



Newsletter

Irish American Community Center New Haven Gaelic Football & Hurling Club MARCH 2020



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

DATES TO REMEMBER

February 27th, Social Committee Meeting, 7pm
 February 28th, Bingo, 7pm

March 1st, Youth Gaelic Football Indoor Training, 2pm – 3:30pm
 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

April 5th, Tigh Na Coille
 April 18th, The Good Ones, 7:30pm
 April 26th, General Membership Meeting, 1pm



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

SOCIAL COMMITTEE MEETING, Thursday, February 27th, 7pm

This is your club! If you would like to see a change, be a part of that change and let your voice be heard. We have many exciting events that are in the works and we are always looking for new ideas. If you are unable to attend but have a suggestion for an upcoming event, please call, text, or email Nikki Brooks at 203-215-8756 or tiggernrp@sbcglobal.net.

2020 YOUTH GAELIC FOOTBALL INDOOR TRAINING SCHEDULE

Youth Gaelic Football Indoor Training is well underway 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, FEBRUARY 23, 12-1:30 PM

SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2-3:30 PM

CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD LUCK!

Congratulations to Rory McCormack for making the U16 Feile team and good luck to Seamus McCormack, Aidan Smith and Colm Ryan with the U14 Feile tryout in the upcoming weeks!

NEW HAVEN ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE, Sunday, March 15th

We are appealing to everyone young and old to come out on Sunday, March 15th at 1.30pm to show the spectators our pride in our true Irish heritage as we march down the streets of New Haven. We need 42 people to carry the various flags, so call soon as they are going fast. There will be a bus leaving from our Club at 11am SHARP!! to bring us to the starting point of the parade. After the parade, the bus will bring the marchers back to the club for ceol agus craic. Entertainment by The Coracles - no admission

charge and food and beverages will be available. Please don't let the people down who revived this grand parade in 1956. Some of them may have passed on, but their memories are still with us. For further information please contact Anne Hines (203) 215-5997.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY, Tuesday, March 17th

Rise up early as we kick-off St. Patrick's Day at our club! Watch the All Ireland Club Football and Hurling Finals. Irish breakfast will be served 9am till noon at \$15. Corned beef sandwiches and hot dogs will be available all day. For breakfast reservations, please call Anne Hines at (203) 488-4902. Irish music in the afternoon by Bobby Morrill. It will be a family friendly atmosphere so please bring along the entire family! If you have time to volunteer this day, please call any club officer.

RETIRES MEETING, Thursday, March 19th, 12:30pm

On Thursday, March 19th, the Retirees will hold their Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner. Please be sure to make your reservations! Please contact Sharon Kearns at (203) 488-6605, Pat Donohue at (203) 248-4325 or Beth Murphy at (203) 230-2993 to make reservations for the Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner or if you have any questions.

SAVE THE DATE: TIGH NA COILLE, Sunday, April 5th

Tigh na Coille is a group of teenagers ranging in ages from 14-18 from the Barefield area, north of Ennis in County Clare. Denis Liddy & Elvie Miller are their teachers and they compete annually in feadhanna in Ireland. They are currently Munster under 15 and 18 winners and prizewinners at the All Ireland last summer. Individual performers in the group are All Ireland Champions. The instruments played in the group include harp, fiddle, flute, accordion,

concertina, banjo and many of the performers play multiple instruments. They learn completely by ear and whilst respecting the old tradition and tunes, the individuals shine in their own styles. This event is still in the early planning stages so workshops & sessions will be announced as we get closer. Please contact Eileen Roxbee if you would like to participate.

NEW HAVEN YOUTH GAELIC FOOTBALL PRESENTS: THE GOOD ONES, Saturday, April 18th, 7:30pm

The Good Ones will perform at the IACC on Saturday, April 18th from 7:30 – 10:30 p.m. Cover charge is \$12 and all proceeds will benefit the youth sports program. Come out for a great night's entertainment!

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, Sunday, April 26th, 1pm

Please mark your calendars for an important General Membership meeting on Sunday, April 26th at 1pm. There is always a lot going on at our club but at the April meeting we will discuss some important topics. We will review changes to the CT Irish Festival and have a discussion about a possible conversion to gas at our club. Please attend and give us your input.

IACC Golf Tournament, Saturday, May 16th, 1pm Shot Gun Start

Our golf tournament will be held this year and a date has been scheduled! The tournament will take place on Saturday, May 16th at Alling Memorial Golf course with a shot gun start at 1pm. Details to follow and volunteers are needed. Please contact Tracy Williams at 203-673-6169 or Nikki Brooks at 203-215-8756 if you can help in any way.

NEW HAVEN GAELIC FOOTBALL & HURLING CLUB/IACC OPEN HOUSE, Sunday, May 31st

An Open House is being planned for May 31st to attract new members and showcase our Irish culture and everything our club has to offer. Admission will be free. We have several events scheduled including live music by Band O' Brothers, demonstrations from Irish dancers, our drama club, language club, Gaelic football players, as well as appearances from the St Patrick's Day Parade queen and attendants. A committee will be set up for all who would like to volunteer. The date of our first meeting will be determined at the Social Committee meeting on Thursday, February 27.

DONATIONS

We would like to thank the following members who included a donation with their dues:

Christina & Michael McHugh, Anna & Daniel Murphy, Teresa & James McGloin, John Riley, Bridget & Patrick Stratton, Mary Cox and John Keefe.

PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY

To the Lillis family on the death of their father Joe Lillis, Hamden, by way of Co. Clare.

To Eileen Buzzell, Cheshire and Kathleen, Peter and Brendan Hanratty on the death of their father Kevin Hanratty, Cheshire, by way of Co. Meath.

To Bridie McManus, Hamden on the death of her brother John O'Malley in Co. Mayo.

GET WELL WISHES

To Gerry Keniry, Hamden and George Pritchard, Orange.

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.

IACC LOOKING FOR HELP

The IACC is always looking for members who are willing to help! We have many projects at our club...painting, carpentry, mulching, trimming... the list goes on. We would really like to have volunteers for our flower beds that can assist with planting, weeding, watering and grounds clean up. If you have any interest, please contact Gerry Roddy at (203) 215-3268. Every volunteer is needed and appreciated! Thanks to everyone who has helped!

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

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.wwuh.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	

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

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

NHGF&H Club PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

CONGRATULATIONS to Morgan Daley and Megan Burke, our 2020 Parade Queen and Honor Attendant. Thank you to Taylor Besciglia and Claire Bohan for doing an outstanding job in 2019 as Queen and Honor Attendant. You both were great ambassadors to our Irish Community. Thank you to all the other lovely contestants who ran this year - it was a difficult job to choose a Queen and Honor Attendant by the judges - hope you will be back next year. Please make your reservations for our annual corned beef dinner on 23rd Feb. Make sure you sign up to carry a flag on Parade Day - let me know if you wish a particular County Flag to carry. Family friendly atmosphere at the club parade day - corned beef sandwiches and hot dogs will be available and music provided by The Coracles. Club open all day 17th March - stop by for breakfast starting at 9am. Keep in mind our Bingo every Friday night - the pots keeps growing!

All the best,

Anne

IACC PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Club Members,

We have been getting busy planning for all the fun upcoming events working our way to St. Patrick's Day and the spring. We can't wait to see you at our events! Congratulations to our newly crowned Parade Queen Morgan Daley and our Honor Attendant, Megan Burke. They will represent our club with grace and beauty at this year's parade. I know that you join me in congratulating them! We have lots going on with plans to update our bathroom with money received from the Irish Consulate. We will keep you updated.

Please check the newsletter for all of our events!

Sláinte,

Eileen