



Newsletter

Irish American Community Center New Haven Gaelic Football & Hurling Club



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

DATES TO REMEMBER

JAN.

Thurs. 18th Retirees Meeting 12.30pm
 Sun. 21st Youth football practice starts 1pm
 Sat. 27th NYMB Dinner 7pm
 Sun. 28th Tara and Claddagh workshop 12pm-3pm

FEB.

Sat. 3rd Queen Selection 7pm
 Sun. 4th Super Bowl 5pm
 Fri. 9th Happy Hour 4pm
 Sun. 11th General Membership Meeting 1pm
 Thurs. 15th Retirees Meeting 12.30pm

MARCH

Sat. 3rd Parade Ball 7pm

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Our Financial Secretary, Mary Roddy, would like to remind all our members that membership dues are payable 1st January. Please keep in mind dues are a vital part of the running of our Club so if you have not already remitted your payment please do so as soon as possible. Family \$75, Individual \$50, renewing seniors \$20 each and \$30 per couple. KEY LOCK WILL BE INSTALLED ON DOOR 31st JANUARY SO YOU WILL NEED YOUR CARD TO ENTER.

Upcoming Events

HAPPY HOUR Fri. 9th Feb. at 4pm

Happy Hours will be on Friday, 9th February starting at 4pm. Each happy hour we will have drink specials, half price on the choice of the day, buy one get one etc. Come on out and join your friends and fellow members for good conversation and snacks in the lounge - bring a snack to share if you wish.



to get out and run around in the dead of winter?? At the February 11th practice, Mickey Quigg from NY will train the kids.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING Sunday, 11th Feb. at 1pm.

A lot is going on at our club and you, as a member, should be involved in the decision makings. Please attend our general membership meetings and give us your input. For the months of January and February we are having our meetings on a Sunday as that is what the membership requested in our survey. March meeting will be back to our usual second Tuesday night but starting at 7pm going forward.

RETIRES MEETING Thurs. 18th Jan. and 15th Feb. @ 12.30pm

Regular meetings of the Retirees will be held on Thursday, 18th January and 15th February at 12.30pm. Movie on 18th January will be Lilies of the Field starring Sidney Poitier. Stay tuned for title of February's movie. Please call Sharon Kearns 203 488 6605 if you have any questions.

YOUTH SPORTS WINTER PRACTICE starting Sunday 21st Jan. 1pm

In order to stay in great shape and get us ready for the spring season we have scheduled 7 winter training sessions, starting Sunday Jan 21-Sunday Mar 4th at Connecticut Sportsplex, 216 Foxon Road, North Branford, CT. All training sessions are scheduled for 1:00-2:30, this is also a perfect time to invite a friend to experience a great new sport!! Who doesn't want

48th ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET NY GAA MINOR BOARD Sat. 27th Jan. 7pm

On Saturday, January 27th, New Haven Sports Shine in NY. Seamus McCormack is being honored as Player of the Year for U10, our U14 Gaelic Football Team, as well as our Chairman Vincent McCabe will also be honored at the 48th Annual Awards Banquet of the New York GAA Minor Board at the Villa Barone, 737 Throggs Neck Expressway Bronx, NY 10465. Cocktail hour is from 7pm to 8pm, dinner and dancing is from 8pm to 12am. Music is provided by the Cunningham Brothers. Admission is \$100 for adults and \$40 for children under-18. This year, the Guests of Honor are Vincent Mc Cabe (New Haven GAA) & John Lyons and Brendan Maher (Proprietors of Mc Keon's Bar and Restaurant) The James O'Sullivan Award will be presented to Keelan McLaughlin (Celtics GAA / Crana Electric) The New York Minor Board is proud to recognize our 2017 New York Under-14 All-Star Team In both Football and Hurling that participated in the Féile competitions this past summer in Ireland. We will also recognize our Championship, League, and CYC winners along with the Tournament Captains, 2017 Players of the Year in each age group, our 2017 MVPs (Football and Hurling), as well as the winners of the Scor na Nog this past year. Please contact John McCormack 203-651-9634 john.mccormack.qugm@statefarm.com to reserve tickets. A coach bus will be leaving the club at 5pm - seating is very limited - cost \$25-35pp. depending on reservations - Reserve your seat now.

TARA & CLADDAGH WORKSHOP – Sunday 28th Jan. 12pm – 3pm

The Tara & Claddagh Workshop will take place on Sunday, 28th January from 12-3pm. This workshop presents cultural enrichment to future Queens of the Greater New Haven St. Patrick's Day Parade. In addition to the innovative and fun-filled workshop presenting Irish Culture, the Taras and Claddaghs will have the opportunity to be showcased the night of the Queens Competition on February 3rd 2018. All young ladies whose family holds membership in the Associated Irish Societies (NHGF&HC/IACC, KOSP, WHIAC, or AOH) are eligible to participate. The Taras are young ladies 6 – 9 years of age and the Claddaghs are ages 10 – 13. New and returning participants are encouraged to attend. Registration is \$12.00 and can be paid the afternoon of the workshop. Space is limited, so reserve your Future Queen's spot soon! For Registration Information Contact 2017 Parade Queen Abigail O'Keefe at parade.queen@gmail.com



PARADE QUEEN SELECTION Sat. 3rd Feb. at 8pm – doors open 7pm

2018 Queen Selection - celebrating 62 years of friendship, love and loyalty to the Irish Community!!!! Please join us on Saturday, 3rd February to see who will be crowned the New Haven St. Patrick's Day Parade Queen and become the next young lady to represent the Irish Community in a tradition lasting over 60 years. Come and see not only Queens of the past but of the future with our precious Taras & Claddaghs. It will be an evening you won't want to miss! Doors open at 7:00 p.m. Admission is \$15.00, children under 13 are free. Contestants: We encourage the young ladies of the Irish Community to take part in this magical event! Contestants must be 17 years of age, single, a member, daughter or grand daughter of one of the four Irish Societies (NHGF& Hurling Club, Knights of St. Patrick, West Haven Irish American Club or Ancient Order of Hibernians). Application Deadline is Sunday, 21st January. Ad Contract Deadline is Monday, 29th January. For more information please contact: Fiona Stewart at parade.queen@gmail.com

SUPER BOWL Sunday 4th Feb. @ 5pm

Come join us on Super Bowl Sunday, 4th February at 5:00 pm. \$25 admission in advance, \$30 at the door. Open bar domestic beer and well drinks (import beer and top shelf \$2 charge) starting a half hour before kick-off and ending at the end of the game. Pickings throughout the game and a meal at half time. Designated drivers admission \$10. Questions Anne Hines 203 215 5997 ahsheep@aol.com



ANNUAL CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE DINNER Sun. 26th Feb. 1-4pm

Our Corned beef and cabbage dinner will be held at the Club on Sunday, 26th February from 1 – 4pm. Donation is \$15 per adult and children are half price. Hot dog and potato chips will be available at \$5.00 for children who do not wish to eat corned beef. For reservations and information, please contact Anne Hines at (203) 488-4902 ahsheep@aol.com. Reservations are necessary to avoid over or under buying by 23rd Feb.

ST. PATRICK'S PARADE BALL Sat. 3rd March at 7pm

The St. Patrick's Day Parade Ball will take place on 3rd March at 7pm at Anthony's Oceanview in New Haven. Donation \$100 per person. Music will be provided by "Stages" from New York, This year's recipients: Damian Cashman will receive The Dinnan Award, Tom Conroy will receive The Driscoll Award and Steve Smith will receive The Appreciation Award. For tickets and further information please contact Joanne Connor ball@stpatricksdayparade.org Deadline for tickets 17th February.

PARADE DAY MARCHERS Sunday 12th March at 1.30pm

Anne Hines is working on organizing our Club's marching contingent for our Parade in New Haven on 11th March. If anyone is interested in marching or carrying one of our many County flags please contact Anne. The appointment of flag bearers is on a first come, first served basis. Call/text 203-215-5997 or email ahsheep@aol.com early if you have a particular flag you wish to carry.

PRAYERS and SYMPATHY

To: Mary Burke and her sons, Peter, James, John and Andrew on the death of her husband and their father the great Peter Burke, Hamden by way of Co. Offaly. Peter was a former club President; the 1996 Irish Man of the Year; First Chairman of the Retirees Club; and well-known Actor with 'The Gaelic Players'.

To: The family of club member Margaret Kinsella, New Haven; To: Theresa McKeon, North Haven and Rita Sheehan, Wallingford, on the death of their sister club member Brigid Malone Graveline, Wallingford by way of Co. Clare

To: Steven Bozzuto, Northford, on the death of his father John Bozzuto, North Haven;

To: Mary Connolly, East Haven, on the death of her brother Thomas Shanley, in England by way of Co. Leitrim;

Get well wishes to our members:

Jim Lyng, Waterbury; Pat McManus and Betty Regan, Hamden; Matt Frawley, North Haven; Pat Begley, Cos Cob.

YOUTH FOOTBALL MEETING

The Youth footballers meet the first Thursday of each month. Games, schedules, fundraisers etc. are discussed. Please come out and support these young athletes. More information call Chairman Vincent McCabe 203 641 7905.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

The children's Christmas party this year was very well attended and all the little girls and boys went home happy. Our gratitude and thanks go to Angelique Burke and her committee for running this event!

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

Many Members expressed how beautiful our Club was decorated over the Christmas Season and our thanks go out to Kim and Steve Stratton and their sons Chris and Nick who came out to beautify our club. Thank you for your work, detail and time devoted to this project – you did an outstanding job.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR The Christmas Bazaar/ Breakfast was a great success again this year. Thanks to all who attended and supported this event. We had great raffles, food, bake sales

and vendors. A special thanks to all that helped in the kitchen, thanks to Kathleen O'Donovan and her committee for their help making the Irish goods table a great success, thanks to Mike Faherty for collecting at the door and special thanks to everyone who helped with the bake sale and everything to bring this event together. All in all it was a huge success and hope to see everyone again next year!! Thanks again, Alice Sette.

UP-TO-DATE MAILING ADDRESS

If you have moved or are planning on moving please keep the Club informed of your new address. Please call Mary Roddy 203 506 8367 or email her at mroddy@snet.net. This would include any phone number and email changes also. In an effort to keep mailing costs down, anyone who receives the email newsletter will no longer receive the paper copy in the US mail. If you wish to continue receiving both the email and the paper newsletter, please let Mary know.

ANNOUNCEMENTS IN THE NEWSLETTER

If you would like to make an announcement in the newsletter i.e. engagement, marriage, birth, graduation from college, or an achievement of any kind, please submit via email to Doreen Busca at dkbusca73@yahoo.com by the 15th of the month.

EMAILS / NEWSLETTER

If you would like to receive emails from the IACC which include the info on the latest events and/or the newsletter by email please send your name and email address to mroddy@snet.net.

LOCAL IRISH RADIO PROGRAMS

Sounds of Ireland Sun. 9:00 A.M.-11:00 P.M. AM 1220 WQUN or www.wqun.com

Echoes of Erin Sun. 12- 2pm FM 88.7 WNHU www.wnhu.net
Celtic Airs Tuesday 6-9pm WWUH91.3 or www.wjuh.org

NEW HAVEN GAELIC FOOTBALL GEAR AVAILABLE AT THE CLUB!

A limited supply of performance short sleeved New Haven Gaelic Football jerseys are available for \$20 at the club!! Adult sizes, Medium to XL. Let's all show our New Haven Pride!!

NEW MEMBERS

With pleasure we welcome the following New Members – hope to see you frequently at our Club. Tim & Ney Lucas Eng - East Haven, Laura Cifarelli - Branford, Mary Elizabeth Radigan - Hamden, Sheila Panza - Orange, Mary & Bruce Kleffke - North Haven, Theresa Gambardella - New Haven and Michael Maloney - Guilford.

DONATIONS

Many thanks to the following members who paid their dues and enclosed an additional donation to our club: Gerard Rooney, Steve Jacksis, Greta & Stanley Stanford, Brian Burgh, Patricia O'Connor, Alison & John McCormack, John & Kathleen Sullivan, Bruce & Mary Dapkins, Marguerite Jackson, Brendan & Mary Crawley, Ray & Wendy Lacasse, Martin & Pat Donoghue, Timothy Wall, Gerrard Keniry, John & Margaret Sullivan, Bernadette & Rob LaFrance, Dennis & Andrea Regan, John & Regina Healey, Hugh Keefe, Kathleen

& John O'Donovan, David & Elizabeth O'Keefe, Daniel Ryan, Anna May McNulty, Kathleen Saunders, Joseph Foley, David & Agnes Flynn, Maureen & Lawrence McKenna, Joan Harlow, Robert Gilhuly, Frank Schiavone, Michael & Andrea Hogan, John Collins, Margaret & Michael Higgins-Shea, Bernard & Mary Odoy, Mary Jane Conroy, Ed & Mary Cortright, James & Mary Lyng, John & Audrey Hanniford, Mary Wallace, John O'Connor, Pat & Carolyn Hosey, Denis Pomfret, Joe & Miriam Lillis, Edward McMahan, Jane McGuire, Marilyn Sisson, Patrick & Bridget McManus, Carolyn Westerfield, Richard & Joan Matz, Rosemary Barrett, Anne Hines, Mike & Anne Faherty.

BINGO LOVERS....COMING SOON

The club is in the planning stages of bringing BINGO to our club every Friday night. Check email blasts and next Newsletter for updates. Spread the word amongst your family and friends and lets look forward to Friday evenings out at the club with a little luck winning BINGO!



IACC PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear club members,

Happy New Year! I am excited to begin my third term as president of the IACC. Please join me on welcoming Doreen Busca as our recording secretary, Geoff Maxwell as Gaelic club Vice President, and Gerry Roddy as building engineer. These people are a wonderful support for the work ahead. We plan to utilize our grant money along with your donations to add a new sound system and lighting to the club with a focus on our hall for performances. Please check the newsletter for all club events. We have had some weather related damage to the pool room bathrooms and walls due to burst pipes and ice buildup. We will keep you posted on the repair schedule. Here's to all the best in 2018.

Sláinte,
Eileen

NHGF&H CLUB'S PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A warm welcome to Geoff Maxwell, our 2018 VP of the Gaelic Club - he will be a great asset to our Board. Thank you to John Joe Mackey, our outgoing President, for his many years of service on the Board. Thank you to Donna Borzillo, our outgoing Gaelic Club VP, for all she has done for our club. I also welcome Gerry Roddy and Doreen Busca to our 2018 Board. Many thanks to retiring building engineer Mike Faherty - he pushed for our full sized playing field and we got it! My thanks to Kim and Steve Stratton and their sons for helping Mary Roddy and myself get all the Christmas decorations up to beautify our club. Again this year the Christmas Bazaar was a huge success. Thank you to so many for working this event and a special thank you to Alice Sette who worked so hard behind the scenes and on that day. Everyone working together makes the difference and it showed in our profits for this event. The next months are very busy at our club - hope you can circle some events on your calendar and come visit your club. Bring a friend or two - they might just be interested enough to join us. Stay warm and safe with our unpredictable New England weather. All the best, Anne Hines.

**FUN RAFFLE FOR MONTH OF MARCH
HELP US SPRUCE UP OUR BAR**

Last year's Lucky Leprechaun Daily Cash Drawing was very successful and fun. Our Club's goal is to spruce up the bar area - the bar top is in need of immediate attention. Your help is needed! Please spend \$10 towards our cause - you will be entered in a drawing for the whole month of March - each day a name will be picked and that person gets the corresponding amount according to the chart below. You may purchase duplicate entries. If your name is drawn you will be re-entered - giving you a greater chance of winning \$\$\$. Please share with family and friends. Additional forms will be available at the club. Please note the deadline for submitting entries is 27th February. Looking forward to your support. Please make checks payable to IACC. Thank you, Chairmen, Anne Hines 203 488 4902 ahsheep@aol.com, Gerry Stratton 203 214 8578.

**HELP US UPDATE OUR BAR AREA
LUCKY LEPRECHAUN DAILY CASH DRAWING - Your ticket will be entered daily giving you more chances to win. Please fill out the bottom portion. Price: \$10.00**

MAR.1 - \$100 - FULL MOON	MAR.18 - \$25
MAR.2 - \$25	MAR.19 - \$25
MAR.3 - \$25	MAR.20 - \$50 - 1st DAY OF SPRING
MAR.4 - \$25	MAR.21 - \$25
MAR.5 - \$25	MAR.22 - \$25
MAR.6 - \$25	MAR.23 - \$25
MAR.7 - \$25	MAR.24 - \$25
MAR.8 - \$25	MAR.25 - \$25
MAR.9 - \$25	MAR.26 - \$25
MAR.10 - \$25	MAR.27 - \$25
MAR.11 - \$75 - DAYLIGHT SAVINGS	MAR.28 - \$25
MAR.12 - \$25	MAR.29 - \$25
MAR.13 - \$25	MAR.30 - \$25
MAR.14 - \$25	MAR.31 - \$25
MAR.15 - \$25	
MAR.16 - \$25	
MAR.17 - \$200 - ST. PATRICK'S DAY	



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