



Newsletter

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



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

DATES TO REMEMBER

August 23rd: Grand Reopening Picnic, 2pm
 October 17th & 18th: CT Irish Festival
 October 31st: Halloween Party
 November 11th- 15th: New Haven Gaelic Players Production of "Simey's Shadow"

TEMPORARY BAR HOURS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE:

WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY AND FRIDAY 7-10 PM
 SATURDAY 7-MIDNIGHT
 SUNDAY 2-10PM

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

BINGO UPDATE

Please note that our Bingo return date is still to be determined. Once we receive the appropriate recommendations from the State, we will be able to confirm a date. Please stay tuned!

CLUB REOPENING GUIDELINES

The Executive Board has been meeting regularly and interpreting the state regulations for social clubs. The club will be open again effective Wednesday, August 5th with the guidelines below in place for all of our members health and safety. These guidelines are in accordance with State of Connecticut's rules and regulations. We look forward to seeing you very soon! Our BIG picnic will be held on August 23rd. Please SAVE THE DATE!

- All members must wear a mask and sign a waiver upon entry
- Masks must be worn when walking about the building
- Masks can be removed when sitting at your table eating and drinking
- Hand sanitizer at the front door to use upon entering
- CDC social distance guidelines are in effect
- Lounge and outdoor tables are arranged 6 feet apart and cannot be moved
- There is no walk-up bar service. Please be seated and a server will come to your table to take your order
- All drink orders must be accompanied by a food order. Menus will be posted
- Debit or credit cards are preferred methods of payment
- All drinks will be served in plastic cups. Bottled beer can be consumed from the bottle.
- You will be responsible for clearing your table upon leaving

- No draft beer including Guinness is available at this time
- Please wash your hands upon entering and exiting the bathrooms
- Please wipe down sinks after use
- There is a one-way system in place for entering and exiting. Please enter through the front lounge door and exit through the back lounge/pool room door only.
- Please follow the arrow and social distance markers in place

GRAND REOPENING PICNIC, SUNDAY AUGUST 23rd, 2pm – 8pm

The IACC and the New Haven Gaelic Football & Hurling Club announce their Grand Reopening Picnic on Sunday, August 23rd from 2 - 8 PM. There will be food, live music, drinks, conversation and fun! Bring your masks, chairs and blankets for an old-fashioned picnic on the field. We ask that all members follow the guidelines we have in place in accordance with State and local regulations. Let's all come together and have some fun!

2020 CT IRISH FESTIVAL UPDATE

Hello Club Members,

We had our first sub-committee meeting on Thursday the 23rd July at 6pm at the club. There was a good turn out and our sub-committee leadership positions were filled. We discussed our events schedule for both days and the website will be updated shortly with all the details. Everyone was made aware that even though we are all excited to have the Irish festival at our club this year, COVID-19 is dictating our future outcome and there continues to remain the potential for the festival to be cancelled. Despite this reality however, we shall continue to plan and take the necessary precautions to minimize and/or eliminate any financial losses should the event not take place this year. In saying that, this is what

both festival co-chairs presented relating to COVID-19 and the festival.

The concerns related to COVID-19 were addressed as follows:

1. The entire festival will be organized and set up with the intentions of it occurring on October 17th&18th.
2. If COVID-19 restrictions are not eased or lifted by the October dates above the decision to cancel it until next year will be made 3-4 weeks prior to those dates above at no cost to either the IACC or the Youth Football Program.
3. Even though bands and vendors will be scheduled and contracted for both days, a COVID-19 clause will be built into the contract in regard to cancellation.

We will be meeting at least once every month for next couple months to discuss updates and progress. Volunteers are what made our festival possible over the years and we will need those great folks again this year. Please contact one of us if you are willing to donate any amount of your time.

Respectfully,

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ANNUAL IRISH MAN & WOMAN OF THE YEAR BANQUET

After much thought and consideration, the Banquet Committee has decided to cancel the 2020 Irish Man & Woman of the Year Banquet.

This decision was not made lightly but rather with regard to the health and well-being of our members and guests, given the prediction of a resurgence in the fall of the coronavirus, coupled with the onset of the seasonal flu.

The 2021 Banquet will be held at Woodwinds, in Branford, on November 20th (the Saturday evening before Thanksgiving) at which time we will honor Pam O'Murray and John Mackey (the 2020 honorees).

We deeply regret having to make this decision but your health and well-being were our paramount concerns.

This decision should not negate your attendance at the CT Irish Festival in October since all activities that day will take place outside.

Thank you,
The Banquet Committee

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new member to the club and hope to see you around frequently: Marta Bertos (Branford).

DONATIONS

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

John McGowan, Geraldine Faherty/Ryan Vedroni, Colleen Hines, Nancy & Gerry Stratton, Sheila Murphy, Delia Countey, Margaret Porto, Michael Droney, Anna May McNulty, Ann St. Jacques, Michael Hanlon, Joanne Zito, John Cassells, Patricia Giordano, Ellen McDermott, Owen McMahon, Chris and Martha Dolan, Ann Brady, Alieta & Joe Lynch.

PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy and prayers to the following:

To: Patricia (Pat) Donohue, on the death of her husband Martin Donohue, Hamden, by way of County Tipperary.

To: Madge Mulhall, Trumbull, Theresa Jones, Sandy Hook, and William Mulhall, Stamford on the death of son and brother Michael Mulhall, New Haven.

To: Neil O'Leary and family on the death of his wife Finola O'Leary, Branford, by way of County Fermanagh.

To: The family of Barbara Morrissey, New Haven.

To: The family of Jane Sinski, New Haven.

To: The family of former club secretary Sandy Baker, Hamden

To: The family of Anna Crowe, East Haven by way of Co Leitrim

To: Dan Kirby and family on the death of his wife Emma Kirby, Hamden

To: Vincent Cleary and sons Vincent and Michael on the death of his wife, their mother Claire, Meriden, by way of County Offaly... also to Claire's children, Tim Flynn, Bernadette Flynn, Claire Brayfield and Rita Brayfield

To: Jim & Catherine Staunton on the death of Jim's mother Kathleen in Hartford, by way of County Galway

To: Eamonn (Sonny) Ryan, Hamden on the death of his brother Kevin in County Limerick.

To: Mike and Bridie Cassidy on the death of their son Stephen in Meriden.

GET WELL WISHES

To: Tom Purcell, Mary McCormack and Clare Murrhy, Hamden: Catherine McMorrow, Branford: Brian Beirne, Madison: Cathleen McCarthy, Bridgeport: Joanne Conlan, West Haven: Patrick Begley, Cos Cob: Patrick Kennedy, Bethany

THANKS AND APPRECIATION

The club extends our sincere thanks to Vincent Cleary and family for naming our club as the recipient of contributions in memory of Claire Cleary; and also a sincere thank you to the family of Anna Crowe who also named the club as a recipient of memorial

donations. We also thank each contributor for donations received.

FINANCIAL APPEAL THANK YOU

Sincere thanks to the following people that have responded to date of this newsletter printing with generous donations to our financial appeal:

F.J Jr. & Kathy Carew, Glen & Joanne Conlan, Edward & Mary Cortright, Peter & Sheila DePascale, Joseph Foley, John & Audrey Hanniford, Vincent Kiernan, Cheryl Kling, Raymond & Wendy LaCasse, Robert & Bernadette LaFrance, Elizabeth Leary, Brendan & Gretchen McCarthy, John & Alison McCormack, Jane McGuire, George Oday Jr., Sean & Pam O'Murray, Daniel Ryan, John & Kathleen Sullivan, Thomas & Maura Sullivan, Angela Beirne, Dorel Benson, Mary Bohan, Bill & Nikki Brooks, Brian Burgh, Suzanne Cooney, Bruce & Mary Dapkins, Bob & Sue DeRose, Mike & Anne Faherty, James Flanagan, Joseph & Therese Gill Jr., Rose-Mary Hartigan, Eileen Hennessey, Anne Hines, Richard & Margaret Hopkins, John Healy, Pat Hosey, Steve & Ann Kinsella Jacksis, Elizabeth Kelly, Roger & Mary-Jane Kelsey, Gerry Keniry, Mary-Ellen Luby, Joseph & Cecilia Martin, William & Nathalie Manniel, Edmund & Catherine McCarthy, John & Catherine McCormack, Michael & Winifred McDermott, Larry & Maureen McKenna, Susan McNerney, Elaine Muldowney, Madge Mulhall, Daniel & Anna Murphy, Joseph Nugent, John & Kathleen O'Donovan, John & Louise Ortoleva, Al & Anne Paulsen, Paul Rook, Gerry Rooney, Thomas & Leigh Salatto, Michael & Agnes Sheehan, Bernard Singer, Peter Snyder, Ann St Jacques, George Waldron, Timothy Wall, Susanne Bowery, John Collins, Mary Cotter, Delia Countey, Anna Crowe, Geraldine Faherty, Cornelius & Joan Foley, James & Sandra Hanrahan, Joan Harlow, David & Janet Kazienko, Mary Kelleher, Patrick & Anne Keogh, Peter & Agnes Kilkelly, Robert & Anne Lloyd, William & Denise Mackey, Mendez Family, Finbarr Moynihan, Cornelius & Finola O'Leary, Thomas Purcell, Carol Serio, Anne Smyth, Stanley & Greta Stanford, Joanne Stange, Gerry & Nancy Stratton, Catherine Stretton, Cynthia Thomas, Donald & Eileen Tozzo, Patricia Waldron, Mary Wallace, Ann Brady, Ed & Eileen Donadio, Dawne Flynn, Bob Gilhuly, Joan Hall, Eileen Horan, Sharon Kearns, Chris & Nancy Manning, Mike & Carmel McGrath, David & Elizabeth O'Keefe, Peggy Porto, Dennis & Andrea Regan, Ed Shanahan, John & Ellen Stratton, Pat & Bridie Stratton, Jim & Catherine Staunton, Patti Bello, Bill & Mary Connolly, Mike and Maryann Dean, Pat Donohue, Mike Malone, Mike & Christina McHugh, Catherine McMorro, Jim & Clare Murrihy, Bill & Claire Brayfield, Mary Burke, Sean & Doreen Busca, Chris & Martha Dolan, Tom & Betty Faherty, Al Glassman, David Howe, Walt & Pat Nester, Mike & Lori Spadory, Scott Baur, Bruce & Donna Dumelin, Fiona Hackett, Jim Lyng, Jim & Pat McGloin, Eileen Mulvey, Theresa O'Brien.

THANK YOU

I would like to thank the following individuals who helped us with our recent cooler project. Without all of their help, this project could not have been undertaken. Denis Smith, James & Seamus Staunton, John & JP McGowan, Mike & Anne Faherty, The Brandi Family, Peter Mullen, Pat Masterson, Kevin Beirne, Bill & Nikki Brooks, Kevin Gorman, Tommy Connor, Tony Connor, Tommy & Pat King & Crew, Pete Kilkelly, Steve Michalovic, Geoff Maxwell, and Bill Mackey. Last but not least, Pat Hosey, who has been by our side every day. Pat, thank you very much for your dedication and hard work.

Regards,
Gerry Roddy

IACC LOOKING FOR HELP

The IACC is always looking for members who are willing to help! We have many projects going on at our club, including a very big project renovating the cooler. If you have any interest in helping in any way, please contact Gerry Roddy at (203) 215-3268. Every volunteer is needed and appreciated! Thanks to everyone who has helped!

LOITERING IN CLUB PARKING LOT

It has come to our attention that some people have been gathering with friends in the club parking lot to socialize and drink. It is against our insurance policy and liquor laws for anyone to bring alcohol onto our property and tailgate. If you see someone doing so, please notify a member of the Executive Board. Thank you!

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

NHGF&H Club PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome back! We are so happy to be open again after such a long hiatus. The Gaelic Club is up to date in accordance with CDC regulations and has been certified by the State for reopening. Please welcome our new bartender, Tommy Connor, who is very familiar with our club. Tommy has helped out bartending at the club over the past few years. Unfortunately, with these uncertain times, the annual banquet honoring Pam O'Murray and John Joe Mackey has been postponed till next year when we will celebrate these two great members. Thank you to everyone who donated to our appeal to help out with expenses while we were closed - your contribution helped tremendously. Our new walk in cooler is well underway and will be completed soon. We had to install all brand-new beer lines for our draught beverages and this money came from our March Lucky Leprechaun drawing which was dedicated to "sprucing" up the bar a couple of years ago. Looking forward to seeing you all at the club and please stay safe and well. Please remember you must wear your mask while in the club, no bar service, table service only. All tables have been spaced appropriately.

Sincerely,
Anne.

IACC PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Club Members,
Welcome back! I am so pleased that we can finally open our doors and welcome back our members safely. The Executive Board has been meeting frequently to keep up with the ever-changing state regulations and at this time we feel we can open safely and function within the guidelines provided by the state and CDC. When you visit us, please follow the posted rules. All members and guests and employees must wear a mask and practice social distancing. We ask that you leave the tables as arranged since they have been measured for safety purposes. Outside seating is encouraged. Thank you everyone who has donated to our capital campaign. Your generosity has ensured that we will be able to sustain our operations during this COVID pandemic and continue our mission of keeping our Irish heritage alive in the Greater New Haven area. Gerry Roddy and Pat Hosey and many others have been working tirelessly to renovate our cooler during the shutdown. They have done a tremendous job and I hope you will all join me in thanking them. We have also been able to donate our hall space to the American Red Cross for blood drives. Giving back to the community to help out our neighbors during this time was a priority of the board. And now, we welcome you all back with open arms! I hope to see you soon!

Sláinte,
Eileen