



Newsletter

Irish American Community Center New Haven Gaelic Football & Hurling Club



Happy
Father's Day
to all our members

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June 2018

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

June

Friday 8th, Happy Hour, 4pm
Sunday 10th, First "Fun Sunday", 4-8pm
Sunday 10th, Scholarship Application Deadline
Tuesday 12th, General Membership Meeting, 7pm
Thursday 14th, Final Festival Meeting 7pm

Thursday 21st, Retirees Meeting, 12:30pm
Saturday 23rd & Sunday 24th, CT Irish Festival
Sunday 24th, Junior Ladies Game at CT Irish Festival, 6pm
Sunday 27th, Junior Ladies Game at Gaelic Park, 8pm
July
Thursday 12th, Junior Ladies Game at Gaelic Park, 8pm

Sunday 15th, AOH 2018 Thimble Island Cruise, 6pm
Monday 16th – Friday 20th, New Haven Cul Camp
Sunday 22nd, Junior Ladies Game at IACC, 10:30am
Sunday 29th, CYC Send-off, 2pm

Upcoming Events

HAPPY HOUR Friday, June 8 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, we will have Happy Hours from 4-8pm during the summer months. On June 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.

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.



2018 CT IRISH FESTIVAL MEETING, Thursday 14th at 7pm

Our Festival is celebrating its 56th year and we have a great crew of chair people working very hard to make this a Festival to remember. I have been asked by many people what they can do to help. I am asking that you volunteer to work a shift or two. There is plenty to do the week leading up to the Festival. We especially need help with offloading the trailer with stage lumber and help with the food. If you know of students that have community service requirements, or anyone else who would like to help, please let me know. You can contact me at 860-250-6917 or mackeyb@conelectricinc.com. Our food chairperson is Mary Roddy and her number is 203-506-8367. The music lineup is now in place - entertainment for all - here

is a sample of the great bands we have: The Coracles, The Jolly Beggars, Just One More, Jeff Conlon and Ameracelt, Lenihan School of Irish Dance, Billy Egan's Rising, The Curlows, The Kerry Boys, Liz McNicholl, Loretta Egan Murphy & Band, Unfinished Business and Barleyjuice. Eileen Roxbee chairing the Festival Program Journal and with everyone's help it will be a successful endeavor. She may be reached at 203-650-2166 or roxbeeileen@gmail.com. Johann Mackey is chairperson of the County Pages and can be reached at 1-860-982-1959 or Johann@snet.net. Anne Stratton 203-288-5163 is looking for your support in providing trophies for our Feis and sports competitors. Hope to see you at our meeting. Tickets are \$12 any and all information can be seen at the Festival website www.ctirishfestival.com. Thank you!

FEIS COMMITTEE

Our Feis Committee is up to speed - you can download the Feis Syllabus on our website at www.IACC-CT.com (also our County and Programme Sponsorship Applications). Please do not take videos or pictures of dancers while they are competing. Please consider volunteering to help with the Feis on Sunday. You do not need to be a dancer - there are plenty of jobs anyone can do. Please call Theresa O'Brien if you are interested 203-640-3097

DART TOURNAMENT

This event draws a great crowd with lively competition and great prizes. Donna Borzillo heads up this committee she can be reached at borzillo3@gmail.com

FESTIVAL SPORTS

We will have a full lineup of sporting competitions for men, women, boys and girls. Eamonn "Sonny" Ryan is heading up this committee

FESTIVAL IRISH BREAD COMPETITION, Sunday 24th June at 10am

Show off your skills in our Irish bread competition - soda, brown and variety breads. \$10 entry fee on June 24th at 10am. There will be 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes in each category. Bread needs to be at the Fairgrounds by 9am. Winners will receive a prize. For more info contact www.ctirishfestival.com or Jillian Simms at 860-876-7568 or jillianmsimms@gmail.com

FESTIVAL FIELD SET-UP Mon. 18th-22th June (all day)

Looking forward to seeing our members this week. There is a lot of work involved in setting up for the weekend - please contact Bill Mackey 860-250-6917 or Anne Hines 203 215 5997 if you can spare some time.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - CAN WE COUNT ON YOU?

Please make every effort to come lend a hand and to volunteer some hours of your weekend to lighten the load of others who have already volunteered on Sat. 23rd and Sunday 24th June. Festival weekend will be an exciting place to be - pass the word around to all your family, friends and others to come visit our festival - they will not be disappointed. A great weekend is in store - don't miss out on great entertainment, fabulous food, Gaelic sporting matches, dancing, shopping and more than we can list here. Check the enclosed flyer or website for more details. Sunday we start our day celebrating Mass in the main tent at 8.30am. If you can volunteer any of your time please call Bill or Anne.

FESTIVAL BREAK-DOWN Mon. & Tues. 25th and 26th June

After our festival is over there is a tremendous amount of work to be done breaking down the fairgrounds and packing everything up for storage till the following year either in our trailer or back at our club. Please come out on Monday and Tuesday around 9am or if you are working after your day is over to help us with this clean up. Any time you can spare will be so appreciated.

FESTIVAL ENTERTAINMENT

The Jolly Beggars are a CT based band with a tradition of Celtic folk music. They tell traditional stories from Irish folklore interspersed with traditional reels and jigs. They are guaranteed to provide a good time for any singing and dancing.

Liz McNicholl from County Meath will once again be back with us with her lovely Irish music and charming persona

The Kerry Boys well know Irish balladeers will have you singing along with the best of them

Barleyjuice are five spirited yanks and are currently one of the most beloved Celtic rock bands in the USA. Front men Kyf Brewer and Keith "Swanny" Swanson lithely cover lead vocals, guitars, accordion, harmonica, mandolin, bouzouki, and bagpipes. Both originally piped in the Loch Rannoch Pipe Band, and performed in Edinburgh's Millennium March. Backing Brewer & Swanson are a mad trio of characters: captivating fiddler Alice O'Quirk, whose classical roots stray to Irish & bluegrass in the middle of the most authentic jigs & hornpipes; drummer John Tracey, a powerhouse of driving decadence; and hopping bassist Eric Worthington,

musical snake-charmer of the deep and dulcet. The ayes have it - Barleyjuice is a grand group of talented tunesmiths and prodigious performers, and the absolute best time you can have at a concert without removing your kilt.

ANNUAL RAFFLE

Please return your raffle ticket stubs as soon as possible. Do not miss a chance to win \$5,000. The odds are great! Good luck to all! 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

RETIRES MEETING, Thursday, June 21 at 12:30pm

The Retirees will meet on Thursday, June 21 at 12:30 p.m. Please note that the group will not meet in July. If you have any questions, please contact Sharon Kearns at (203) 488-6605.

NEW HAVEN YOUTH GAELIC FOOTBALL

Congratulations to Rory McCormack – Congratulations to Rory McCormack who is the latest in a long line of New Haven players to represent New Haven on the New York Feile team. He is heading over on June 25th to Burren, County Down, where New York will attempt to win the Cup in Division 1. Their division is well stacked – in addition to New York and Burren, they also will meet the Luane Rangers and the Kilmacud Crokes. Be sure to wish him luck if you see him!

Remaining Youth Gaelic Football Games – New Haven U10, U12 and U14 are wrapping up the Championship season with a final game against St. Brendans in Monroe, NY. After that it's into the playoffs with games played in either Gaelic Park or Rockland GAA. Keep an eye out for the weekly email blasts, as we will update the schedule as soon as playoff schedule is released. Good luck New Haven!

CYC Send-Off July 29th at 2:00pm at the IACC – Please come out to the club on Sunday, July 29th at 2:00 pm to join us on sending off the New Haven Youth Gaelic Football team in style. New Haven is once again heading to the Continental Youth Championships registering teams in three different age groups, as well as joining up with other teams. We have a great group of players attending for this pinnacle event of the Gaelic Football year. Please join us for food, games and fun as we send them off in style!!

NEW HAVEN JUNIOR LADIES SPRING SCHEDULE 2018

Please contact Coach Geoff Maxwell with any questions – (203) 605-7414.

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

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.

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

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

ANNUAL BANQUET, Saturday, November 17

Congratulations to Gerry Stratton and Joan Hall on being named 2018 Irish Man and Woman of the year! Please mark your calendars for the annual 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 have any questions, please contact Mike Faherty at (203) 640 8927.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members to the club and hope to see you around frequently: Matt Haynes (Wallingford), Jennifer & Adam Speog (Meriden), Viktor Khuzyniak (Clinton).

2018 GAA Championship Game Schedule Games shown live at NHGF&HC/IACC		
Date	Teams	Time
Sat., June 9	Leinster SHC: Kilkenny v Wexford Leinster SHC: Galway v Dublin	12:00pm 2:00pm
Sun., June 10	Munster SHC: Limerick v Waterford or Tipperary v Clare Leinster SFC: Offaly/Wicklow/Dublin v Longford/Meath	9:00am 11:00am
Sun., June 17	Munster SHC: Clare v Limerick or Waterford v Cork Connacht Football Final	9:00am 11:00am
Sat., June 23	Munster Football Final Football Qualifier Round 2	12:00pm 2:00pm
Sun., June 24	Ulster Football Final Leinster Football Final	9:00am 11:00am
Sat., June 30	Football Qualifier Round 3 Football Qualifier Round 3	12:00pm 2:00pm
Sun., July 1	Munster Hurling Final Leinster Hurling Final	9:00am 11:00am
Sat., July 7	Football Qualifier Round 4 Football Qualifier Round 4	12:00pm 2:00pm
Sun., July 8	Football Qualifier Round 4	11:00am
Sat., July 14	Super 8s: Round 1 Super 8s: Round 1	12:00pm 2:00pm
Sun., July 15	All-Ireland Hurling Quarter-Final or Super 8s Round 1 All-Ireland Hurling Quarter-Final or Super 8s Round 1	9:00am 11:00am
Sat., July 21	Super 8s: Round 2 Super 8s: Round 2	12:00pm 2:00pm
Sun., July 22	Super 8s: Round 2 Super 8s: Round 2	9:00am 11:00am
Sat., July 28	All-Ireland Hurling Semi-Final	2:00pm
Sun., July 29	All-Ireland Hurling Semi-Final	10:30am
Sat., Aug. 4	Super 8s: Round 3 Super 8s: Round 3	12:00pm 2:00pm
Sun., Aug. 5	Super 8s: Round 3	10:30am
Sat., Aug. 11	All-Ireland Football Semi-Final	2:00pm
Sun., Aug. 12	All-Ireland Football Semi-Final	10:30am
Sun., Aug. 19	All-Ireland Hurling Final	10:30am
Sun., Sept. 2	All-Ireland Football Final	10:30am

NEW HAVEN GAELIC PLAYERS 50th ANNIVERSARY, Sunday, September 30, 2pm

The New Haven Gaelic Players have been delighting audiences with high quality Irish theater since 1968. Founded by Charlie and Margaret Starrs in 1968, the Gaelic Players are celebrating their 50th Anniversary this year! A celebration of the Gaelic Players' contribution to our club is scheduled for Sunday, September 30 at 2 p.m. We are collecting memorabilia for an exhibit and invite those who have been part of the Drama Group, whether acting, building sets, or helping backstage over the years, to join in the festivities. We are also trying to contact past Drama Group members. So, through this announcement, we would like to ask the general membership's help. If you know of someone who served in any capacity with the Drama Group and they may have moved away, please provide us with their contact information by emailing to IACCpresident2018@gmail.com or by calling 203-584-4233. Thank you!

DONATIONS

Many thanks to the following members who paid their dues and enclosed an additional donation to our club: Emmett & Lizzie Moore, Patrick Whelan.

PRAYERS and SYMPATHY

To: Mary Doyle on the death of her mother club member, Ann Doyle of Hamden.
To: Patti and Richard Bello, Guilford on the death of club member Sam Bello who was Patti's husband and Richard's father.
To: Mary Cotter, North Branford, on the death of her brother John Cotter.
To: Kevin Hanratty, Cheshire on the death of his brother P. J. Hanratty, Co. Meath.

GET WELL WISHES

To: Dennis Regan, Woodbridge; Elaine Muldowney, Cheshire; Phil Stratton and Mike Gardiner, Hamden; Chris Morgan, North Haven; and Mike Walsh, Northford.

THANK YOU

Let me start off by thanking our fellow members for the overwhelming response for volunteers to assist with our bar and lounge upgrade. We were able to accomplish the following projects ahead of schedule. Painting Bar & Lounge, removing old flooring and tile. Installing new floors, new led light in pool room and outlets on outside patio. Without the invaluable help of the following members it would not have been possible: Chris Morgan, Brendan Hosey, Pat Hosey, John McGowan, Kerry McGowan, Martin Donohue, Mike Gethings, John Thornburg, Brian Beirne, Pete Kilkelly, Mike Faherty, Bill Brooks, Bill Mackey, Marty Lendroth, Geoff Maxwell, Anne Hines, Doreen Busca, Eileen Roxbee, Tim Gallogly, Mike Boughton and Mary Roddy. We have completed a lot but still have many more projects to do, so let's keep the momentum going so if anyone has a little time to spare please contact me at 203-215-3268. Together we can achieve more. If any children need to do community service, we have projects for you. Thank you all for helping me with this. Gerry Roddy

I would like to offer my sincere thanks to the Brandi children: Mike, Vinny, Molly and Caitlin for building a beautiful flower bed surrounded by rocks around the light post on the field. Excellent job guys! Gerry Roddy

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)

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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

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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!

UP TO DATE EMAIL AND 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.

LOCAL IRISH RADIO PROGRAMS

Sounds of Ireland Sundays from 9am – 11am on AM 1220 WQUN or www.wqun.com

Echoes of Erin Sundays from 12pm - 2pm on FM 88.7 WNHU www.wnhu.net

Celtic Airs on Tuesdays from 6pm -9pm WWUH91.3 or www.wvuh.org

IACC PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Club Members,

Festival time is upon us and we will need your help to make this a successful year. Billy Mackey is our chairman and has been very busy making plans. If you would like to help, please see Billy or any board member.

If you have visited the club lately you will notice our new floor and paint job! Thank

you to Gerry Roddy for organizing the work that happened behind the scenes! Everything is looking great. Come on down to one of our events and bring friends and family! Congratulations to Gerry Stratton and Joan Hall on being named Irish Man and Woman of the year!

I look forward to celebrating all their hard work at our banquet in November.

Our next monthly meeting will be held on June 12 at 7:00. I hope to see you there. Your voice is important for our continued growth.

I hope to see you at one of our many events.

Slainte,

Eileen O'Keefe Roxbee

NHGF&H Club PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Members,

Happy to report the floor is now installed in the lounge and pool room and looks lovely. The walls and trim are painted in the pool room and lounge also. Sincere thanks to all who have worked so hard over the past couple of months bringing the club back to looking great again. Our General Membership Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 12th June at 7.00pm. We are now in a position to give you updates on the many occasions happening at the club. Please attend and give us your support. Our final festival meeting is 14th June at 7pm. Please make every effort to attend as this is the last one before the festival. If you can volunteer during the week or the weekend of the festival please let Bill Mackey know or any of the officers. A huge thank you to Chris Morgan and Geoff Maxwell for cooking, Gerry Roddy, Rob LaFrance. Sean Smyth and the "Burke Boys" for serving, to the clean up crew and to the ladies who "supervised" for the Mother's Day breakfast. It was a huge success and thank you to all the members who attended. Thank you also to Father Meehan, Deacon John O'Donovan, Miriam for arranging the Mass and to the Eucharistic Ministers and readers. Sundays during the summer we are trying something new - happy hour from 4-8pm - come up to the club, relax and enjoy starting 10th June.

Sincerely,

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.**