



Newsletter

Irish American Community Center New Haven Gaelic Football & Hurling Club



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CLUB HOURS:

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

April 2015

Mark Your Calendars

April:

Sat. 4th Easter Egg Hunt 11am
 Fri.-Sun. 10th-12th Seafarer play 7.30pm
 Thurs. 9th Youth Football Meeting 7.30pm
 Sat. 11th Traditional Irish Concert 7.30pm
 Sun. 12th Afternoon movie 3pm
 Sun. 12th & 26th Festival Meetings 7pm
 Mon. 13th Drama group play readings 7pm.
 Tues. 14th General Membership Meeting 8pm.
 Fri. 17th Happy Hour 4-8pm
 Sat. 18th Javaro Barber Band 8-11pm
 Thurs. 21st Retirees Meeting 12.30pm
 Sat. 25th Italian Night Pasta 6pm
 Sun. 26th Flag raising New Haven Green 8.45am

May

Fri. 1st Parade Awards at KOSP 6.30pm
 Fri. 1st Brendan Grace Concert 8pm?
 Sun. 3rd Cahal Dunn Traditional Concert 3pm
 Sun. 10th Mother's Day Breakfast 9am
 Sun. 17th Spa Day
 Sat. 30th Comedy Night Dinner Party 7pm
June - save the dates
 Sun. 7th Membership Open House 2pm
 Sat. & Sun. 27th & 28th CT Irish Festival and Feis
July
 Mon.-Fri. 13th-17th Gaelic Sports & Arts week
 Sun. 19th Thimble Island Cruise 5.45pm

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS

1st Tuesday 7:30 PM - Executive Board
 2nd Tuesday 8:00 PM - General Membership
 1st Thursday 7:30 PM - Youth Irish Football
 3rd Thursday 12:30 PM - Retirees
 1st Saturday 1:00 PM - Genealogy
REGULAR WEEKLY MEETINGS
 Wednesday - 7:30 PM - Gaelic Language
 Thursday - 7:30 PM - Curlews Music

Upcoming Events

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Our Financial Secretary, Alison McCormack, would like to remind all our members that membership dues are due 1st January. Please keep in mind dues are a vital part of the running of our Club so if you have not already remitted your payment please do so as soon as possible. Family \$75, Individual \$50, renewing seniors \$20 each and \$30 per couple.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

At the December elections the membership voted in favour of our Club having a Board of Directors. The Executive Board is seeking a volunteer to Chair a committee to explore what exactly a Board of Directors means, who will be on it, what qualifications are needed, how many people and length of terms and how we are going to re-write the by-laws etc. If interested, please contact any member of the Executive Board.

EASTER EGG HUNT Sat. 4th April at 11am

Peter Cottontail will be in the neighborhood on Saturday 14th April at 11am. Hiding eggs and posing for pictures with the younger members. This event is open to children (ages 0-10) of members. If your child would like to participate in the annual Easter Egg Hunt, please contact Richard Ranciato at 203 410 4543 (richardranciato@comcast.net) to register - we have to let the Bunny know how many eggs he'll be needing.



On Sunday March 29th a presentation was made by the renovation committee to the membership about plans and budgets for various projects within the Club. Following the presentation there was a question and answer session where members had an opportunity to discuss their concerns, ideas, etc. The Power Point presentation is on the Club website as well as copies at the door of the lounge. Please review the presentation and feel free to contact me or any other committee member to express your thoughts. The Executive Board has stated that it would like to move forward with renovations to the lounge starting in July as this is a slow time of Club use. The renovation committee will be looking for help with the work and we will be contacting members to request their assistance, please lend a hand where you can. We are still in need of contributions and you can make donations to the Capital Fund specifying what you would like the money to go to such as new lighting, furniture, flooring, paint, etc. We look forward to beginning work and reporting back to you, the members, of our progress.

TRADITIONAL IRISH MUSIC CONCERT Sat. 11th April at 7.30pm.

Great concert coming your way at the Irish American Community Center on Saturday, April 11th at 7:30pm. This Concert will feature Dylan Foley who is the 2014 All-Ireland Fiddle Champion. Dylan is considered to be one of the world's most talented traditional fiddle players of Irish music today: he brings passion to his music while respecting the old traditional style of playing. Dylan will be joined on stage by Dan Gurney, a multiple award winning accordion player and Eamon O'Leary on the guitar. Both Dan and Eamon are among the most admired and sought after accompanists on the Irish traditional music circuit. This is a rare and exciting opportunity to hear these traditional artists performing Traditional Irish Music at its best in concert together. Tickets: \$20.00: John O'Donovan 203-281-3563 or Pat Stratton 860-664-1600

BRENDAN GRACE CONCERT Fri. 1st May at 8pm

We are happy to inform you that Brendan Grace will be performing at our club on Friday May 1st at 8pm. Tickets are \$25 and are available at the club. You can also call or text John Cullinan at (203) 506-5417 or Ann Cullinan at (203) 215-0704. If you are looking for a night of great laughs then this is the show to be at. Brendan has performed world wide and has been a big hit at our club many times. Please don't wait to get your tickets as this show is always a sell out. Looking forward to seeing you all there.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON AT THE MOVIES 12th April at 3pm.

(OSCAR COMES TO THE GAELIC CLUB). "THE JUDGE", Starring Robert Downey Jr. & Robert Duvall. (Robert Duvall was nominated for a Best Supporting Role Oscar for his performance in this movie) Age Rated 16+ Bring your own snacks - Ride can be provided. For more information please call Joan Hall 203 469 4252 (hjoan68@gmail.com).

CT. IRISH FESTIVAL & FEIS meetings Sun. 12th & 26th April at 7pm.

Please mark your calendars now to attend our festival meetings on 12th and 26th April at 7pm. All help and volunteers needed. After a slow start and a long winter, it is great to see so many people stepping forward and accepting chairmanships to insure the success of our feis and festival. While finances are important and always a concern, we must never forget our patriots who almost 100 years ago risked their lives and in many cases made the supreme sacrifice so that Ireland could be restored to nationhood. It is through their efforts that we can unfurl our flags, sing our anthems, play our music, perform our dance, speak our language and compete in Gaelic football, hurling and camogie. Our tasks are rather easy in comparison. To make our festival and feis a success we need the support of all our members. You may place a personal ad in our ad book or seek ads from your



place of employment or where you do business - **please see enclosed ad contract for rates etc.** More info on this from brendan@insurewithbrendan.com, or mail to Brendan McCaffrey, 38 Fenn Rd., Cheshire, Ct.06410. Trophy committee chair people are Ann Stratton, 203-288-5163; Claire Murrhly, 203-288-6327; Ann Keogh 203-288-9450. Trophies range from \$20 to \$100. Have your name included in the county pages for just \$5. Contact John O'Donovan 203-281-3563 or Johanna Mackey 860-346-9224. To become a vendor contact Wendy Mackey at wendy.mackey@yale.edu. Your financial support of our corporate/culture fund from a personal or company level would be welcome. Its objective is to alleviate some of the costs of entertainment, tents, insurance etc. Mail to I.A.C.C. 9 Venice Place, East Haven, Ct. 06512. Our April meetings are Sunday April 12 and 26 at 7 p.m. You are invited to attend. Thank You, General Chairman, Patrick Hosey.

THE CT. IRISH THEATER TROUPE presents "THE SEAFARER" 10th-12 April

Written by Conor McPherson. Spend Christmas Eve in North Dublin as four hopeless, aging men celebrate with laughter and song echoing around their ramshackle home. One finds himself hosting old friends in the house he shares with his blind brother. As the drink flows, the party is interrupted by a mysterious stranger and the festive spirit gives way to sinister suspense as a card game gets underway. These guys are hoping to clinch victory and their friends cash in the card game. As the skeletons in the closet come out, the stakes get higher than some realize. Intertwining hilarious performances and dark, edgy drama, this life-affirming play is potent and powerful drama at its very best. Venue: "1253", 1253 Whitney Avenue, Hamden, CT. April 10th and 11th, 7:30pm, April 12th, 2:30pm. Tickets: \$15. Call for reservations (203) 675-6683 or (203) 387-7999.

DRAMA GROUP PLAY READINGS Mon. 13th April at 7.30pm.

It's that time of year again! Yes, play readings at the IACC will start on Mon. 13th April at 7 pm. These readings will continue for at least 6 weeks. Everyone is welcome - you may just have that hidden talent of acting and make a great addition to our drama team. Further info contact Charlie Starrs at 203 265 2957 (charlie.starrs@snet.net) or Sandy Hanrahan at 203 245 8857 (nrghealing@yahoo.com).

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING Tues. 14th April at 8pm

Please attend our membership meetings and keep abreast of all the great things that are happening. It is your Club and the Executive Board welcome all help, concerns and comments from you. Hope to see you on Tuesday, 14th April at 8pm.

RETIRES MEETING Thurs. 16th April at 12.30pm and 21st May at 12.30pm

Retirees meeting will be Thursday, 16th April at 12.30pm. Liz McNicolls will be the entertainment for that meeting. May meeting will be the 21st at 12.30 p.m. More info in next newsletter.

HAPPY HOUR Friday 17th April 4-8pm

Happy Hour will be on Friday, 17th April 4-8pm. Come on out for good conversation and music in the lounge. Bring a snack to share if you wish. Beginning in May happy hour will be the first Friday of each month.



JIVARO BARBER BAND Sat. 18th April 8-11pm

Something different - come enjoy an evening of great blues music at the IACC on Sat. 18th April starting at 8pm. Admission \$5.00. The band leader is club member Mike DePascale who will delight you with his talent. Any questions call John Mackey 203 314 9683.

ITALIAN NIGHT PASTA DINNER Sat. 25th April at 6pm

Come join us for the second annual Italian Dinner at the club. Amazing Pasta and sauce cuisine with all the fixings. \$10 donation at the door. Call Rich 203 410 4543 or Pat Hosey 203 248 1538 to reserve your seat.

MASS AND IRISH FLAG RAISING, Sunday, 26th April at 9am.

On Sunday 26th April Father Kelly will celebrate Mass for Peace and a Flag Raising to commemorate the 99th anniversary of the Easter Uprising on the New Haven Green at 9am. Following the Mass there will be a ceremony to honour the Patriots of 1916 and the Hunger Strikers. This annual public ceremony, in its 25th year, serves as a reminder to all ethnic groups that freedom and liberty carry a high price. Local honourees are remembered in a roll call and the original "Proclamation of Freedom" will be read. Police and Fire Emerald Societies, as well as state and local political officials, are encouraged to attend. This will be followed by a breakfast, generously donated by Sonny, at the Playwright, Hamden, to benefit the New Haven St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee. \$15 at the door \$13 in advance. For information about the Mass/ceremony, please

call Joe Lynch at 203-483-4574. For breakfast reservations, please contact Anne Hines 203 488 4902 (ahsheep@aol.com). In case of inclement weather Mass, ceremony and breakfast will all be at the Playwright.

PARADE AWARDS Fri. 1st May at 6.30pm

The Annual Parade Awards Night will be hosted by the AOH Club at the Knights of St. Patrick on Friday, 1st May at 6.30pm. This year the IACC is proud to present an award in honour of Sean Scollan. If you plan on attending, please let Cathy Johnson know at 203 414-8292 (catajohnson1027@gmail.com).

CAHAL DUNNE in CONCERT Sun. 3rd May at 3pm.

Please make a special note that another great Concert of Irish Music and Song is scheduled for Sunday May 3rd at 3pm. at our Club. The performer is the International Singer, Songwriter and Pianist, the great Cahal Dunne "Ireland's Happy Man" who is a superb entertainer. He has appeared on PBS, David Letterman and many other shows and has performed for several American Presidents. Tickets are \$15.00 in advance or \$20.00 at the door. For information call John O'Donovan, 203-281-3563.

MOTHERS' DAY MASS AND BRUNCH Sunday 10th May at 9am

Our annual Mothers' Day Mass and Communion Breakfast will be held at our Club on Sunday 10th May at 9am. Mass will be celebrated by our Chaplain, Father Philip Sharkey. A traditional Irish breakfast will follow. Donation \$12, children \$5. Reservations are a must. Please contact Rich 203 410 4543 (richardranciato@comcast.net) by Friday, 8th May with your reservations.

SPA DAY AT THE IACC - Sun. 17th May 9am-3pm.

Come pamper yourself or buy your loved one a special gift. Great Mother's Day Gift. We are hosting a spa day including manicures, pedicures, mini facials, massages, hair blowouts/flat iron, packages for men and women. Gift certificates available. Call 203-530-9601 to set up an appointment. Walk-ins welcome but reservations suggested.

LAUGH, LAUGH to benefit Youth Gaelic Sports Sat. 30th May at 7pm

Keep this date open for a great evening of dinner and comedy at our Club on Sat. 30th May at 7pm. Father Patrick Misgivings will entertain you with stories about growing up Catholic. \$20. Jeff Maxwell has tickets 203-605-7414. Dinner 7pm - show 8pm.

GAELIC SPORTS and ARTS WEEK at the IACC July 13th - 17th, 2015!

Registration is open for the IACC Summer Camp - for kids ages 5-12 years. Join us for a week of fun and adventure, steeped in Irish culture, at our very own Irish American Community Center! Morning activities will be dedicated to Irish sports including Gaelic Football and Hurling & Camogie. Emphasis will be on skill development, technique, fun and scrimmages. No experience is necessary. Afternoon activities will focus on Irish Culture including music, Irish dancing, folklore, language and crafts. Log onto www.iacc-ct.com (events) for more information and registration form. Please feel free to contact wendy.mackey@yale.edu with any questions.

AOH 2015 THIMBLE ISLAND CRUISE Sunday 19th July at 5.45pm.

All aboard the "Sea Mist" for a beautiful cruise around the Thimble Islands in Branford on Sunday, 19th July. Boarding time from Branford dock 5.45pm/launch 6pm. Donation \$20pp. Free food but bring your own beverage, otherwise there is a cash bar on board. This is the 5th annual cruise and each year is a sellout in advance - no doubt this one will also sell out fast. This event is sponsored by the AOH Fr. Mckeon Division 7 New Haven. For more info please contact Finbarr Moynihan 203 272 0118 (finbarr@snet.net) or Jason McWade 860 839 4165 (jason_mcwade@yahoo.com). All directions to this event will be printed on back of your ticket.

2015 ANNUAL BANQUET Sat. 21st Nov.

The date has been set for our annual Banquet at Cascade's on Sat. 21st November. Margaret Dalton and Erin's Melody will provide the music that evening. More information will follow in future newsletters.

PARADE - 100 CLUB

Though it's Spring and the Greater New Haven St. Patrick's Day Parade—the nation's sixth oldest St. Patrick's Day Parade—is behind us for this year we continue to need support for this year to continue this tradition into the future. What better way was there to get ready for spring than a vibrant, joyous event celebrating not just the Irish-American community but all of Greater New Haven as well! You may not be aware that the all-volunteer committee which plans the parade is also responsible for raising funds to put on the Parade. Today, I am reaching out to you to support the Parade, by joining The 100 Club. Created

in 1991 to honour the memory of William F. Gallogly, Sr. who spearheaded re-establishing New Haven's St. Patrick's Day Parade in 1956, the initial idea was to get 100 people to donate \$100 (totaling \$10,000) to cover the majority of parade expenses. In 2015 when facing an estimated cost of \$110,000 to put on the parade, any donation is appreciated. We, the committee, understand that some years are harder than others for contributions and welcome any level of donation. This year's extremely snowy cold winter forced our committee to cancel many events and others were poorly attended, hurting our financial goals. (All donations are tax-deductible. Please return any donation to the 501(c)3 recognized entity Associated Irish Societies with checks written out to Associated Irish Societies, Inc. or AIS.) and mail to St. Patrick's Day Parade 100 Club, P.O. Box 2, New Haven, CT 06501-0002. On behalf of the Greater New Haven St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, I thank you for your continued support. Please feel free to contact me with any questions. (martin.platt@yale.edu) Thank you, Marty Platt, 2015 St. Patrick's Day Parade 100 Club Chair

WELCOME - NEW MEMBERS

Please make yourself known to our Officers and Club members when visiting so we can personally welcome you to our Club.

Kelly Conrad - Wallingford, Mike Conroy and Astrid Pronga - East Haven
Hannah and Eamon Malone - North Haven, Lori and Andrew Starrett - Orange and Tanya and Richard Vitali - Hamden.

PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY

Our sincere sympathy to club member Donald O'Connor on the death of his wife Susan, Hamden by way of Co. Clare.

To Kelly and Jay McGuinness, Wallingford on the death of Kelly's mother Miriam "Lynne" Wootton, Hamden.

To Mary McMahan, Orange and Michael Gethings, Hamden on the death of their brother Thomas Gethings in Co. Wexford

Our sympathy to the family of club member, Anne Hines, East Haven.

Get Well Wishes

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to: Mary Lane and Bill McKeon of Hamden; Greg Burke, Madison, John Lawless, Milford and Janet Butterworth, New Haven.

UPDATED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT CAMPAIGN-THANK YOU

We would like to thank the following for their generous donations to our capital improvement campaign:

Gold \$1,000 to \$4,999

Sean Cox, Carroll MacFarlane, Michael Hanlon, John and Wendy Mackey, Sean Scollan (Anna and Daniel Murphy), John and Kathleen O'Donovan, Michael and Anne Faherty, John and Alison McCormack, John and Anne Cullinan, Jay and Kelly McGuinness, Miriam and Joe Lillis, William and Rosemary Barrett, Geoffrey Maxwell, Bill & Denise Mackey, George Waldron, Edward & Sarah Foley, Dennis & Andrea Regan, Vincent & Maureen McCabe, Sean O'Murray, State Farm Companies Foundation, Eileen and Kevin Roxbee, John & Masie O'Keefe, Fred & Kathleen Saunders, Bob & Maryalce Lee. Silver \$500 to \$999 Diane Wright, Patrick and Carolyn Hosey, David and Agnes Flynn, Dominic Sheehan, Richard Ranciato, Martin & Pat Donohue, Peter and Mary Burke, Carolyn Westerfield, Ann Brady, Aiden Shine. Bronze Less than \$500 Timothy Wall, Joan Hess, Vincent Kiernan, William and Eileen Tinker, Richard and Margaret Hopkins, Richard and Maryette Russell, Lisabeth and Shawn Hemingway, John and Louise Ortoleva, Joseph and Teresa Gill, Justine Miller, Susan McNerney, Vivian Baker, Patricia O'Connor, Tom and Maura Sullivan, Mary Parker, David and Elizabeth O'Keefe, George O'Day Jr, Joseph and Cecilia Martin, Bruce and Mary Dapkins, Claire Boylan, Ronald and Geraldine Remer, John and Adela Collins, Kevin and Frances Woods, Cornelius and Joan Foley, Michael and Agnes Sheehan, Ann Pervier, Michael Malone, Robert T Gilhuly, John and Audrey Hanniford, Claire & William Brayfield, Edward McMahan, Anna Crowe, The Selmani Family Joan, Michael Klara, Catherine McMorrow, Kathleen Turbett, Rosemary Balsam MD, Michael & Margaret Shea, Dr. Dori Cole, John Nolan, Daniel & Emma Kirby, Katherine Heeran, Daria McCabe, Fr Philip Sharkey, Rory McCormack, Ann Smyth, Francis and Cristine Supple, Gerry and Anne Marie Rooney, Kirby & Laurie Hawkes, Carole B. Brown, John McGowan, Denis Pomfret, Theresa O'Brien, Brendan & Maura Donohue, Maureen C Delahunt, Joseph Foley, Mary (Crissie) C. Parker, Georgeanne Flanagan, David & Elizabeth O'Keefe, Susan McNerney, Michael & Andrea Hogan, Jason & Jillian Simms, Bob & Maryette Russell, Russell & Pauline Mower, Nathalie Manniel, Mary Wallace, Bruce & Mary Dapkins, Patricia Stratton Bailey, Albert & Paul Paulsen, Eileen Tozzo (Courtney), Ann Pervier, Shelia & John Haverhampf, Brian Burgh, Frank Supple, Mary Jane Conroy, Daniel Mallon, Anne Marie Mulholland, Edward & Eileen Donadio, Geraldine Faherty, Vincent & Claire Cleary, Donald & Bernadette White, Eileen Mulvey. Helen Kobylenski, David Howe, Thomas Sbabo, Margaret Jensen, John & Marie Lawless, Dorel Benson, Mike & Maryann Dean, - Brendan Faherty, Connor, Deirdre and Seamus Dolan, Emmet & Elizabeth Moore, Judy Doyle and Mike Clifford, Enda Cox/Donna

Borzillo, Laurel Blauvelt, Robert & Shirley Meagher.

Due to the support of these listed members we have raised \$40,293 in cash and pledges to date, greater than 80% of our goal of \$50,000. THANK YOU!

The capital improvement campaign is necessary to help raise funds for interior and exterior improvements which include remodeling the front façade on the building, the lounge area and kitchen. Additionally, a large outside patio and pavilion will be constructed and the expansion of our field to the minimum Gaelic Athletic Association (GAA) requirements. These improvements will make our facility more enjoyable for all our members.

The removal of rock and excess dirt is on-going and should be completed by the spring. The remaining field projects including grading, irrigation system and turf installation will be completed in early spring 2015. The decision from the GAA on the amount of a grant is still pending final approval. Therefore we are again asking for those who have not contributed to this campaign to do so today. This is our club and we need your support to complete these key projects. Ever dollar will bring us closer to our goal. Thank you again for those who have already contributed. Please remember that the Irish American Community Center, Inc. is recognized as a 501C3 not-for-profit organization by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). Therefore your charitable contributions are deductible to the extent allowable under IRS regulations. Please check with your tax advisor for any limits on your contribution. Thank you again for those who have supported this campaign and in advance to our remaining members for your anticipated generous support.

CLOSINGS

For closings due to inclement weather please check our website www.iacc-ct.com, IACC Facebook page and/or listen to the Irish radio shows for updates. All closings will also be posted on WTNH, WVIT and WFSB TV stations and their websites.

UP TO DATE MAILING ADDRESS

If you have moved or are planning on moving please keep the Club informed of your new address. Please call Alison McCormack 203 272 4465 or email her at almack325@sbcbglobal.net. This would include any phone number and email changes also.

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 theresa.obrien@live.com.

Please send newsletter items by the 15th of each month to Anne Hines at ahsheep@aol.com.

BOWLING TEAM

The bowling league is well underway and they bowl every Friday at Circle Lanes in East Haven at 7:30 P.M. If you are interested in joining you will need a team of 3. Please contact Mary Jane Stevens 203-772-1380.

DART TEAM

The Dart team play every Thursday at 8pm. If interested in joining the team please contact Peter Kilkelly at peterkilkelly@sbcbglobal.net.

WEEKLY MEETINGS

Keep in mind every Wednesday at 7.30pm the Gaelic Language classes are held and every Thursday the Curlews practice and play in the lounge at 7.30pm.

YOUTH FOOTBALL MEETING Thurs. 9th April at 7.30pm

The Youth footballers meet the first Thursday of each month. This month it is the 2nd Thursday due to Holy Thursday. Games, schedules, fundraisers etc. are discussed. Please come out and support these young athletes. More information call Chairman Mike Faherty 203 640 8927.

LOCAL IRISH RADIO PROGRAMS

Sounds of Ireland Sun. 9:00 A.M.-11:00 P.M. AM 1220 WQUN or www.wqun.com
Echoes of Erin Sun. 12- 2pm Monday 6-8pm FM 88.7 WNHU www.wnhu.net
Music of Ireland Thursday 6:00-8:00 P.M. FM 88.7 WNHU or www.wnhu.net

GAA

Congratulations to this years All Ireland Club Hurling champions Ballyhale Shamrocks from Kilkenny who defeated Kilmallock from Limerick and All Ireland Club Football champions Corofin from Galway who defeated St Vincents from Dublin. The Hurling and football league semi - finals and finals will be played in the coming weeks. All games are shown at the club every weekend. Look forward to seeing all the GAA fans there. Any questions please call John Cullinan at (203) 506-5417 and also listen to your local Irish radio shows for upcoming games.

GIFT CERTIFICATES AVAILABLE

Gift Certificates are available for IACC Memberships and GAA Games. It's a gift that lasts the whole year through. IACC Memberships are as follows: Single Senior \$20, Senior Couple \$30, Individual \$50, Family \$75. GAA Gift Certificates are \$220 for the 2015 season. What a bargain! This includes the viewing of unlimited Irish Football and Hurling games at the IACC. Normally you would pay \$20 per day to view the games. For Gift Certificates please contact John Cullinan, 203-506-5417 or jcullinan59@yahoo.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 Anne Hines at ahsheep@aol.com by the 15th of the month.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - NHGF&H Club

March was a very busy month and I want to thank many people who pitched in to make it a huge success. I'd like to start out by thanking everyone who came out to our rescheduled Queen's Dance. It was a wonderful night and the judges had a tough job. In the end they selected two wonderful young ladies: Honor Attendant Siobhan Dacey and Queen Margaret Heeran. Congratulations Ladies! Thanks to Courtney Connors and Fiona Stewart for organizing all of the activities for the day and evening. Thanks to everyone who braved the weather on March 1st to enjoy some of Anne Hines' wonderful corned beef and cabbage. Thank you Anne for a job well done! Thanks to Kerry Martins, John Burke and Wendy Mackey for helping organize flag carriers on Parade Day. Our club received the best Irish Organization Award! Thanks also to Doug Hanlon for organizing rides for some of our older members. Although St. Patrick's Day is behind us there's still lots going on at our club. Please be sure to mark your calendar for upcoming events. March 29th will feature a presentation by the renovation committee followed by a complimentary concert by The Coracles. April brings us a children's Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday the 4th, a traditional concert on the 11th, a modern concert the 18th by Jivarro Barber and Italian Night on the 25th. Please join us at any or all of these events. Enjoy the warm...er weather! John Joe Mackey.

IACC PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

My thanks to all who helped us out in any way over the last few weeks. It was great to see so many of our members marching on parade day. Congrats to John Joe Mackey and the Gaelic Club for putting on a great display. After the parade we had a huge gathering of members and their families back at the club. When you see kids, parents and grandparents together it reminds us of what our club is all about. It was a fun afternoon with great music provided by the Kennedys. My sincere thanks to all of the ladies and gents who worked in the kitchen and bar on Parade Day and St Patrick's Day. There was a lot of food served and we could not have done it without you. I have eaten a few corned beef and cabbage dinners in the last few weeks but I can tell you no one could match the one that Anne Hines prepared for our club. My thanks to her and everyone else who helped with the dinner. I can assure you that no one left hungry or dissatisfied. As the snow melts you will see trucks hauling stone and dirt from our club again. This should start by early April and hopefully be done in a few weeks. After that it will be time for the volunteers to do some work and I am sure we will have plenty. As you see in this news letter we have Brendan Grace coming back to the club. Please don't wait to get tickets as this show always sells out. We also have another great traditional concert on April 11th and for tickets contact John O'Donovan or Pat Stratton. April is going to be busy with our Easter Egg hunt for the kids, An Italian pasta night (yes I said Italian) that will be great, Sunday afternoon movie and the concerts. Hope to see many of you at one or more of these events. It is always a fun time when we have big gatherings at our club. I'm sure everyone is more than fed up with the winter we had so I hope we have a great Spring and that you all enjoy it. Don't forget festival meetings are ongoing - please get involved and give Pat Hosey a call. Volunteering at the club is the best way to get to know the members as over the years there have been many friendships formed. Finally I would like to welcome our new members that joined our club recently. Sincerely, John Cullinan

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