



Newsletter

Irish American Community Center New Haven Gaelic Football & Hurling Club

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June 2024

SUMMER BAR HOURS: Monday & Tuesday: Closed, Wednesday: 7pm-10pm, Thursday: 5pm – 10pm, Friday: 5:30pm – MIDNIGHT, Saturday: 4pm – MIDNIGHT, Sunday: 1pm – 8pm

SPECIAL EDITION NEWSLETTER! **SAVE THE DATE! THE CT IRISH FESTIVAL** **SPORTS AND FIELD DAY WEEKEND IS BACK!**

DATES TO REMEMBER

June 22nd & 23rd-CT Irish Festival and Field Day Weekend
July 18th-Happy Hour
July 21st-National Ice Cream Day
July 27th-Lobster Dinner
August 4th-Blueberry Fest
August 15th-Happy Hour
September 19th-Happy Hour

September 28th & 29th- ½ Way to St. Patrick's Day
October 6th-Nominating Convention
October 17th-Happy Hour
October 26th-Halloween Party
November 23rd- NHGF&HC 40th Annual Banquet
November 24th- Deceased Members Mass
December 1st- Christmas Bazaar
December 15th-Children's Christmas Party

Upcoming Events

CT IRISH FESTIVAL SPORTS AND FIELD DAY WEEKEND, Saturday, June 22nd and Sunday, June 23rd!

Our annual festival is RETURNING! Back at our home at 9 Venice Place under a large tent! This will be the only club newsletter prior to our Festival, its importance to the Festival Committee cannot be overstated. There are many areas where help is needed. We enthusiastically encourage all members to get involved and volunteer some of their time to make this year's Festival a success.

For general questions call Pat Hosey or Gerry Roddy. Pat can be contacted at 203-248-1538, and Gerry at 203-215-3268

There is also a wealth of Festival information available online:

- www.iacc-ct.com
- Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/CTIrishFest>

On behalf of the 2024 CT Irish Festival Sports and Field Day Committee, we thank you in advance for your interest and support. – Gerry Roddy and Pat Hosey, 2024 CT Irish Festival Chairmen

ADMISSION TICKETS

- \$10.00 daily, \$15.00 weekend pass.
- Children 16 years old and younger are free.

ENTERTAINMENT

We will be kicking the festival off on Saturday with MixTape Bingo from 12 pm to 2 pm! Check our website www.iacc-ct.com for

some of our other artists performing including The Hooch, DJ Butch, Irish dancing, and Band O' Brothers!

SUNDAY MASS

After a number of requests, we are pleased to announce we will have Sunday morning mass on the field during our festival! Fr. Jette returns to our club to celebrate mass at 10:30 am, Sunday June 23rd.

CHILDREN ACTIVITIES

The festival is for adults and children! Children 16 years old and younger are free. We encourage families to enjoy the weekend! We will have mini-golf all weekend long with putters for adults and children, along with other children's activities such as arts and crafts, Mixtape bingo, sing-along, and more!

FESTIVAL PROGRAMME BOOK

The Festival Program Book is an ideal opportunity to memorialize a loved one, recognize an achievement or congratulate your graduate while showing support for the festival. These pages have also been used to encourage event competitors and recognize significant anniversaries. Virtually any message can be communicated here. Prices have not increased from previous years: full page \$100, half page \$50, and quarter page \$25. Forms are available in the Club Lounge, downloaded from the IACC website (www.ct-iacc.org), or by contacting Eileen Roxbee at roxbeeileen@gmail.com and (203) 584-4233 or Robin Pollock at rnr17@sbcglobal.net and (203) 804-2022. Any consideration is greatly appreciated.

COUNTY PAGES

County pages in the Connecticut Irish Festival Book is the perfect way to show your county support or to honour loved ones and friends. If you are unable to decide which county you would like to be listed under and you simply enjoy the music, dance, and culture of Ireland, join the many others in expressing your pride this year by placing your name on "The Claddagh Ring" page.

Please submit info and check as soon as possible but not later than June 12th. \$5.00 per individual name payable to IACC and mail to Mary at the address below:

Mary Roddy, 9 Venice Place, East Haven, CT 06512 . Mary can also be reached at 203 506 8367 or mroddy@snet.net . Your support and cooperation are greatly appreciated.



IRISH GOODS TABLE and VENDORS

We will have for sale many of our old favorite treats available at our Irish goods table, also vendors. Further info call Robin 203 804 2022 rrr17@sbcglobal.net.

IRISH BAKING BREAD COMPETITION

Who is the best baker? Please enter our bread competition on Sunday, June 23rd. All entries must be received by 1 pm at the IACC, 9 Venice Place, East Haven. There will be three categories: Irish soda bread, brown bread, and scones (must have 3). Prizes will be awarded for each category. For further info please contact Jillian Simms at jillianmsimms@gmail.com or (860) 876-7568.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP & FESTIVAL MEETING -Wednesday, June 19th, 7pm

The Festival & Field Day Committee meets every Wednesday at 7 pm. The final meeting will take place on Wednesday, June 19th. Please note that on June 19th, we will hold a General Membership meeting first at 7pm that will be immediately followed by the festival meeting. The Festival Committee requests that everyone involved attend this last meeting to finalize all aspects of our festival before our big weekend. Let us all work together to make this event the success it has been in past years.

ANNUAL RAFFLE

The drawing of our annual raffle is fast approaching!

1st prize: \$2,500 3rd prize: \$500

2nd prize: \$1,000 4th prize: \$150

Thank you to all who sold and returned their tickets. Any questions or for additional tickets, please contact Pat Hosey at (203) 248-1538. Drawing will take place on Sunday, June 23rd at 6:00pm (winner does not to be present).

THANK YOU

Dear Club Members:

It has been a while since we sent a newsletter out; therefore, if you have not been at the club recently, we wanted to update you on our progress. We purchased a new kitchen stove, and new fencing for the field, we painted the hall, kitchen, and tearoom, as well as replaced the carpet on the stage. With the help of the Eagle Scouts, our hall lighting was updated as well as our outside with fresh paint on the doors and railings, the Scouts also replaced the lights outside and we are very thankful to them and to Kerry Martens for coordinating the project. I would also like to thank Kerry McGowan, Vincent Wynn, Pat Hosey, and Marty Lendroth

for helping paint. Thank you to John McGowan, Michael Faherty, Anne Faherty, Sal Benelli, Mike Gethings, and Seamus Sexton for cleaning up the grounds and keeping the club looking great. I would especially like to thank anyone who has donated to the club to help with all these projects.

We are always looking for volunteers so please reach out to me if you want to help in any way.

Thank you,
Gerry Roddy
Building Engineer

LOBSTER DINNER, July 27th

Please mark your calendars for a Lobster Dinner on Saturday, July 27th. The price for the lobster dinner and additional information to come so stay tuned!

GAELIC FOOTBALL & HURLING

Our football and hurling program start with Gaelic for Tots and graduates through all age groups, finishing with our Junior Football Program for interested young adults 17+. Children and young adults of all ages are welcome and encouraged to come out and give these great sports a try. For youth sports contact Selina Moylan at (203) 506 6986 or moylan10@hotmail.com For junior football, please contact Aidan McCormack at (203) 439-1317 or aidanmccormack46@gmail.com.



IRISH MAN AND WOMAN OF THE YEAR 2024

The banquet committee is delighted to name Alison McCormack as Irish Woman of the Year, and Bill Mackey as Irish Man of the Year. Two very deserving recipients! Our banquet will take place on Saturday, November 23rd. More info to follow in the coming months.

PRAYERS & SYMPATHY:

We would like to acknowledge the families of the following members who have passed in 2023 -2024

Dermot Conway, Edward Shay, John McGuire, Chris Morgan, Gerry Rooney, Patrick Stratton, Deacon John O'Donovan, Eamonn McCarthy, Liz Smith Driend, Ada Foley, Mike Cassidy, Agnes Flynn, George Pritchard, Lawrence Griffin, Mary Moran, Sally Keyes, Francis Woods, Michael Breen, Tony Stratton, Richard Hopkins, Susan Barnes and Anne Hines.

GET WELL WISHES:

We are sending prayers for speedy recoveries to Seamus Bohan, Mary Burke, Pat Keogh, and Clare Murrihy.

SPONSORED MEMBERSHIP EXTENDED

Our sponsored membership drive continues to do well so we have extended it into 2024! Current members can sponsor a new member at a reduced rate. It is the perfect time to gift a membership to special friends & family! Please feel free to contact Robin Pollock for applications or if you have any questions.

Thank you to the following members for their donations: Richard & Joan Matz, Bernadette McInerney, Timothy Gallogly, Geraldine Faherty, Mary Dapkins, Mary Cotter, Chris & Rita Brayfield, Mary Burke, Shelah Slattery, Joanne Zito, Kevin & Eileen Roxbee,

Current Membership Rates			Sponsored Membership Rates
Family	\$75.00	Family	\$25.00
Individual	\$50.00	Individual	\$20.00
Senior Couples	\$25.00	Senior Couples	\$10.00
Senior Individual	\$20.00	Senior Individual	\$5.00

Robert Tinari, Fiona & Diarmuid Hackett, Robert & Carmel Larese, Christine Hinkley, Michael & Andrea Hogan, Eamonn Ryan, Mary & Vincent McMahon, Bill & Denise Mackey, Sean & Siobhan Stewart, Mary Begley, Maryann & Michael Dean, Bridget McManus, George Waldron, Deborah & Christopher Morgan, Susan McGowan, Mary Donahue, Susan Mulqueen, Michael Lawrence Faherty, Margaret & Joe Lynch, James Vicino, John McGowan, Margaret Shea, Cheryl & John Flynn, Susan Kennedy, Pat Hosey, Kevin & Frances Woods, Ann & Daniel Murphy, Lawrence & Marie Doyle, Patricia O'Connor, John Cassells, Leo & Maryann Connors, Carole Brown, Rosemary Balsam, Mary Wallace, Donald & Bernadette White, Katheen Saunders & Robert Lupone, John & Ellen Stratton, Michael & Agnes Sheehan, Linda Sandowski & Peter List, Andy & Bonnie Sgambato, John Sullivan, Christine & John O'Connor, Dave & Elizabeth O'Keefe, Brian Burgh, Eileen Tozzo, Mary Bohan, Ann St Jacques, Eileen Tierney, Debbie & Tim Henley, Joe Nugent, Thomas & Helen Stretton, James Goggins, Susan McNerney, Julia DeCola, Barbara-Ann Brannigan, Vincent Cleary, Emily Burke, Megan Burke, Linda & Peter Burke, Nancy & David Hainsworth, Patricia Rynne, Maureen Rynne, Joan Kennedy, Theresa O'Brien, Michael Hanlon, Gerry Stratton, John & Donna Ruggiero, John Keefe, Brandon & Carla Foster, Joan Tolland, Mike & Anne Faherty, Mark O'Connor, Robert O'Sullivan & Marion Sarsfield.

2024 MEMBERSHIP WINNERS

Congratulations to Maureen Ryan & David Howe who won the Drawing for a free year of Membership.

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.

2024 MEMBERSHIP DUES

Our Financial Secretary, Robin Pollock, would like to remind all our members that membership dues are payable on January 1st. Please keep in mind dues are a vital part of the running of our Club. Dues for 2023: Family \$75, Individual \$50, Senior Couple \$25 and Senior Individual \$20. Thank you!

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 Robin Pollock at rr17@sbcglobal.net.

UPDATED BAR HOURS

Monday & Tuesday: CLOSED
 Wednesday: 7:00pm-10:00pm
 Thursday: 5:00pm-10:00pm
 Friday: 5:30pm - MIDNIGHT
 Saturday: 4:00pm - MIDNIGHT
 Sunday: 1:00pm-8:00pm



BINGO, Fridays 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! Thank you, Mary Roddy

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 Siobhan Dacey at Siobhan.Dacey@yahoo.com

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.wuh.org

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Club Members,

Summertime is approaching, and we have some great events going on-and hope you can join us. Congratulations to Alison McCormick and William (Billy) Mackey, our Irish Woman and Man of the Year. Make sure to mark your calendars for Saturday, November 23rd, for a great night to honor these two most deserving recipients. We encourage you to participate in our annual raffle and return your sold tickets if you have not done so. Just a reminder, if you would like your name in the County pages in our festival program book, please submit it by June 14th. If you have any questions, please give me a call, or email me. Keep your eye out for our weekly updates on constant contact for up to the latest news.

I would also like to thank all the members who have volunteered their time at our events in the past because without them we would not have had a successful start to 2024.

Looking forward to seeing you at our CT Irish Festival and Field Day Weekend on June 22nd & 23rd!

Sincerely,

Mary Roddy

President

**CT IRISH FESTIVAL SPORTS AND FIELD DAY WEEKEND
SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

The Connecticut Irish Festival is back! This year’s festival will be held at our club on June 22nd and 23rd and will be a weekend of Irish music, dance & sport. Please consider supporting us as we work to keep Irish culture alive in Connecticut.

GOLD SPONSOR - \$1,000

- Promotion on our website & social media
- Company printed on banner at the festival.
- Full Page ad in our program
- 6 weekend tickets to the festival
- One on site reserved parking space

SILVER SPONSOR - \$500

- Promotion on our website & social media
- 4 weekend tickets to the festival
- ½ page ad in our program

BRONZE SPONSOR - \$250

- Promotion on our website & social media
- 2 weekend tickets to the festival
- Name listed in our program.

NAME: _____

COMPANY: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

Please select your sponsorship level and return with a check made out to "IACC CT Irish Festival."

Artwork can be emailed to: john@mccormackinsurance.com
Please mail form along with payment to:
IACC. Attn: Festival Sponsorships

IACC ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIPS

The Irish American Community Center will be awarding one \$1,000.00 scholarship and one \$500.00 (for someone who is entering the field of nursing/ Medical field to a student of a club member in good standing. The applicant must be a senior in a public or private high school, be enrolled in a college or university. Scholarship recipient will be selected using a three-point rubric score in the following categories: Community Service, Club Participation, Academics, Essay, number of years affiliated with the club. Applicants are requested to fill out the below form and submit along with a copy of your high school transcript or college grades (non-official is okay) and return before the 13th of June 2024. Send application to: Irish American Community Center Attn: Kerry Martens, 9 Venice Place, East Haven, CT 06512. Applicant will be notified on or before 16th June to receive their award at the IACC on Sunday, 23rd of June.

IACC Scholarship Application Form

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____

High School: _____

College or University _____

Parent(s) Name: _____

Approximate number of years membership affiliation with the IACC/NHGFHC _____

Community Service (please list location, dates, contact person)

Participation in club activities:

Additional Awards/commendations

Essay topic: Please explain why you think you deserve to be the recipient of this scholarship (one paged, typed).