



Newsletter

Irish American Community Center New Haven Gaelic Football & Hurling Club SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2020



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

DATES TO REMEMBER

October 4th: General Membership Meeting, 2pm
 October 4th: Nomination Convention, 3pm
 October 17th: Fall Festival on the Field, doors open at 1pm & concert at 3pm
 October 18th: Rain date for Fall Festival on the Field, doors open at 12pm & concert at 2pm

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!

COVID-19 GUIDELINES

- 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
- 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

CT IRISH FESTIVAL UPDATE

After careful deliberations, taking into consideration the health and safety of our members and guests, the difficult decision to cancel the 2020 CT Irish Festival has been made. We are deeply saddened as this will mean the end of the longest running Irish festival in the country. However, as the COVID-19 pandemic continues to threaten our community and with the anticipated resurgence, it does not appear that we will be able to provide a safe and enjoyable experience within the current guidelines and restrictions that are in place. This decision was not made lightly, and we have taken into consideration the guidance from local, state, and federal health departments which does not make the festival feasible at this time. Rest assured, we will continue to plan for next year and we will be back bigger and better. We appreciate your continued support, wish you good health and safety, and look forward to seeing you in 2021!

Respectfully,
 Nikki Brooks – 2020 Co-Chair CT Irish Festival
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 Denis Smith – 2020 Co-Chair CT Irish Festival
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NEW HAVEN GAELIC PLAYERS UPDATE

The New Haven Gaelic Players will not hold their annual play in November due to State of Connecticut restrictions on indoor events. We thank you all for your support and hope we can entertain you with great Irish theatre again soon!

NEW HAVEN GAELIC FOOTBALL TRAINING UPDATE

Our footballers have started training again on Sundays from 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. Training will continue at the IACC until December. All age groups and newcomers are welcome to attend! All GAA and State of Connecticut COVID-19 regulations are being adhered to by our teams.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, Sunday, October 4th, 2pm

We have a General Membership meeting planned on Sunday, October 4th at 2pm. Please attend our general membership meeting and give us your input. Masks are mandatory. If more than 25 folks we will have to hold our meeting outside.

NOMINATION CONVENTION, Sunday, October 4th, 3pm
Sunday, October 4th at 3pm is the Nomination Convention.

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. If you have any questions, please reach out to George Waldron at waldrongeorge@sbcglobal.net or Colleen Hainsworth at angelpaws@mail.com.

Office

President IACC

President NHGF&HC

Vice President IACC

Vice President NHGF&HC

Treasurer IACC

Treasurer NHGF&HC

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

FALL CONCERT ON THE FIELD, Saturday, October 17th, 3pm

Join us for a Fall Concert on the Field featuring Jeff Conlon and The Highland Rovers on Saturday, October 17th. Doors open at 1pm, Jeff Conlon will perform at 3pm and The Highland Rovers will perform at 5pm. Masks are REQUIRED to enter. Please bring your own chair. Pop-up canopies will be permitted. Food and Alcohol MUST BE purchased ONLY. Limited tickets will be sold at \$25 per person. Cash, check and Venmo payments accepted. Please contact Nikki Brooks at (203) 215-8756 or via email at tiggernrp@sbcglobal.net. Please note that the rain date will be Sunday, October 18th with doors opening at 12pm, Jeff Conlon performing at 2pm and The Highland Rovers at 4pm.

FALL CONCERT ON THE FIELD
SATURDAY • OCT 17
 featuring
JEFF CONLON & HIGHLAND ROVERS

DOORS OPEN 1PM • MASKS ARE REQUIRED TO ENTER
BRING YOUR OWN CHAIR • POP UP CANOPIES PERMITTED
FOOD AND ALCOHOL MUST BE PURCHASED



JEFF CONLON • 3PM



HIGHLAND ROVERS • 5PM

\$25 LIMITED TICKETS

CASH • CHECK • VENMO
 contact Nikki Brooks
 203.215.8756 • tiggernrp@sbcglobal.net

RAIN DATE: SUNDAY • OCT 18
DOORS OPEN • 12PM JEFF • 2PM HIGHLAND ROVERS • 4PM

 **IRISH AMERICAN COMMUNITY CENTER**
 9 Venice Place • East Haven, CT
 FOR INFORMATION ON THE PERFORMERS
WWW.IACC-CT.COM/EVENTS

MONDAY AND THURSDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL IS BACK!

Come to our club and enjoy our food and drink specials and watch the games. Hotdog and beer \$7, Burger and beer \$8, Hot dog, burger and beer \$10. Johnny O'Keefe will be your chef on the grill!

DRAFT GUINNESS and BEER

Our walk-in cooler is very close to completion and all the new beer lines installed. At this time, it is not economically feasible to offer draft beer and Guinness at the club as we must follow the rules and only 25 people are allowed in our club at one time. Once tapped, Guinness and draft beer does not last too long and we would be discarding more than we could sell and therefore wasting money. Once the club is fully up and running, we will resume full operations of the bar. Thank you for your understanding. In the meantime, we have brought in draft Guinness in cans.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members to the club and hope to see you around frequently: Steve Carlson (East Haven)

PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY

We extend our prayers and sympathy to the following:

To: Andrew and Elyse Burke on the death of their 22-year-old son, Collin Burke, in Hamden; also, to Collin's brother Gavin and all the Burke families.

To: Marguerite Donohue & family on the death of her husband, William (Bill) Donohue, New Haven.

To: Walter and Patricia Nester, North Haven on the death of Walter's sister Mary Radziszewski and Patricia's sister Marie Judge.

We just received further sad news about the death of the late Janet Butterworth's two children; Son George died in May and daughter Eileen in August.

GET WELL WISHES

We send get well wishes to the following:

To: Joseph Foley, Ansonia and Robert LaFrance, Guilford.

THANKS AND APPRECIATION

The club extends a sincere thank you to the families that have recently named our club as the recipient of contributions in memory of their loved ones.

FINANCIAL APPEAL THANK YOU

Sincere thanks to the following people that have responded with generous donations to our financial appeal since the August newsletter. AT&T (matching donation thanks to Mary Roddy), Pat & Joan Kennedy, Vincent Cleary, Jim Goggins, Mike & Andrea Hogan, Kevin & Eileen Roxbee, Bob Roche, Joe & Ceil Curran, Tom & Karen Grennan, John McGowan, Pat Whelan, Linda Martens, Kerry Martens, Michelangelo and Raffaelina Voira and again John & Audrey Hanniford.

THANK YOU

I would like to thank the following for all of their help around the club: Mike & Ann Faherty, Joe Nugent, James Staunton, John McGowan, The Brandi Family, Pat Hosey, Tommy Connor, Tony Connor, Pete Kilkelly, Geoff Maxwell, Mary Roddy and everyone who helped make the new cooler room become a reality. Thank you all so much for helping our club move forward! 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. 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.wwuh.org

NHGF&H Club PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Members,

It is great to have our club open again even if we are so limited to the amount of folks we can have inside. Thank you to everyone who is supporting our club and a special thanks to everyone who cooked and worked at the breakfast on the 13th. Our concert on the field on 17th October should be a great day - nice to see live Irish entertainment back - hope to see you all there. Thank you to the Gaelic Players for putting their best foot forward working on their lines etc. these past few months but unfortunately the virus has forced them to cancel their performances. I appreciate all their dedication and hard work and please God next year we will be back to normal enjoying many performances by this talented group. Thanks go out to Gerry Roddy and Pat Hosey and all the others who have helped rebuild our walk-in cooler. Happily, it is only a few weeks away till it will be completely operational again. Following all the restrictions and rules due to the coronavirus we are very limited to events we can hold at our club - please try and support what we can offer to help keep our club moving forward.

Many thanks,

Anne

IACC PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Club Members,

COVID-19 has changed our lives and the effects it has had on our club are measurable. We thank those of you who have contributed to our plea for help. You have demonstrated your commitment to our club and your Irish heritage. Your dollars are being used to keep the lights on and our club alive. We do have some events posted so please come back. We are following all safety and health guidelines.

I will not be running for President of the IACC this year. I have enjoyed serving as President for the past four years and will always be here to support our club. It has been my honor. The nominating committee will be seeking names for my replacement in October for our December elections.

Please stay well.

Eileen