



# Newsletter

## Irish American Community Center New Haven Gaelic Football & Hurling Club October 2018



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

### 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 THE DOOR SO YOU WILL NEED YOUR CARD TO ENTER.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

October 4<sup>th</sup>, Blood Drive in honor of John Mackey, 1-6pm

October 7<sup>th</sup>, General Membership Meeting, 1pm

October 7<sup>th</sup>, Aer Lingus Raffle drawing, 3pm

October 12<sup>th</sup>, Happy Hour featuring Tommy Ryder, 6pm

October 13<sup>th</sup>, Youth Football Games, 3pm & 4pm

October 13<sup>th</sup>, Golden Girls Dinner & Movie, 6pm

October 14<sup>th</sup>, Nomination Convention, 3pm

October 18<sup>th</sup>, Retirees Meeting, 12:30pm

October 20<sup>th</sup>, Youth Football Games, 3pm, 4pm & 5pm

October 21<sup>st</sup>, Cornhole Tournament to benefit John Mackey, 11am

October 27<sup>th</sup>, Halloween Party, 7pm

November 3<sup>rd</sup>, Pride of New York concert, 7pm

November 7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>, Gaelic Players production of "The King of Friday's Men"

November 15<sup>th</sup>, Retirees Meeting, 12:30pm

November 17<sup>th</sup>, 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Irish Man & Woman of the Year Banquet, 7pm

November 18<sup>th</sup>, Deceased Members Mass, 3pm

November 24<sup>th</sup>, Youth Talent Show, 6:30pm

November 30<sup>th</sup>, Weekly Bingo starts 7pm, doors open at 5:30pm

## Upcoming Events

### BLOOD DRIVE, Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 1pm – 6pm

A blood drive will be held in John Mackey's honor on Thursday, October 4th from 1:00-6:00 pm at the IACC. To register for a blood donation, please register on the American Red Cross website at [www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive](http://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive). John Mackey, Member and Past NHGF&HC President, has had polycythemia for the last 10 years and this has now transitioned to Acute Myeloid Leukemia. He is currently receiving treatment at Smilow Cancer Hospital. John was admitted to the hospital on August 13, 2018 and is undergoing induction chemotherapy for his Leukemia which may require up to a month stay in the hospital. In the future he will undergo a bone marrow transplant, which will be an extended arduous admission. Fortunately, his brother Bill is a match! John, Wendy, James, Tessa and Lily are a strong family who have given endlessly to friends, family and community. They are now the ones who need our assistance.

### MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL

During football season, we will open the club on Monday nights for Monday Night Football. Enjoy beer specials and cheer on your favorite NFL team! Bud, Bud Light and Miller at \$2. These beer specials will also be available for Thursday and Sunday NFL games.

### GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 1pm

As a reminder, we have a General Membership meeting planned on Sunday, October 7 at 1pm. There is a lot going on at our club and you, as a member, should be involved in making decisions. Please attend our general membership meetings and give us your input.

### AER LINGUS RAFFLE, Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 3pm

2 Aer Lingus tickets are being raffled off to benefit the 2018 CT Irish Festival.

Tickets are \$50.00 each and only 100 tickets will be sold. Drawing to be held on Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm at the IACC. Winner need not be present to win. For tickets or further information, please contact Billy Mackey (860) 250-9917 or [mackeyb@conelectricinc.com](mailto:mackeyb@conelectricinc.com) Tickets also available at the bar.

Tickets valid on all travel completed by 30th June 2019

Blackout dates: 15th Dec. 2018 - 10th Jan. 2019

All seats subject to availability

Tickets are non-transferable and have no cash redemption value

Both tickets must be used together on the same dates

Hartford (BDL) non-stop to Dublin only

Taxes/security/airport fees responsibility of prizewinner

Excess baggage and additional products or services fee charge

Once ticketed, changes will be charged at current fees

Completed travel forms MUST be completed 60 DAYS prior to departure to Aer Lingus

### TGIF HAPPY HOUR, Friday, October 12, 6pm

TGIF Happy Hour takes place the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of every month. Please note that the start time

has been changed to 6pm. Happy hour specials

will last for the whole evening. Please come on out, bring a friend or two, to join your friends and fellow members for good conversation and snacks in the lounge. Please bring a snack to share if you wish. Tommy Ryder will be playing in the lounge starting at 7:30. Come out and enjoy the good craic.



### YOUTH GAELIC FOOTBALL GAMES

Please see the Youth Gaelic Football schedule below. If you have been wanting to see our kids play, we have never had a better local schedule than now. There are two home games at the club this month. Hope to see you there to cheer us on!

Sat. Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> – U10s & U12s at HOME vs. St. Barnabas/Shannon Gaels 3:00 & 4:00

Sat. Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> – U10s, U12s & U14s at HOME vs. St. Brendans at HOME – 3:00, 4:00 & 5:00

Sat. Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> – U10s, U12s, & U14s at ROCKLAND – 3:00, 4:00 & 5:00

**GOLDEN GIRLS PRESENT: DINNER & AN IRISH MOVIE: Saturday, October 13**

Social hour from 6PM - 7PM, \$2 wine & draft beer, \$3 well mixed drinks, dinner at 7PM. Dinner will consist of salad, loin of pork, mashed potatoes, vegetable, dessert (please feel free to bring one) and coffee & tea. The featured movie is "Sing Street", a 2016 musical coming-of-age comedy-drama film co-written, co-produced and directed by John Carney. The story revolves around a boy starting a band to impress a girl in 1980s Ireland. The cost will be \$15. Please RVSP to one of the following Golden Girls: Joan Hall (203) 315-9215, Beth Murphy (203) 230-2993 or Rosemary Hartigan (203) 776-4079

**NOMINATION CONVENTION, Sunday October 14<sup>th</sup>, 3pm**

The Nomination Convention is on Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at 3pm. The Nominating Committee shall nominate candidates for all offices. Additional nominations of candidates for any of these positions may be made from the floor at this time. Each nominee must be a member in good standing for at least two (2) years prior to the October General Membership meeting. Each nominee must either be present at such meeting or have presented to a member of the Nominating Committee, prior to such nomination, a letter indicating willingness to serve in the capacity for which nominated. The Nominating Committee Chairman is John O'Donovan (203) 281-3563, if you have any questions.

**Office**

President IACC

President NHGF&HC

Vice President IACC

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Treasurer IACC

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Financial Secretary IACC

Recording Secretary IACC

Building Engineer IACC

**Responsibilities include:**

Resolution implementation & general club oversight  
Bar, social and athletic functions  
Social, calendar & club bookings, cultural events  
Club sports  
Financial reporting & fiscal management, banking matters  
Financial recording, reporting, and management  
Membership & dues  
Minutes & newsletter  
Maintenance of building and grounds

**GAELIC PLAYERS RECEIVE SPECIAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN COMMUNITY THEATRE, Sunday, October 14, 1pm**

The 50th Anniversary of New Haven's Gaelic Players and its founders, Charlie and Margaret Starrs, are being honored with a Special Award for Excellence in Community Theatre. The award will be bestowed at a banquet and awards ceremony sponsored by the New England Theatre Conference (NETC) at the Warner Theatre in Torrington, Connecticut on Sunday, October 14, 2018 at 1pm. The New England Theatre Conference is the network that connects, supports and provides resources to theatre artists and educators throughout our region, while promoting excellence in the field. It fosters dialogue between community, children's, and professional theatres throughout the New England Region. NETC was founded in 1952 by the legendary Boston drama critic Elliot Norton who believed that theatre activists had much to offer one another. From this simple premise NETC has grown into a dynamic force in New England theater. NETC had been endowed to present prestigious annual awards such as: The John Gassner Memorial Playwriting Award Competition established by Molly Gassner in honor of the famous theatre historian and critic, to foster new playwrights and scripts through important competitions, and the annual Moss Hart Memorial Award donated by Hart's widow, the Actress and Arts Advocate Kitty Carlisle Hart to honor the memory of Moss Hart, the Tony Award winning dramatist and director. Tickets can be purchased at: [www.warnertheatre.org](http://www.warnertheatre.org) or at [www.netconline.org](http://www.netconline.org)

**RETIREES MEETING, Thursday, October 18, 12:30pm**

The Retirees meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month and will meet in October on Thursday, October 18 at 12:30pm.

**CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT TO BENEFIT JOHN MACKEY, Sunday, October 21**

Join us on Sunday, October 21 at the IACC and support this great cause. The cost is \$100 per team. Registration is at 11am and the tournament will begin at 11:30am. The general event will run from 12pm - 8pm so come out so please come out to enjoy the cornhole tournament, great food, live music and raffles. Please contact Selina at (203) 506-6986 or [moylan10@hotmail.com](mailto:moylan10@hotmail.com) to register your team. If you cannot attend but would like to donate, please make checks out to IACC with John Mackey Benefit written in memo line and mail to: IACC, 9 Venice Place, East Haven, CT 06512.

**HALLOWEEN PARTY, Saturday, October 27, 7pm**

Ghost and ghouls are at the club on Saturday, October 27th, 7:00 p.m. Please join us for our annual Halloween Bash. Price is \$10.00 without costume and \$5.00 with costume. Music provided by DJ: Rick Scirocco, prize for best costume. If you wish you can bring snacks. If you want to reserve a table or have any questions, please contact Mary Roddy -203-506-8367 or [mroddy@snet.net](mailto:mroddy@snet.net).



**PRIDE OF NEW YORK, Saturday, November 3, 7pm**

Please mark your calendars for The Pride of New York concert at our club on Saturday, November 3. The Pride of New York consists of Joanie Madden, Brian Conway, Billy McComiskey &

Brendan Dolan. We are excited to have them return for what will surely be another great performance! For information, please contact John O'Donovan, (203) 281-3563.

**NEW HAVEN GAELIC PLAYERS PRESENT "THE KING OF FRIDAY'S MEN"**

The New Haven Gaelic Players will present their annual fall production from Wednesday, November 7 through Sunday, November 11. This year, they will perform "The King of Friday's Men" by M.J. Molloy. The cast includes Peter Lynch, Mick Malone, Jillian Simms, Doreen Busca, Paul Tynan, Paul Pender, Jon Leone, Michael DePascale, Thelma Starrs, Siobhan Dacey and Cathal Burke. Performances are at 7:30 pm on Wednesday, November 7 through Saturday, November 10. There is a matinee performance at 2:00 pm on Sunday, November 11. For tickets and additional information, please contact Sandy Hanrahan at (203) 245-8857, Brian Beirne (203) 318-8258 or send an email to [gaelicplayerstickets@yahoo.com](mailto:gaelicplayerstickets@yahoo.com).

**NEW HAVEN GAELIC FOOTBALL & HURLING CLUB 35<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL BANQUET, Saturday, November 17, 7pm to Midnight**

Our 2018 Irish Man and Woman of the Year banquet will be held at Cascades, 480 Sherman Avenue, Hamden. This year's honorees are two very deserving recipients, Joan Hall and Gerry Stratton. Our menu includes open bar, hot and cold hors d'oeuvres, salad, pasta with marinara sauce, a choice of Prime Rib of Beef, Stuffed Filet of Sole or Chicken Marsala, coffee and dessert. Tickets are moderately priced at \$75.00. Music for your dancing and listening pleasure by Kitty Kelly's Band from New York. For reservations please call Miriam Lillis (203) 248-4054, Carmel McCabe Larese (203) 314-9318, Anne Hines (203) 488-4902 or Kathleen O Donovan (203) 281 3563. For more information, please contact Banquet Chairman Mike Faherty at (203) 640-8927

**35<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL BANQUET AD CONTRACT**

Honoring Irish Man and Irish Woman of the Year Gerald Stratton and Joan Hall.

Please publish a \_\_\_\_\_page advertisement in the 2018

souvenir program book. Enclosed is my check, made payable to the New Haven Gaelic Football & Hurling Club (NHGF&H Club) in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for my ad.

The rates for the program book are as follows:

Covers (5X8) 125.00 Full Page (5X8) 100.00 Half Page (5x4)

50.00 Quarter Page (5X2) 25.00

For photographs: please send black & white photo or electronic copy with your ad.

Please print or enclose a copy of your ad. (Ad copy and photos can be e-mailed to [mroddy@snet.net](mailto:mroddy@snet.net)). No ad will be published without prepayment! Make check payable to: NHGF&H Club and mail to: Mary Roddy Attn: Banquet Program Book, 129 Hilltop Lane, West Haven, CT 06516.

Deadline for all advertising is: 4th Nov. 2018. Thank you for your support.

Advertiser Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **YOUTH TALENT SHOW: Saturday, November 24, 6:30pm**

New Haven Youth Gaelic Football is calling all the stars of the future for a Youth Talent Show. It will take place at the IACC on Saturday, November 24 at 6:30pm. For further information, please contact Geoff Maxwell at [grmaxwell1601@sbcglobal.net](mailto:grmaxwell1601@sbcglobal.net) or (203) 605-7414

#### **WEEKLY BINGO**

Starting Friday, November 30th we will be starting up Bingo and will be every week. Doors open at 5:30pm, bingo starts at 7:00pm and admission is \$5. Please spread the word and come out and enjoy. If you have any questions, please reach out to Mary Roddy 203-506-8367 or [mroddy@snet.net](mailto:mroddy@snet.net).

#### **CHRISTMAS IRISH BREAKFAST/BAZAAR, Sunday, December 2, 9am-3pm.**

Our Christmas Irish breakfast will take place from 9-12 noon (cost \$13 adults and \$6 children) and the Bazaar will run from 9-3pm. We will have a bake sale, tea cup raffle, vendors, Irish goods and a Christmas Raffle drawing at 3pm. Look for your tickets coming in the mail. Anyone wishing to order Irish meats must preorder with Anne Hines 203 488 4902 [ahsheep@aol.com](mailto:ahsheep@aol.com) by 23rd November. We are looking for volunteers to do some baking for the bake sale. Donations are welcome for the raffles. Anyone interested in a vendor spot to sell your goods contact Alice (203) 823- 0448 or [asette6236@gmail.com](mailto:asette6236@gmail.com).

#### **TRIP TO IRELAND, May 30th - June 10th 2019 with Fr. Michael Dolan**

Interested in a group trip to Ireland? Contact S & B Canning Tours, 231 Mansion Rd. Wallingford 203 288 8347 or email [seancanning@sbcglobal.net](mailto:seancanning@sbcglobal.net) for further information.

Depart from Our Lady of Mt Carmel Church, Hamden at 1:00pm to JFK airport. Visit Co. Clare and cruise around the Cliffs of Moher, see Inis Mor, the larger of the Aran Islands, arrive in Galway and tour Connemara National Park, Kylemore Abbey on the grounds of Kylemore Castle, and dine at Medieval Banquet at Dunguaire Castle. Knock Shrine in Co. Mayo is next, followed by the Famine Museum in Strokestown, Co. Roscommon and continue on to Carrick-on-Shannon. Enjoy a relaxing cruise along the Shannon River in the Leitrim/Roscommon area on the Moon River Pleasure Cruiser. Don't miss Arigna Mining Experience and accompany an ex-miner on a tour which is literally a journey through a miner's life. Now off to Derry City with a stop at Drumcliffe Cemetery, the resting place of poet William Butler Yeats (1865-1939) and Ulster American Folk Village near Omagh Co. Tyrone. Giant's Causeway, an area of about 40,000 interlocking basalt columns resulting from an ancient volcanic fissure eruption is not to be missed. Visit Bushmills Distillery and Carrick-a-Rede Rope Bridge, a famous rope bridge near Ballintoy in County Antrim. It spans 66 ft. and is 98 ft. above the rocks below. Finally, we tour the Titanic Museum in Belfast and Downpatrick to visit the resting place of Saint Patrick and then south

towards Dublin to visit Monasterboice, famous for its high crosses. Continue on to Fitzpatricks Castle Hotel in Killiney Co. Dublin. Depart and travel to Dublin airport in time to board our Aer Lingus flight back to CT.

#### **THANK YOU**

The CT Irish Festival was very successful this year despite the rain on Saturday. This Festival could not have happened without the dedicated volunteers and sponsors. I would like to thank everyone that provided any help to make our Festival a success. There were many hours of hard work, and I am grateful to all of you for the effort. I would also like to thank our sponsors that helped to underwrite the finances to make the Festival possible. Sincerely, Bill Mackey Festival Chairman

Our beautiful deck on the field, a great idea by our bartender Tony, is now complete and enjoyed by our members. A huge thank you to the following who totally funded this project: Mary Bohan in memory of Pat Bohan, Bill & Nicki Brooks, Joan Hall, Peter Kilkelly, Bill Mackey, Linda & Kerry Martens, Geoff Maxwell, John McCormack, Rich Ranciato, Gerry Stratton, Dan Turbett, bartenders who donated their tips from the festival and a special thank you to our anonymous donor.

#### **NEW MEMBERS**

We welcome the following new members to the club and hope to see you around frequently: Kevin McKernon (East Haven), James Kelly (Branford), Robin & Richard Pollock (North Branford)

#### **PRAYERS and SYMPATHY**

To: Ada Foley and her family on the death of her husband, club member Paddy Joe Foley, Northford, by way of Co. Kerry....also to Paddy Joe's brothers Ned and Connie and sisters Shirley Casey, Mary Theresa Mullaney, Margaret Shea and Pauline Linehan.

To: Noel, Olive, Patricia, and Michael Blessing, on the death of their father club member Al Blessing, Hamden by way of Co. Leitrim. Al was an outstanding footballer with our New Haven Team.

To: Chris Morgan, North Haven on the death of his wife Mary by way of Co. Leitrim and also to his family Trish, Chris Jr., P.J., Denise and Maureen.

To Don and Ken O'Connor on the death of their father, club member Don O'Connor, Hamden

#### **IACC LOOKING FOR HELP**

The IACC is always 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](mailto:mroddy@snet.net). Any time you can donate will be very much appreciated!

#### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:mroddy@snet.net).

**NHGF&H Club PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Our club is open on Mondays for NFL football - come on down, enjoy the game and Bud beer specials (\$2). Bring friends. We will also do beer specials for Thursday and Sunday night NFL football. Our convention is on 14th Oct. at 3pm - please put your name forward to John O'Donovan if interested in running for a position on the Executive Board. Come along on Thursday nights around 7pm for friendly games of darts - beginners welcome - no pressure - all are welcome. Thank you to Kerry Martens and his committee for a wonderful lobster bake dinner - no one went home hungry. Many great events are coming up at the club - don't forget to book your reservations for our annual Irish Man/Woman of the year Banquet honoring Gerry Stratton and Joan Hall. Hope to see you at our club.

Sincerely,  
Anne

**IACC PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Dear Club Members,  
The fall is upon us and lots of fun events are happening at our club. Please review the newsletter for all our events. One of our most important events is our fundraiser for past president of the NHGF&HC, John Joe Mackey, who is battling with leukemia. Any donations for raffle prizes, food, or anything else is appreciated. I look forward to seeing you at one of our many events.  
Slainte,  
Eileen

**LOCAL IRISH RADIO PROGRAMS**

Sounds of Ireland Sundays from 9am – 11am on AM 1220 WQUN or [www.wqun.com](http://www.wqun.com)  
Echoes of Erin Sundays from 12pm - 2pm on FM 88.7 WNHU [www.wnhu.net](http://www.wnhu.net)  
Celtic Airs on Tuesdays from 6pm -9pm WWUH91.3 or [www.wwuh.org](http://www.wwuh.org)

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