from Cillian Twohig kept Kilbree ahead. Kilbree’s defence was solid led by Peter O’Sullivan in goal. Sam Bailey and Olan Murphy were strong in the back line. Conor O’Sullivan and Micheal Keohane supplied much quality ball to the forwards. Oisin Harrington scored a wonderful goal in the second half that ended this match as a real contest. The final score was Kilbree 1-13 Western Gaels 1-3. The boys will meet Newcestown in the final.

The U12 hurlers played St Colums in the U12 Cup semi-final on Wednesday night, in Rossmore. This was a tight closely fought encounter. Both sides have played some exciting matches against each other, over the past few years. A very strong wind combined with some great defending from both sides, kept this tie a low-scoring affair. Kilbree led by 1-1 to 0-2 at the break. Kilbree were stronger in the second half. Scores from Jason Murray, Olan Murphy and a goal and a point from Joe Barry sealed victory for Kilbree. They now progress to the final against St James or Western Gaels.

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.

Congratulations to Kilbree’s Niamh McCarthy who won the U14 All-Ireland Championship with Cork on Saturday. This is a wonderful achievement for Niamh, her family and her club.

Kilbree played the first round of the minor camogie county championship against Erins Own, in Rossmore on Friday night. Kilbree were comfortable winners on the night. Kilbree’s defence was outstanding. The Kilbree scores came from Aife O’Neill, Caoimhe Murphy, Mairead Crowley, Maeve O’Neill and Emily O’Donovan. The girls now progress directly to round three of the county championship. The U16 camogie team will play Castlemartyr in the quarter-final of the premier county championship on Saturday 14th in Castlemartyr.

The U12 camogie girls had a busy week. They played Ballinascarthy at home on Tuesday night and Clonakilty away on Friday night. The girls played two great matches and are developing their skills with every match that they play.

Kilbree hosted an U10 camogie blitz in Rossmore on Saturday morning. They played Ballinascarthy, Newcestown and Barryroe. Thanks to the Kilbree coaches, parents who helped on the day with refreshments, referees and anyone who helped on the day. There is a strong group of young camogie players in our club and they have had a very successful year.

The U8 camogie girls played a fun blitz in Kilbrittain on Saturday morning. The girls played Kilbrittain and Newcestown and really enjoyed themselves.

The U8 hurlers played tremendously well in a blitz in Bandon, on Saturday morning. They played three great matches against Argideen Rangers, Kilbrittain and Bandon. Well done to everyone involved.

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.