



Newsletter

Irish American Community Center New Haven Gaelic Football & Hurling Club



Happy
Mothers Day
to all our members

IACC President: Eileen Roxbee (203) 584-4233 roxbeeileen@gmail.com
Vice President: Rich Ranciato 203 410 4543 richard.ranciato@comcast.net
Treasurer: John McGowan 203 314 7073 haveaharp@sbcglobal.net
Recording Secretary: Doreen Busca 203 843 8018 dkbusca73@yahoo.com
Financial Secretary: Mary Roddy 203 506 8367 mroddy@snet.net
Building Engineer: Gerry Roddy 203 215 3268 mroddy@snet.net

NHGF&H Club President: Anne Hines 203 488 4902 203 215 5997 (cell) ahsheep@aol.com
Vice President: Geoffrey Maxwell 203 605 7414 grmaxwell1601@sbcglobal.net
Treasurer: Joan Hall 203 315 9215 hjoan68@gmail.com

May 2018

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

May

Friday 11th Happy Hour, 4pm
Saturday 12th, Dylan Foley and Friends Concert, 7:30pm
Sunday 13th, Mother's Day Mass and Breakfast, 9am
Thursday 17th, Retirees Meeting, 12:30pm

June

Saturday 2nd, Dave Kane's Comedy Show, 7pm
Tuesday 12th, General Membership Meeting, 7pm
Thursday 14th, Final Festival Meeting 7pm
Saturday 23rd & Sunday 24th, CT Irish Festival

July

Sunday 15th, AOH 2018 Thimble Island Cruise, 6pm
Monday 16th – Friday 20th, New Haven Cul Camp

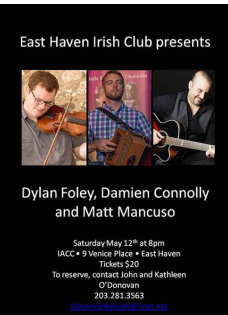
Upcoming Events

HAPPY HOUR Friday, May 11 at 4pm

Happy Hours are the 2nd Friday of every month 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.

FUN SUNDAYS DURING THE SUMMER 4-8pm

Beginning Sunday 10th June for the summer months we will have Happy Hours from 4-8pm. The 10th we will have Margarita specials. Each week will be a different drink which will be posted at the bar. You can take your drinks outside and enjoy the weather on our patio. Bring friends with you. Hope to see you all enjoying your club.



TRADITIONAL IRISH MUSIC CONCERT, Saturday, May 12 at 7:30pm

There will be a traditional Irish concert of music and song on Saturday May 12 at 7:30pm featuring Dylan Foley (fiddle), Damien Connolly (accordion) and Matt Mancuso (fiddle, guitar & vocals). Please contact John O'Donovan at (203) 281-3563 or email Pat Stratton at pstratton6@sbcglobal.net.

MOTHER'S DAY MASS and BREAKFAST Sunday, May 13 at 9am

Our annual Mothers' Day Mass and Communion Breakfast will be held at our Club on Sunday 13th May at 9am. Mass will be celebrated by our Club Chaplain, Father Timothy Meehan. A traditional Irish breakfast will be served after Mass. Donation \$15, children \$5. Reservations are a must by 8th May by calling Anne Hines (203) 488-4902 or ahsheep@aol.com.

RETIRES MEETING Thursday, May 17 at 12:30pm

The Retirees will meet on Thursday, May 17 at 12:30 p.m. At this meeting, Vincent McMahon will present a slideshow on Ireland. If you have any questions, please contact Sharon Kearns at (203) 488-6605.

CT IRISH FESTIVAL AD BOOK

The ad book committee for the festival is taking your county page, memorial page, and business page forms. The deadline is May 31st. Please send your county page information to Johanna Mackey or your memorial/business ads to Eileen Roxbee. Forms are also available at the club or on our webpage.

ANNUAL RAFFLE

Please work hard to sell your tickets for the upcoming annual raffle that will be held during the CT Irish Festival. If you have any questions or would like additional books of tickets, please contact Co-Chairmen John O'Donovan (203) 281-3563 or Gerry Stratton (203) 214-8578 or email odonovankinsale@snet.net

DAVE KANE'S "JOKES MY IRISH FATHER TOLD ME", Saturday, June 2 at 7pm

Please join in the fun as comedian Dave Kane brings you a laugh filled presentation of jokes, one liners and stories that celebrate the Irish sense of humor. The show is being presented by the New Haven Youth Football and Hurling Club on Saturday, June 2 at the IACC. Doors will open at 6:30 pm, dinner at 7pm and the show starts at 8pm. For tickets (\$20) and information, please contact Geoff Maxwell at (203) 605-7414 or grmaxwell1601@sbcglobal.net.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, Tuesday, June 12 at 7:00pm

The first quarterly membership meeting will take place on Tuesday, June 12 at 7:00pm. All members are encouraged to attend. Please bring your questions, thoughts and ideas.

FINAL FESTIVAL MEETING Thurs. June 14 at 7:00pm

All Chairmen and volunteers are asked to attend our final festival meeting on Thursday, 14th June at 7pm. We will finalize our plans for our biggest fundraiser of the year.

NEW HAVEN GAELIC FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

New Haven is once again entering teams into the New York Minor Board Spring season. We will have a team in the U10, U12, and U14 divisions. Please see our schedule, and we hope to have a great fan base at our two home games! Reminder that we are always looking for new players, and outdoor practices have resumed. We will be training at the club from 6:00 – 7:30 every Thursday. If you would like to get added to our email distribution list, please email Catherine Staunton at stauntoncas@gmail.com.

Date	Venue	Home Team	Visiting Team	Times	Age Divisions
Sat May 5	IACC	New Haven	St Patricks	3,4,5	U10,12,14
Sat May 12	IACC	New Haven	Rockland	3,4,5	U10,12,14
Sat May 19	Monroe	St Brendans	New Haven	3,4,5	U10,12,14

NEW HAVEN JUNIOR LADIES SPRING SCHEDULE 2018

The official spring schedule is below for our inaugural season in the New York league. In addition, we are having trainings every Thursday from 7:00 – 8:00pm at the New Haven Gaelic Football and Hurling Club, 9 Venice Place, East Haven, CT. It would be great to see everyone at the club for our first training this Thursday. Please contact Coach Geoff Maxwell with any questions – (203) 605-7414.

Date	Time	Venue	Opponent
Sun, May 6	6:00pm	Gaelic Park	Feile
Sun, May 20	10:30am	IACC (East Haven, CT)	Leitrim
Sat., June 23	6:00pm	CT Irish Festival	Rockland
Wed., June 27	8:00pm	Gaelic Park	Manhattan Gaels
Thur, July 12	8:00pm	Gaelic Park	St. Bridgets
Sun, July 22	10:30am	IACC (East Haven, CT)	Fermanagh

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 HAVEN CUL CAMP SUMMER 2018

New Haven Youth Gaelic Football is bringing back our Cul Camp! This year's camp will be held from July 16th – 20th from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. and is for boys and girls age 5-12. The camp will be held at the Irish American Community Center, 9 Venice Pl., East Haven, CT 06512. From 9:00 – 1:00 each day the boys and girls will be instructed in Gaelic Football and Hurling by qualified coaches from Ireland in a safe and fun environment. At 1:00, the children will have lunch, followed by a variety of Irish Cultural activities until 3:00. The cost is \$120 for the first child, and \$100 for each additional child in the same family. Registration forms can be found on the club's website – www.iacc-ct.com. For more information, please contact John McCormack at (203) 651-9634 or john@mccormackinsurance.com

AOH 2018 THIMBLE ISLAND CRUISE, Sunday 15th July at 6pm.

8th Thimble Island Cruise - The AOH is once again holding its annual cruise around the Branford Thimble Islands. The date is Sunday, July 15th. The cost is \$25pp. Free food and bring your own beverage, otherwise a cash bar is available on board. Please note that no coolers are allowed on board. 1 complimentary beverage will be provided per person. Arrival time at dock is 6:00pm and launch time is 7:00pm. Directions to the dock will be on the back of your ticket. The past trips have sold out well in advance. Please contact Finbarr Moynihan at (203) 272-0118.

SAVE THE DATE: ANNUAL IACC GOLF TOURNAMENT, Friday, September 7

The annual IACC Golf Tournament will take place on Friday, September 7 with an 8:30am shot gun start. \$125 includes green fees, golf cart, hot dog and beer at the turn and lunch. Tee sponsorships are also available. For further information, please contact Kevin Roxbee at (203) 843-8554 or IACCpresident2018@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE: ANNUAL BANQUET, Saturday, November 17

Please mark your calendars for the 2018 Irish Man and Woman of the Year banquet on Saturday, November 17 at 7pm at Cascades, 480 Sherman Avenue, Hamden. It is always a great celebration for our members and our club! If you are interested in being part of the planning for our 35th annual banquet, please contact Mike Faherty at (203) 640 8927. Additional details to come.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members to the club- hope to see you around frequently: Margaret Craft (Hamden) Joseph Connor (North Haven), John Conway (East Haven), Laura & Marc Forcinelli (North Branford), Mariann & Kenneth Kastenhuber (North Haven), Liesi Robinson (Manchester).

DONATIONS

Many thanks to the following members who paid their dues and enclosed an additional donation to our club: Christopher & Martha Dolan, Patricia Giordano, Michael & Christina McHugh, Peggy Porto.

PRAYERS and SYMPATHY

To: Mary Anne Tomlinson and Margaret Ferraro both of Cheshire, on the death of their father, long time club member Philip Gannon, Hamden by way of Co. Leitrim.

To: The family of Mary Berezecy, Hamden.

To: Ann Marie Joy, Maureen Evans and Brian McKeon; also to Ann Smyth and Bernadette White on the death of their mother and sister club member Bridie McKeon, Deep River by way of Co. Leitrim.

To: Mary (Hamden), James (Wallingford), Patrick Jr. & Paul Lillis, (North Haven); Jim Bohan, (Old Saybrook), Martin Bohan, (Leitrim) and Anne Keogh (Hamden), on the death of their mother and sister, long time active club member Bridie Lillis of Hamden by way of Co. Leitrim.

To: To club members Anne and Al Paulsen, Branford on the death of Anne's mother Mary Ann Walsh, Co. Mayo

Longtime club visitor, Mary Ann Campbell Walsh passed away on 4/12/18. She celebrated her 110th birthday on April 9th just a few days before her death. Born in Lurga, Charlestown, Co. Mayo in 1908, Mary Ann immigrated to the USA in 1926. She was mother of club member Anne Paulsen who resides in Branford with husband Al.

The Irish Bowling League

The 2017-2018 bowling season has come to an end. Congratulations to the winners: "Balls Deep in the Gutter" (First Place) Cathy Wheeler, Michael Williams,

Carl Williams; "The Family Affair" (Second Place) Carissa Laudano, Alicia Laudano, Lenny Athan; "Stop Fooling Around" (Third Place) Jill Cervone, Rosie Wheeler, Whanita O'Donoghue. Also, BIG, BIG Congratulations to Cathy Wheeler for being voted "Bowler of the Year." All bowlers enjoyed their annual banquet at Mohegans in April. Please contact Mary Jane Stevens (203) 772-1380 if you are interested in joining The Irish League.

THANK YOU

Sunday, April 15th found the following members back at the club with me after clean up Saturday! My thanks to Anne Hines, Geoff Maxwell, Doreen Busca, Mary Roddy and Tony Connors for coming in early and removing all the tile on the pool side of the bar to prepare for the laying of our new flooring. This was heavy dusty work and Geoff is the King of the wheelbarrow! Great job by all. Thanks, Gerry Roddy.

BATHROOM RENOVATION

My thanks to the following club members who helped me with the bathroom renovation project which is now complete. Pat Hosey, John Cullinan, Chris Morgan, Bill Brooks, Bill Mackey, Tim Gallogly and the master of sheetrock, John McCormack. Thank you, Gerry Roddy

THANK YOU TO OUR MANY MEMBERS

Clean up day at our club was very successful and the sun was shining! My thanks go out to the following members who gave up their Saturday on April 14th to help the club look its best after a hard winter. Catherine McMorrow, Carmel Larese, Kian Larese, James Staunton, Catherine Staunton, Aidan Staunton, Seamus Staunton, Pat Hosey, Pete Kilkelly, Martin Donohue, Bill Mackey, John Mackey, Joe Nugent, Patsy McGloin, Anne Hines, Debbie Henley, Tim Henley, Eileen Roxbee, Bob Roche, Bill Brooks, Abbey Brooks, Sonny Ryan, Colm Ryan, Marty Lendroth and Mary Roddy. As a team effort we managed to leaf blow all the property, pick up trash, set up tables, chairs and umbrellas on our patio, cut up trees that were dropped last year, dig a trench for power to be installed on a post for outside use, blew off all debris and salt from the parking lot. We also worked on installing speakers on the outside of building, mulched in the back by the sheds to make it look cleaner and removed all the dead annuals from last year in our flower beds. All windows were washed on the outside and inside will be washed when work inside is completed. We washed down all bathrooms from the work that has been completed. All walls were washed on the pool side and lounge, also all furniture in these 2 rooms were dusted or washed. There still is more to be done but I can't thank everyone enough for the amount of work accomplished. Thank you Geoff Maxwell and crew for cleaning up our field on Thursday, April 13th. Thank you, Gerry Roddy

IACC LOOKING FOR HELP

The IACC is looking for members who are willing to help with painting, plumbing, HVAC, carpentry and landscaping projects at the club. If you are skilled in any of these occupations and are willing to donate your time to the IACC please contact Gerry Roddy at 203-215-3268 or email at mroddy@snet.net. Any time you can donate will be very much appreciated!

"FROM A LAND BEYOND THE WAVE"

During 2017, a book was co-authored and published by Shanachie editor Neil Hogan and Patrick Mahoney (History & Culture Fellow at Drew Univ) entitled, "From a Land Beyond the Wave - Connecticut's Irish Rebels 1798-1916". Neil and Patrick received a letter from the Ct. League of History Organizations on their achievement award on their writing skills for the book. Kudos to Neil and Pat. Based on this news, extra copies of the publication may need to be printed. In the meantime, the books are available at the 'Lucky Ewe Irish Goods Store' located at the corner of Dixwell and Whitney Avenues in Hamden. You may also call Neil at (203) 269-9154.

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.

IACC Scholarship Application

The Irish American Community Center will be awarding two \$500.00 scholarships to children of club members in good standing. The applicant must be a senior in a public or private high school, be attending a private high school (any grade) or enrolled in a college or university. Scholarship recipients are selected using a three point rubric score in the following categories: Community Service, Club Participation, Academics, Essay, Number of years affiliated with the club. Applicants are requested to fill out the below form and submit along with a copy of your high school transcript or college grades (non-official is okay) and return before June 10, 2018. Send applications to: Eileen O. Roxbee, 724 Tanner Marsh Rd. Guilford , CT 06437 Or Return the application to the club or roxbeeileen@gmail.com. Applicants will be notified on or before June 20, 2018 and will be awarded at our festival.

IACC Scholarship Application Form

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

High School: _____ College or University: _____

Parent(s)Name: _____

Number of years membership affiliation with the IACC/NHGFHC: _____

Community Service (please list location, dates, contact person)

Participation in club activities:

Additional Awards/commendations:

Essay topic: Please explain why you think you deserve to be the recipient of this scholarship (one paged, typed)

Sponsored by Irish American Community Center
9 Venice Place, East Haven, CT 06512 • www.ctirishfestival.com

FESTIVAL DATES: JUNE 23 AND 24, 2018
North Haven Fairgrounds, 300 Washington Ave. (Rt. 5), North Haven



For an ad in the 2018 Connecticut Irish Festival program book,
please choose from the options below:



Type	Size	Amount	Number of Ads
Outside back cover	5x8	\$350.00	
Inside front cover	5x8	\$250.00	
Inside back cover	5x8	\$250.00	
Full page	5x8	\$100.00	
Half page	5x4	\$ 60.00	
Quarter page	5x2	\$ 35.00	
Name in County pages	1 line	\$ 5.00	

Attach ad to this contract for county pages, print name and affiliated county.

Please mail this contract and your check (made payable to IACC/CT Irish Festival) to the address below.

Please be sure to write your phone number or email address on the check in case we have any questions.

No ad will be published without proper payment. Your cancelled check is your receipt.

Indicate "Run last year's ad" (along with the name of the ad) in box if you choose to use the same ad from 2017.

***** **Deadline for ad June 11, 2018** *****

Please email any questions to Eileen Roxbee at roxbeeileen@gmail.com

Mailing Address:

CT Irish Festival/Program Book
E. Roxbee
9 Venice Place
East Haven, CT 06512

For festival use only:	
Payment Amount \$ _____	
_____ Payment type	
_____ Approved by	
_____ Solicited by	

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.wwuh.org

IACC PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Club Members,
Spring is finally here and if you look around the club grounds you will see that your fellow club members have been busy cleaning, raking, cutting, pruning, painting, etc.! Thank you to everyone who pitched in to help make our club sparkle. Thank you for your patience as we near completion of our repair work on the bathrooms and floor, and installation of our sound/electrical update. We should be finished with all our projects by mid June. Our Festival plans are well underway. Please turn in ad book or county entries by the end of the month so that we can get the book to the printers. Volunteers are needed. Please contact any board member or Billy Mackey, the Festival chairperson or Megan Lenihan, the Feis Chairperson if you wish to help out. Our annual scholarship application deadline is also looming. Please send you forms in asap.
Please check the weekly email or our newsletter for all our exciting events. We hope to see you soon!
Slainte,
Eileen

NHGF&H Club PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thank you to all the members who turned out to spruce up our club on cleanup Saturday. There was a good number of you and your efforts show and is very much appreciated. Great day of football was enjoyed by all at the UCONN tournament on our field Sunday 22nd April. The Foley concert and Mother's Day breakfast are fast approaching so please make your reservations. Our festival is well under way - if you have time to give a few hours during set-up week or at the festival please contact the chairman, Bill Mackey. Our 2 bathrooms off the pool room are back in use after our burst pipe flooding the area and the floors in the lounge and pool room will be completed by the middle of May. Happy hour is on Friday 11th May - hope to see you all there. Sundays during the summer we are trying something new - happy hour from 4-8pm - come up to the club, relax and enjoy. If you have any ideas for club events please let one of the officers know. Enjoy the warmer weather.
Anne.

MEMBERSHIP DUES - Did you forget? Are yours past due? 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 WAS INSTALLED ON DOOR SO YOU WILL NEED YOUR CARD TO ENTER.**