



Newsletter

Irish American Community Center New Haven Gaelic Football & Hurling Club JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2020



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

DATES TO REMEMBER

January 26th, Youth Gaelic Football Indoor Training, 10:30am – 12pm
 January 26th, Tara & Claddagh Workshop, 12pm – 3pm
 January 31st, Bingo, 7pm
 February 2nd, Youth Gaelic Football Indoor Training, 10:30am – 12pm
 February 2nd, Happy Hour (3pm – 5pm), followed by Super Bowl Party
 February 7th, Bingo, 7pm
 February 8th, Parade Queen Selection, doors open at 7pm

February 9th, Youth Gaelic Football Indoor Training, 10:30am – 12pm
 February 16th, Youth Gaelic Football Indoor Training, 10:30am – 12pm
 February 17th, Retirees Meeting, 12:30pm
 February 21st, Bingo, 7pm
 February 23rd, Youth Gaelic Football Indoor Training, 10:30am – 12pm
 February 23rd, Annual Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner, 1pm – 4pm
 February 28th, Bingo, 7pm

March 1st, Youth Gaelic Football Indoor Training, 10:30am – 12pm
 March 6th, Bingo, 7pm
 March 13th, Bingo, 7pm
 March 15th, Greater New Haven St. Patrick's Day Parade, 1:30pm
 March 17th, St. Patrick's Day

March 19th, Retirees Meeting, 12:30pm
 March 20th, Bingo, 7pm
 March 27th, Bingo, 7pm

MEMBERSHIP DUES INCREASED AS OF JANUARY 1, 2020

Please note that as of January 1, 2020, the annual dues slightly increased. THE 2020 membership dues are \$90 per family, \$60 per individual, renewing seniors are \$25 each and senior couples are \$35.

Upcoming Events

TARA & CLADDAGH WORKSHOP, Sunday, January 26th, 12pm – 3pm

The Tara & Claddagh Workshop will take place on Sunday, 26 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 8, 2020. 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 2019 Parade Queen Taylor Besciglia at parade.queen@gmail.com

HAPPY HOUR AND SUPER BOWL PARTY, Sunday, February 2

On Sunday, February 2, please join us for Happy Hour from 3pm – 5pm with a traditional Irish music seisún. Afterwards, stay on and enjoy a night of great football with Super Bowl LIV! What better way to enjoy a Sunday than to join your fellow club members and cheer your favorite team to victory! There is no admission charge for the Super Bowl party as no food will be provided at half time. We will have a pot luck supper so please bring a dish that everyone can share.

PARADE QUEEN SELECTION, Saturday, February 8th, doors open at 7pm

2020 Queen Selection - celebrating 64 years of friendship, love and loyalty to the Irish Community! Please join us on Saturday, February 8th (snow date February 15) 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 granddaughter of one of the four Irish Societies (NHGF& Hurling Club, Knights of St. Patrick, West Haven Irish American Club or Ancient Order of Hibernians). Ad Contract Deadline is Monday, 27th January. For more information please contact: Fiona Stewart & Siobhan Dacey at parade.queen@gmail.com

RETIRES MEETING, Thursday, February 17th, 12:30pm

On Thursday, February 17th, the Retirees will meet at 12:30pm at the IACC and watch the 2nd half of the movie "The King's Speech". On Thursday, March 19th, they will hold their Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner. Please be sure to make your reservations! Also, with the wintry weather upon us, please keep in mind that the Retirees may not meet if there is snow. Please be sure to contact Sharon Kearns at (203) 488-6605, Pat Donohue at (203) 248-4325 or Beth Murphy at (203) 230-2993 if you have any questions about the meetings and to make reservations for the Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner.

ANNUAL CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE DINNER, Sunday, February 23rd, 1pm-4pm

Our Corned beef and cabbage dinner will be held at the Club on Sunday, February 23rd 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 February 20.

2020 YOUTH GAELIC FOOTBALL INDOOR TRAINING SCHEDULE

Beginning on Sunday, January 26, Youth Gaelic Football Indoor Training will take place at the Sportsplex in North Branford for children ages 4-14 years old. Older players are welcome to come and help with the training. Thanks! Geoff Maxwell

Sunday, January 26	10:30am – 12:00pm
Sunday, February 2	10:30am – 12:00pm
Sunday, February 9	10:30am – 12:00pm
Sunday, February 16	10:30am – 12:00pm
Sunday, February 23	10:30am – 12:00pm
Sunday, March 1	10:30am – 12:00pm

PARADE DAY MARCHERS, Sunday, March 15th at 1:30pm

Anne Hines is working on organizing our Club’s marching contingent for our Parade in New Haven on Sunday, March 15th. 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.

SAVE THE DATE: GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, Sunday, April 26th at 1pm

Our next General Membership meeting will take place on Sunday, April 26th 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.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members to the club and hope to see you around frequently: Elizabeth Streeto (No Branford), Linda Chamberland (East Haven)

DONATIONS

We would like to thank the following members who included a donation with their dues:
Bob Lingane, Greta & Stanley Stanford, Brigid & Frank White, Joan Harlow, Anne Marie & Brendan Canning, Carmel & Michael McGrath, Agnes & David Flynn, Pat Hosey, Pat & Martin Donohue, Steve Jacksis, Cornelius & Joan Foley, Daniel McSherry, Maureen & Brendan Crawley, Carolyn Westerfield, Mary Bohan, Maureen & Lawrence McKenna, Alison & John McCormack, Catherine McCormack, Jim Flanagan, Beth Murphy, Leslie & Geoff Maxwell, Marie & Larry Doyle, John Sullivan, Gerry Rooney, Eileen & Kevin

Roxbee, Mary & Bruce Dapkins, Maura & Thomas Sullivan, Brian Burgh, Bridget & Patrick McManus, Joseph Nugent, Daniel J Ryan, Jane McGuire, Sean & Pam O’Murray, Elizabeth Leary, Kathleen & Michael Regan, Regina & John Healey, Ellen & John Stratton, Bernadette McInerney, Eileen Mulvey, Mary & James Lyng, Frances & Kevin Woods, Eileen & Donald Tozzo, Catherine Luedee, Vincent Kiernan, Joseph Foley, Anne & Michael Faherty, Deirdre & Connor Dolan, Mary Wallace, Joan & Richard Matz, Bernadette & Donald White, Marguerite Jackson, Mary & Ed Cortright, Kathleen & Fred Carew, Kathleen Stretton, Margaret & Richard Hopkins, Marie & John Lynch, Jane Sinski, Fiona & Diarmuid Hackett, Betsey & David O’Keefe, Eamonn Ryan, Anne Hines, George Waldron, Cecilia & Joseph Martin, Mike Malone, Kathleen & John Sullivan, Jamene G Farrell, Patricia O’Connor, John Caldwell, Wendy LaCasse, James Goggins, Mary & Patrick Begley.

PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy and prayers
To: Jim and Catherine Staunton, Clinton, on the death of Jim’s father James Staunton, Hartford by way of County Galway.
To: Jim Carew, North Haven and Fred Carew, Northford, on the death of Jim’s father and Fred’s brother, John ‘Red’ Carew, West Haven. ‘Red’ was among the original club members.
To: Mary Bohan and her family on the death of her husband Jim Bohan, Old Saybrook by way of County Leitrim. Jim was one of the original club founding members. Sympathy is also extended to Jim’s sister Anne Keogh of Hamden.
To a former long-time club member Anne Tourtellotte, Westbrook by way of County Offaly

GET WELL WISHES

To: Mary Roddy, West Haven and Peter Burke, Hamden.

THANKS AND APPRECIATION

The club extends our sincere thanks to those who have named our club as the recipient of contributions in memory of a loved one. We also thank each contributor for donations received.

WINNERS OF FREE MEMBERSHIP DRAWING

A drawing was held for two free memberships at the St. Stephen’s Day/New Years Ceili for members who paid their 2020 dues by December 28th. The lucky winners were Richard Bello and Claire Bernard.

THANK YOU

Gerry Roddy would like to thank all the volunteers who helped out past year we accomplished a lot. As we start a new year, we still have a lot of projects to complete. We are 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.

WANTED: CARETAKER/BARTENDER

Tony Connor has announced his retirement in June so we must look for his replacement as we start the new year. If any member or someone you know is interested in learning more about this position, please contact Eileen Roxbee or Anne Hines.

Below is a partial list of requirements for the position.

CARETAKER

- Provide general maintenance and cleaning to the inside and outside of the building
- Set up hall, lounge, field for all club functions and rentals
- Monitor heating and cooling, safety and security
- Be present for all club deliveries and functions
- Duties as assigned by the Executive Board
- Must be a friendly and welcoming ambassador for the club

BARTENDER

- Be on duty during club hours and special occasions
- Clean and sanitize all bar equipment daily
- Keep bar inventory with treasurer NHGF&HC
- Uphold all state liquor laws and regulations
- Must be a friendly and welcoming ambassador for the club

GOLF TOURNAMENT CHAIRPERSON WANTED

We are looking to hold a golf tournament this spring. If you are interested in being the chairperson, please contact Eileen Roxbee or any member of the Executive Board.

OBITUARIES

If you would like your loved one's obituary added to our weekly emails, please notify Colleen Hainsworth at (203) 494-9930 or AngelPaws@mail.com.

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

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.wjuh.org

LUCKY LEPRECHAUN DAILY CASH DRAWING - YOUR TICKET WILL BE ENTERED DAILY.

GIVING YOU MORE CHANCES TO WIN. PLEASE FILL OUT BOTTOM PORTION. PRICE \$10.00

Due by 29th February 2020

MAR.1 - \$40	MAR.18 - \$25
MAR.2 - \$25	MAR.19 - \$25
MAR.3 - \$25	MAR.20 - \$50 - FIRST DAY OF SPRING
MAR.4 - \$30	MAR.21 - \$25
MAR.5 - \$25	MAR.22 - \$25
MAR.6 - \$25	MAR.23 - \$25
MAR.7 - \$25	MAR.24 - \$30
MAR.8 - \$50 - DAYLIGHT SAVINGS	MAR.25 - \$25
MAR.9 - \$25	MAR.26 - \$25
MAR.10 - \$25	MAR.27 - \$25
MAR.11 - \$25	MAR.28 - \$30
MAR.12 - \$25	MAR.29 - \$25
MAR.13 - \$30	MAR.30 - \$25
MAR.14 - \$25	MAR.31 - \$40
MAR.15 - \$25	
MAR.16 - \$25	
MAR.17 - \$200 - ST. PATRICK'S DAY	

BACK FOR 2020!

Please detach and mail to: Anne Hines, 14 Buckley Rd., Branford, CT 06405

NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
PHONE: _____



NHGF&H Club PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year to all our members and friends! Come and enjoy the Super Bowl at the club and cheer on your favourite team. More details in this newsletter. Our queen selection is 8th February and always is a great night. Please consider coming out to support our girls competing for the honour of representing our club in the St. Patrick's Day Parade on 15th March. 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. Please join in the fun for our annual March Lucky Leprechaun Raffle - you have a chance to win 31 times at least! Stay warm and safe with our unpredictable New England weather. Please don't forget to make your reservations for our annual corned beef and cabbage dinner.

All the best,
Anne Hines

IACC PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Club Members,
The new decade has begun and with that our thoughts go to the future. Our club is preparing to celebrate 75 years in 2024. This is a huge milestone for any organization but certainly for us and the hundreds of young Irish men and women, our ancestors, who braved the wild Atlantic to start this club in order to preserve their, our culture. We have major capital projects that will need our attention. We will be initiating fund raising efforts to fund these projects. Please stay in touch for more information.

Thank you to Joan Hall for organizing our St. Stephens Day ceili.

The dancing and music were great!

Our busy months are ahead of us. Please check the newsletter for all of our fun events! Don't forget to pay your membership dues!

Sláinte,

Eileen