



Newsletter

Irish American Community Center New Haven Gaelic Football & Hurling Club April 2019



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

Happy Easter to all our members!

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

April 5 th , Bingo, 7pm	April 21 st , Club closed (Easter Sunday)	May 12 th , Mother's Day Mass & Breakfast, 9am
April 5 th , Parade Awards, 6:30pm	April 25 th , Festival Meeting, 7pm	May 16 th , Retirees Meeting, 12:30pm
April 7 th , General Membership Meeting, 1pm	April 26 th , Bingo, 7pm	May 17 th , Bingo, 7pm
April 12 th , Happy Hour 6pm & Bingo 7pm	April 27 th , Spring Clean Up, 9am – 1pm	May 24 th , Bingo, 7pm
April 14 th , Club closed (Palm Sunday)		May 31 st , Bingo, 7pm
April 18 th , Retirees Meeting, 12:30pm	May 3 rd , Bingo, 7pm	
April 19 th , No Bingo (Good Friday)	May 4 th , Kentucky Derby Party, 4pm – 7pm	
April 20 th , Children's Easter Egg Hunt 11am -1pm	May 10 th , Happy Hour 6pm & Bingo 7pm	

Upcoming Events

BINGO, Every Friday, Doors open at 5:30pm, Bingo starts at 7pm

FEELING LUCKY? Come to the club every Friday for Bingo! \$5 admission includes 20 games plus an additional bundle must be purchased for \$5, \$9 or \$12. Please spread the word, bring a friend and come out and enjoy! **Please remember that there is no bingo on Friday, April 19.** Thank you, Mary Roddy.



RETIREES MEETING, Thursday, April 18th, 12:30pm

The Retirees next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 18th at 12:30pm. During their meeting in May, Richard and Margaret Hopkins will give a presentation on the history and manufacturing of Irish Dresden. Please call Sharon Kearns (203) 488-6605, Pat Donohue at (203) 248-4325 or Beth Murphy at (203) 230-2993 with any questions. These ladies would love to see all of the members of the Retirees group at their meetings!

PARADE AWARDS, Friday, April 5th, 6:30pm

The Annual Parade Awards Night will be hosted by the AOH on Friday, 5th April at 6.30pm. This year the IACC is proud to present an award in honor of Jim Gaffney, past Treasurer of the IACC and past Treasurer of the festival. The NHGF&H Club will proudly present an award in honor of Carolyn Hosey, a long-time member who was involved in the festival and many other club functions. If you plan on attending, please call Anne Hines 203-488-4902 or ahsheep@aol.com.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, Sunday, April 7th, 1pm

A lot is going on at our club and you, as a member, should be involved in helping make the decisions. Please attend our general membership meeting and give us your input. Additionally, we will have a guest speaker from the Irish Hunger Museum. Please come and hear how you can help the Irish Hunger Museum stay open!

MARGARET McCAULIFFE'S ONE-WOMAN PLAY, Thursday April 18th, 7:30pm

The ICSA is delighted to join with NYC's Irish Arts Center for the second time, bringing you another example of the best in Irish drama!! On Thursday, April 18, at 7:30 PM, Margaret McCauliffe, directly following her run at New York's IAC, will be on stage at the Whitneyville Cultural Commons with her one-woman play, The Humours of Bandon, produced by Fishamble. "Don't be afraid of that floor, hammer it!?" Nobody knows where their 5-year-old will take that first, after-school activity. To the surprise of her mother, Annie takes it all the way to the top echelons of the Irish Dancing Championships. We meet Dubliner Annie on the eve of the biggest competition of her teenage life, her burning desire to win - shared only by her teacher, as her mother watches on with bewilderment and pride. Will she win and if so, in what way? Margaret's brilliant performance provides all with an evening of unparalleled entertainment but this show is a MUST-SEE for anyone who is or has been an Irish dancer, knows an Irish dancer, or has been an ever-supportive parent of an Irish dancer. Mark your calendar

now for April 18th. Tickets \$20.00 are available at www.brownpapertickets.com - Email mprendergast@icsa-home.org or mwilliams@icsa-home.org. Tickets can also be purchased at the door.

CHILDREN'S EASTER EGG HUNT, Saturday, April 20, 11am – 1pm

Come and hop into Spring along with our Easter Bunny! The Easter Bunny will be in the neighborhood on Saturday, April 20 from 11am – 1pm hiding eggs and posing for pictures with our younger members. This event is open to children of members (ages 0-10). If your child would like to participate, please contact Angelique Burke at (203) 623-0708 or angeliqueburke@hotmail.com to register. We need to let the Bunny know how many eggs he'll be needing!

CT IRISH FESTIVAL MEETING, Thursday, April 25, 7pm

A Festival meeting will be held on Thursday, April 25 at 7PM to prepare for the CT Irish Festival on Saturday, June 22 and Sunday, June 23 at the North Haven Fair Grounds. The committee chairs are all set but we would like any input from the members. This is a major fundraiser as well as the showcase of our Club and Irish culture to the public. If you are willing to help, I would love to hear from you. Bill Mackey (860) 250-6917

SPRING CLEAN-UP, Saturday, April 27, 9am – 1pm

A spring clean-up day is planned for Saturday, April 27 from 9am – 1pm. We need lots of help sprucing up the club by planting flowers, cleaning up the winter mess, washing windows, making minor repairs and getting our field ready for the season. If you have a high school student in need of volunteer hours, this is a perfect opportunity to help our club and get those hours in! All help is accepted! There will be something for everyone to do! If you would like to donate flowers for our gardens, please drop them off before April 27. For more information contact Gerry Roddy.

KENTUCKY DERBY PARTY, Saturday, May 4, 4pm – 7pm

The Run for the Roses, The Kentucky Derby, will be celebrated on May 4th from 4pm – 7pm in the lounge. Come dressed to impress with a fancy hat and outfit! Prizes will be given for the best in show! Light refreshments will be served, and of course mint juleps will be flowing. The race will be showing on the BIG screen so come and enjoy the excitement with your friends at the club. For more information contact Eileen Roxbee at roxbeeeileen@gmail.com.

MOTHER'S DAY MASS & COMMUNION BREAKFAST, Sunday, May 12, 9am

Our annual Mothers' Day Mass and Communion Breakfast will be held at our Club on Sunday, May 12th 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. Pancakes will be available for children for \$3.00. Reservations are a must by May 7th by calling Anne Hines at (203) 488-4902 or sending an email to ahsheep@aol.com.

Spring 2019 Gaelic Football Schedule

April 13th - U10s, 12s and 14s vs. St. Pats at Home (IACC) 3,4&5pm
April 14th - U16s vs. St. Barnabas at Home (IACC) 1:00pm
April 27th - U10s, 12s and 14s vs. Rockland - Away 3,4&5pm
April 28th - U16s vs. Rangers at Home (IACC) 1:00pm
May 5th - U16s vs. Rockland at Paddys Field at 9:00am
May 11th - U10s, 12s and 14s vs. St. Brendans Away 3,4&5pm
May 18th - U10s, 12s and 14s vs. St. Joes at Home (IACC) 3,4&5pm
June 8th - U10s, 12s and 14s semifinals at Rockland Time TBD
June 9th - U16s vs. Shannon Gaels at Paddys Field at 4:00pm
June 16th - U16s semifinals at Gaelic Park Time TBD

Congratulations to Colm Ryan!

Colm Ryan has been selected to travel to Ireland this summer with the under-14 Feile hurling team. This is a huge achievement and we wish him lots of luck. Well done Colm!

THIMBLE ISLAND CRUISE, Sunday, July 21, 7pm

The AOH Division 7 is once again running its ninth Thimble Island Cruise. Each event has been a sellout well in advance. Price is still \$25pp. Free food with a cash bar on board. The date is Sunday July 21, arrival at the Branford dock is 6:15pm, with launch time at 7 o'clock.

The past eight cruises have been so successful we received reservations in March for this trip. Please contact Finbarr at 203-272-0118 as early as possible. Unfortunately, we had to disappoint some late comers last year. For further details, go to the 'Events' page at The Connecticut Irish American Historical Society.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members to the club and hope to see you around frequently: Kathleen & Michael McNamara (North Haven), Joanne Petrosino (Branford), Lesa Fahey-Soja (Higgnau).



All Aboard the 'Sea Mist' for the
2019 Thimble Island Cruise



Date - Sunday July 21
From the Branford Dock - Price \$25pp
Arrival time 6.00pm / Launch time 6.45
Free food, there's a cash bar on board

Notice - No coolers allowed
Make cheques payable to - AOH Division 7

We are looking forward to our 9th successful cruise on L.I. Sound
Make reservations early - this event sells out well in advance

Contacts:-
Finbarr Moynihan - 203-272-0118 - finbarr@snet.net
Jason McWade-860 239-4165 jason_mcwade@yahoo.com
Note - Directions to dock will appear on back of your ticket

This event is sponsored by:-
The Ancient Order of Hibernians
Fr. McKeon Division 7 New Haven

DONATIONS

Many thanks to the following members who paid their dues and enclosed an additional donation to our club: Rosemary Balsam, Paul Schwaber, Catherine Luedee, Maureen & Brendan Crawley, Deidre & Seamus Lonergan, Alieta & Joseph Lynch, Andrea & Michael Hogan, Patricia & Stephen Jankowski, Jillian & Jason Simms, Susan McGowan, Susanne Bowery, Mary & Daniel Cotter, Ann & Phil Stratton, Patricia Rynne, Sheila & Peter DePascale, Stephen Flynn, Dotti & Pat Heslin, Anne & Robert Lloyd, Nancy & Gerry Stratton, Tess Kelly, Patricia Wall Giordano, Carol Serio, Joseph Nolan, Colleen Dacey and Maryann & Michael Dean.

THANK YOU

Gerry Roddy would like to thank Pat Hosey and Pete & Aggie Kilkelly for all their help with the painting of the hall!

LUCKY LEPRECHAUN WINNERS

Congratulations to the following who won in our March Lucky Leprechaun drawing:
Sal Abate, Catherine Staunton, John Hanniford, Harriet Hyde, Bill Mackey, John Cullinan, Dan Lesnieski, Rosemary Barrett, Patrick Begley, Theresa Zikis, Jim Bohan, Catherine Hopkins Zaneski, Dick Matz, Lisa Proch, Tyler Podoloff, Pat Hosey, Gerry Roddy, Dawne Flynn, John McCormack, Alice Sette, Shirley Violano, Claudia Nisbet, Megan Sullivan, Alieta Lynch, Joseph Foley, Phil Hawley, Mary Jane Coyle, PJ Morgan, Tim Henley, John Stratton and Carol Mozzaro. Thank you to everyone who participated! It was another successful fundraiser!

NEW HAVEN GAELIC FOOTBALL & HURLING CLUB 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 in the cabinet in the lounge. Suggestions, comments, additions or corrections contact Bern Singer at bernard.singer@snet.net.

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. 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. 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 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.wwuh.org

NHGF&H Club PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our corned beef dinner was a great success - thank you to all our members and friends for attending. My thanks to Mary Roddy for helping me cook 500lbs of corned beef and to all the kitchen help at the dinner. You did an outstanding job getting everyone fed and a special thanks to Bob Roche for volunteering to scrub all the pots and pans

PARADE DAY MARCHERS

Thank you to all the members who came out on soggy Parade Day to march with our club. Special thanks to our marchers who carried 2 flags as unfortunately we did not have enough people due to the weather. Again, this year, we won 1st Place - kudos to you all. Thank you to Geoff Maxwell and John McCormack for being my Parade Marshals (body guards). Best 2 guys ever. Thank you to John McGowan for organizing the flags, hauling them on and off the bus and getting them back safe to the club.

PARADE DAY

The club was hopping all day and a great time was had by all. Entertainment by The Coracles kept the children and their parents bopping and weaving all day. Thank you to Catherine McMorrow and Debbie Henley for manning the kitchen while we were all marching.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Thank you to Joan and Pat Kennedy, Mike, Pat and Chuck for bringing us a full day of Irish music. It was great to hear the old songs again. Thank you to everyone who came out for breakfast, watched the GAA games from Ireland, enjoyed the music provided all day and attended

the Ceili in the evening. Overall it was a fantastic day at our club.

SPECIAL THANK YOU TO HOLLY DeMORRO and JESSE MATARAZZO

Holly entertained us in the afternoon on St. Patrick's Day with her beautiful voice and she very generously donated her tips to the John Mackey Fund - what a lovely gesture. Thank you to Holly. John is doing pretty well but the Fund is on-going, and all donations are appreciated. Thank you to Jesse Matarazzo who kindly loaned us his equipment as well as working the sound for the traditional band that followed Holly - his help was immeasurable. Hope to see you at our upcoming functions.

God Bless,
Anne Hines.

IACC PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Club Members,

Our St. Patrick's Day celebrations were a great success. Thank you to those who attended one of our events, your support of our events makes our club a fun place to visit. Thank you to Anne Hines and Mary Roddy for cooking pounds and pounds of corned beef, the best in town! Thank you to all our marchers, entertainers, and those who helped set up, clean up, park cars, etc. We need everyone to pitch in to make these events hum. A special thank you to Jesse Matarazzo for lending us and setting up sound equipment on St. Patrick's Day. One of our entertainers, Holly DeMorro donated her tips to the John Mackey Fund. We are still accepting donations for the fund. John continues to improve! The power of prayer seems to be working for all our members that have fallen ill lately. A big clean-up day is scheduled for April 27. Please join us to spruce up the grounds. Check the newsletter for all of our events!

Sláinte,
Eileen

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