



Newsletter

Irish American Community Center New Haven Gaelic Football & Hurling Club



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CLUB HOURS:

Wednesday & Thursday: 7pm-1am; Friday: 7pm-2am; Saturday: 7pm-2am; Sunday: 1pm-9pm

FFEBRUARY 2014

Mark Your Calendars

February 2014

02/01 – St. Patrick's Day Parade Fundraiser at Gryphon's Pub, The Amples and The Alehounds
 02/02– Super Bowl Party
 02/04– Executive Board Meeting
 02/05 – Youth Football Meeting
 02/08 – St. Patrick's Day Parade Queen Selection
 02/09 –Social Meeting
 02/11 – General Membership Meeting
 02/16– IACC Corned Beef Dinner
 02/17– Parade Committee Meeting
 02/20 – Retirees Meeting
 02/22– St. Patrick's Parade Fundraiser - at IACC, Band O'Brothers

March 2014

03/04– Executive Board Meeting
 03/08 – St Patrick's Day Parade Ball, Yale University Commons
 03/11 – General Membership Meeting
 03/16 – St. Patrick's Day Parade, New Haven
 03/17 – St. Patrick's Day
 03/20 – Retirees Corned Beef Dinner

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS

1st Tuesday 7:30 PM – Executive Board
 2nd Tuesday 8:00 PM – General Membership
 1st Wednesday 7:30 PM – Youth Football
 3rd Thursday 12:30 PM – Retirees Meeting
 1st Saturday 1:00 PM – Genealogy Meeting

REGULAR WEEKLY MEETINGS

Wednesday – 7:30 PM Gaelic Language
 Thursday – 7:30 PM Curlews Music

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Upcoming Events

SUPER BOWL PARTY

Super Bowl Party Sunday, February 2nd. Come on down to the club to watch the Denver Broncos vs. the Seattle Seahawks in this year's Super Bowl at 6:30 pm. The Party starts 1/2 hour before game and ends 1/2 hour after. Cost will be \$25 for food and open bar (beer, wine and well drinks) ~ OR ~ \$10 for food and soda. For more info call Peter Burke 203-623-5355



the New Haven area for the entire year. For further info you can contact the Chairwomen Briana Conway and Courtney Lundgren Connors at parade.queen@gmail.com.

CORNED BEEF AND CABBAGE DINNER

Sunday, February 16th- Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner will be served from 12:00 pm-3:00 pm. Cost \$12.00 an adult, \$6.00 for children under 12. Hot Dog and chips will be available for \$3.00. For reservations please contact Madge Mulhall at 203-268-2037 or wmulhall@charter.net.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE QUEEN SELECTION

St. Patrick's Day Parade Queen Selection will be held on Saturday, February 8, 2014 at the IACC.

Doors open at 7:00 PM and the contest will begin at 8:00 PM. Admission: \$12.00.



The Contestants will be at least 17 years of age, single and a member, or a daughter or granddaughter of a member of one of the four Irish Societies: New Haven Gaelic Football & Hurling Club/Irish American Community Center, West Haven Irish American Club, Knights of St. Patrick, or The Ancient Order of Hibernians. The 2014 St. Patrick's Day Parade Queen will be representing the Irish Community in

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE DAY

Sunday, March 16th – The St. Patrick's Day Parade starts at 1:30 PM in New Haven. For the parade route see www.stpatricksdayparade.org. Worried about parking at the parade? Fear not....There will be 3 buses leaving from the IACC at 11:30 am going to the parade. This bus ride will be \$5.00 per adult and kids (under 18) are free. This is to defray the cost of the bus rentals. The cost will cover round trip or 1 way (either to or from the parade). Wristbands will be handed out to those who pay. Two buses will return to the IACC directly after the parade ends. The third bus will leave ½ hour after the parade ends returning to the IACC. After the parade there will be DJ Rick Scirocco playing from 2:00 pm on. Corned beef sandwiches will be served. Any questions please contact any member of the Executive Board.



Sports and Group Updates



ST PATRICKS DAY FUNDRAISERS

THE AMPLES AND THE ALEHOUNDS @ GRYPHON'S PUB, NEW HAVEN

Saturday, February 1st from 8:00 pm-2:00 am at Gryphon's Pub @ GPSCY, 204 York St, New Haven there will be live entertainment by "The Amples and The Alehounds" followed by a Dance Party. \$5.00 suggested donation, plus \$1 of any purchase of an Irish drinks donated to the parade. For more info contact Tom Wolf at events@stpatricksdaysparade.org.

BAND O'BROTHERS AT THE IACC

Saturday, February 22nd 8:00-12:00 PM "Band O'Brothers" will be playing in our lounge. Suggested donation is \$5.00. All donations go to support the St Patrick's Day Parade. For more info call Peter Burke 203-623-5355.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE BALL



The 2014 Parade Ball will be held on Saturday, the Eighth of March 2014 at Yale University Commons, 168 Grove Street, New Haven, from 8:00 pm to 12:00 midnight.

Contribution \$100.00 per person includes musical entertainment by the band "Just One More" and "The Kennedys" as DJ's, dancing, buffet, and open bar. Contact Anne Hines 203-488-4902 or ahsheep@aol.com.

RETIREEES

- Retirees meeting Thursday, February 20th at 12:30 PM
- Bus trip to Foxwoods Resort Casino on March 19th to see the original Irish Ramblers on tour from Ireland. Cost of trip is \$64.00. This includes Show, Casino bonus and drivers gratuity. Call Joan Atzbach for further info. 203-288-8519.
- St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner March 20th at 12:30. Reservations are necessary. Please call Pat Donohue 203-248-4325 or Janet Butterworth 203-469-4682

DART TEAM

The Dart Team plays every Thursday at 8:00 pm at the IACC. Come down to watch or if you are interested in joining the Team contact Pete Kilkelly at peterkilkelly@sbcglobal.net.

Committees

SOCIAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Sunday, February 9th, 2:00 PM. We are looking for members who have ideas for events and activities for the coming year. We are also looking for members to head up committees: Kitchen Committee, Social Events Committee, The Club Beautification Committee and Teen Committee. All ideas are welcome. All members are welcome.

CONNECTICUT IRISH FESTIVAL CHAIRPERSON and COORDINATORS



The club is currently looking for a 2014 Connecticut Irish Festival Chairperson. We are also looking for members who will volunteer to head the various positions for the festival: Program Book Coordinator, Volunteer Coordinator, Bar Coordinator, Food Coordinator, Cultural Tent Coordinator, Raffle Coordinator, Tickets Coordinator, Entertainment Coordinator and Children's Activities Committee. Without a Festival Chairperson there will be no Festival. Please contact John Cullinan at 203 506-5417 if you are interested in volunteering for any of these positions.

Announcements

NHGF&HC DECEASED MEMBER LIST

A new listing of the NHGF&HC Deceased Member List is now available at the club. The listing is located in a three ring binder on the table, under the Memorial Boards, at the entrance to the club. Suggestions, comments, additions or corrections contact: bernard.singer@snet.net.

HALL AND LOUNGE RENTAL

We are now opening the Hall rental at a rate of \$350 for non-members and \$250 for members. Please contact Kerry Martens at 203-996-9196 or kmar13@aol.com if you are interested or if you know a non-member who is interested in a rental.

Lessons

THE LENIHAN SCHOOL OF IRISH DANCE

Irish step dancing classes are held at the Club on Thursdays, join the Fun! Contact the Lenihan School at lenihanschool@hotmail.com or 203-261-6656 for more information.

Thank yous & Get Well Condolences

THANK YOU

A special Thank You to Fiona Stewart for the service you have given to our club and to the Irish Community. You have been an incredible role model for future generations. Your passion, beauty, and grace are all qualities that embody the title "Parade Queen". Thank you for sharing your many talents with us this past year! Sincerely, The Parade Queen Committee



A special thank you to those who gave donations to the IACC. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

The IACC would like to welcome the following new members: Kim Accettullo, Eoin Bradley, Mary T Cassell, Caitlin Clark, Carl Clark Jr., Charles and Karen Esslinger, Kevin and Tara Hardy, Peter and Janet Latella, Michael and Angel Lanouette, Brian Roxbee and Meagan Bolton, Jillian and Jason Simms.

GET WELL WISHES

To Chris Rynne of Madison.

PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY

Our prayers and sympathy go out to:

- Agatha and Jim Gaffney, Wallingford on the death of Agatha's sister, club member Winnie Costello, Cheshire by way of Co. Roscommon.
- The family of club member John Mooney, Hamden.
- Michael Malone of Hamden and Eileen Hennessey of North Branford for the death of their son Brian Malone of Branford; Eileen Kacenski and Christopher Malone both of North Branford for the brother Brian.

Reminders

CLOSINGS

For closings due to inclement weather please check our website www.iacc-ct.com, IACC Facebook page and/or listen to the Irish radio shows for updates. All closings will be also posted on WTNH, WVIT and WFSB TV stations and their websites.

EMAILS / NEWSLETTER

If you would like to receive emails from the IACC which include the info on the latest events and/or the newsletter please send your name and email address to theresa.obrien@live.com.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Thank you to the members who have paid the 2014 members dues!! Membership dues for 2014 are due by January 31, 2014 and are as follows: Family \$75.00; Individual \$50.00; Senior Couple \$30.00; Senior Individual \$20.00. Yearly membership dues can be sent in by check (made out to IACC) through the US Mail to IACC, ATTN Madge Mulhall, 9 Venice Place, East Haven, CT 06512 or can be paid by credit card via PayPal by going on the IACC website www.iacc-ct.com. Once on the website click on Home, Become a Club Member, from there go to "The Membership" and choose from drop down box and then click subscribe. Any questions please contact Madge Mulhall at (203) 268-2037 or wmulhall@charter.net.

Please send newsletter items by the 20th of the month to Theresa O'Brien at theresa.obrien@live.com.

LOCAL IRISH RADIO PROGRAMS

Sounds of Ireland

Sunday mornings 9:00-11:00.

Hosted by Sean Canning and his son Brendan Canning, this program of traditional Irish music has been running for over three decades. Listen on AM 1220 WQUN or <http://tinyurl.com/WQUN-1220>.

Echoes of Erin

Sunday 12 noon-2:00 pm; **Monday** 6:00-8:00 pm.

Tune in to "Echoes of Erin" broadcasting live twice a week on FM 88.7 [WNHU](http://www.wnhu.net) or www.wnhu.net. It's your station for the very best in Irish Music. Hosted by Pat & Joan Kennedy, Pat Hosey & Siobhan Dacey, and Mike McGrath.

Music of Ireland

Thursday 6:00-8:00 pm live.

Music of Ireland can be tuned in on FM 88.7 [WNHU](http://www.wnhu.net) or www.wnhu.net, with your host Tom Faherty along with Kenny live from Ireland, with Sports and News.

IACC PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

My thanks to everyone who helped us in any way at the club recently. My thanks to Pat Stratton and John O'Donovan for putting on another great night of music with The Pride of New York concert. The club was full that night. The next few weeks are going to be busy with our corned beef dinner, parade queen contest, etc. Please try and support our upcoming functions and let's hope Mother Nature will be kind to us.

I encourage our members to attend the membership meetings on the second Tuesday of every month. We welcome any idea you might have that would improve our club. Membership involvement is crucial to our club. I look forward to seeing many of you in the coming weeks.

Don't forget to check your local TV stations and our website for any club closings. As we go into another cold spell I am asking you to notify us if you know of any member that might need help during bad weather.

Sincerely, John Cullinan

NHGF&HC PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope everyone's New Years was safe and spent with family and friends. We are coming up to the pre-St. Patrick's Day season starting with our Parade Queen Selection on February 8th.

Next is our Corned Beef Dinner on February 16th and the Parade Fundraiser with Band O' Brothers playing in our lounge on February 22nd. Come on out and support these and all events at the club. I would like to thank Pat Stratton, John O'Donovan and all who helped out with the Pride of New York concert. It was a great night with great music and nearly a sellout crowd. I would also like to thank the Martens family for another great dinner and movie night on January 25th.

We are still looking for people to chair several committees. Please consider joining and bring any new ideas you may have for coming year.

Thank You, Peter Burke

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