



# Newsletter

## Irish American Community Center New Haven Gaelic Football & Hurling Club AUGUST 2019



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

### MEMBERSHIP DUES

Our Financial Secretary, Mary Roddy, would like to remind all our members that membership dues are payable 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.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

August 15<sup>th</sup>, Retirees Meeting, 12:30pm  
 August 16<sup>th</sup>, Bingo, 7pm  
 August 18<sup>th</sup>, All Ireland Hurling Final  
 August 18<sup>th</sup>, Youth Football Training & Scrimmage, 1:30pm  
 August 23<sup>rd</sup>, Bingo, 7pm

August 30<sup>th</sup>, Bingo, 7pm  
 September 1<sup>st</sup>, All Ireland Football Final  
 September 6<sup>th</sup>, Bingo, 7pm  
 September 8<sup>th</sup>, McCabe Cup  
 September 13<sup>th</sup>, Bingo, 7pm  
 September 14<sup>th</sup>, 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dance, 6pm

September 19<sup>th</sup> Retirees Meeting 12:30pm  
 September 20<sup>th</sup>, Bingo, 7pm  
 September 27<sup>th</sup>, Bingo, 7pm  
 September 28<sup>th</sup>, Family Fun Day, 1pm – 4pm  
 September 29<sup>th</sup>, Playwright Golf Tournament, 12pm registration

## Upcoming Events

### BINGO, Every Friday, Doors open at 5:30pm, Bingo starts 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.



### RETIREES MEETING, Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, 12:30pm

The Retirees will meet on Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm and will watch the movie "The Hot Rock" with Robert Redford. On Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, the Retirees will hold their annual picnic. Everyone is encouraged to bring a side dish or dessert. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided. Last year, there were lots of desserts so please try to coordinate, if you can. And don't forget that you can also bring a guest to the picnic. Please call Sharon Kearns at (203) 488-6605, Pat Donohue at (203) 248-4325 or Beth Murphy at (203) 230-2993 to confirm your attendance so that they have an accurate head count for food.

### ALL IRELAND HURLING & FOOTBALL FINALS

The All Ireland Hurling Final will take place on Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup> and the All Ireland Football Final will take place on Sunday, September 1<sup>st</sup>. \$20 cover charge for the game, which includes breakfast. No charge for any season pass holders. Please note that game times have not been announced yet so keep an eye out for details in our weekly email blast.

### SAVE THE DATE! MCCABE CUP, Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>

Save the date for the upcoming McCabe Cup Tournament on Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. We will host a U14 hurling and football tournament in honor of Michael McCabe. More details to follow.

### 70th ANNIVERSARY DANCE, Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 6pm

The New Haven Gaelic Football & Hurling Club 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dance will take place on Saturday September 14 at 6pm. Donation is \$15. We will have a cocktail hour from 6-7 pm with a champagne toast, light fare of cheese & crackers, sweet

meatballs, sandwiches, wings etc. From 7-11pm, you can dance the night away with The Noel Henry Band. During the band break, coffee, tea & cake will be served and the IACC Scholarship will be awarded. We are seeking your help to make this a memorable evening for all. If you have photos, memorabilia, old Irish coins and paper money you would be willing to let us borrow for the evening, we would very much appreciate it. Please contact Anne Hines (203)215-5997 ahsheep@aol.com or Eileen Roxbee (203)584-4233 roxbeeileen@gmail.com with questions or if you have anything to share.

### FAMILY FUN DAY, Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, 1pm – 4pm

Are you ready for rides, games, food and lots of fun? We will have giant Jenga, cornhole, 3 legged races, potato sack races, Tug of War, hot dogs, hamburgers, cotton candy, popcorn and even a make your own sundae station! Please contact Colleen Hainsworth at [AngelPaws@mail.com](mailto:AngelPaws@mail.com) to confirm how many adults and kids you are bringing so we can plan for a great day! deadline for reservations 10th September.

### PLAYWRIGHT GOLF TOURNAMENT, Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, 12pm

The Playwright Golf Tournament continues to be the single largest fundraiser for our Youth Football Program. Without it, we would not have been able to send our kids to the CYC National Tournament this year. Please continue to provide us with your support. If you don't golf, please consider sponsoring a Tee for \$75 or providing something for the raffle. The tournament will take place on Sunday, Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> with 12:00 Registration, tee off at 12:30. Alling Memorial Golf Course, 35 Eastern St., New Haven, CT. \$125 per Golfer – 18 holes of golf, hot dog and drink at the turn, dinner, open bar and raffle back at the Playwright. Please contact one of the Committee Members: Sonny Ryan (203) 494-7531; John McCormack (203) 651-9634; John McGowan (203) 314-7073 or Julie Mendez (203) 687-3850.

**THE GAELIC PLAYERS PRODUCTION "SIMEY'S SHADOW",  
November 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>**

Eileen O'Keefe Roxbee will direct The New Haven Gaelic Players fall production of "Simey's Shadow", a comedy by P.G. O'Dea. Performances will take place from Wednesday, November 13 through Sunday, November 17. More details to come.

**ANNUAL BANQUET, Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 7pm**

The annual banquet will take place on Saturday, November 23 at 7pm at Cascades located at 480 Sherman Avenue in Hamden. We are very pleased to announce that Carmel McCabe Larese has been selected as Irish Woman of the Year and Gerry Roddy has been selected as Irish Man of the Year. Please join us as we celebrate these two very deserving honorees. If you have any questions, please contact Mike Faherty at (203) 640-8927.

**FESTIVAL THANK YOU**

We had another successful Festival with the weather cooperating to help us. The Festival could not have happened without the dedicated volunteers and sponsors. I would like to thank everyone that provided any help to make our Festival a success. There were many hours of hard work, and I am grateful to all of you for the effort. I want to thank our members that attended and brought along friends and family to our Festival. I would also like to thank our sponsors that helped to underwrite the finances to make the Festival possible.

Sincerely, Bill Mackey, Festival Chairman

**CYC REUNION/SENDOFF & RESULTS**

Thanks to all the volunteers and participants who made our CYC Reunion/Sendoff a great success on July 21st. It was great to see over 40 players from 2009 combine with some of our current players to play seven games in 100-degree heat! Thanks to those who helped set up, provided food, cooked, and helped clean up. It was a great day at the club, and the first of many going forward.

Thanks also to all our coaches and parents who brought the New Haven contingent down to Philadelphia to compete at the highest level. They came out shining! Our U12 to U18 players travelled to the 2019 CYC in Philadelphia this past weekend with outstanding results. We joined multiple teams and took home medals and cups in almost every category, including U18 girl's football champions, U18 girl's football runners up, U18 boy's football champions, U14 boy's football champions, U16 boy's hurling champions, U14 boys hurling champions, U16 girl's football champions and runners up, and U18 girl's camogie runners up.

Special thanks to club members and officers who traveled all that way to support us – Gerry and Mary Roddy, Doreen Busca, John McGowan and Anne Keogh. It is encouraging for our kids to see the club behind them.

**CUL CAMP**

We welcomed 29 boys and girls to the club for a week of football, hurling and cultural activities. We had two great coaches from Ireland, Paul and Jim who worked with the kids at different levels and ages, teaching them skills and techniques. We were delighted to see so many new faces and really hope all of you want to come back and play in our fall season. We will be having a fun day of training and a scrimmage on Sunday August 18, to stay sharp with our new skills. Practice will be at 1:30 but all are welcome to come watch the All Ireland hurling final before that. There is a \$20 cover charge for the game, which

includes breakfast, children are free. See you then!

Thanks to everyone who helped out and donated their time with this endeavor, Meghan Lenihan, Liz McNichol, Cathryn Kacenski, Angelique Burke, Catherine McMorrow, Carmel Larese, Alison Cook, Selina O'Toole, Alison McCormack, Vincent McCabe, Geoff Maxwell, Fiona Hackett and all the volunteers, Seamus and Aidan Staunton, Liam Cox, Olivia and Arianne Maxwell, Rory McCormack, Kian Larese and Elle Cullinan.

**PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY**

We extend our prayers and sympathy to:

The family of club member, Claire Boylan, Madison

The family of club member Bette Dinnan, New Haven.

To: Joe Lillis and family on the death of club member Miriam Lillis, Hamden by way of County Wicklow. Miriam was a dedicated member of many committees at the club especially organizing the Annual Masses and working on the Banquet Committee.

**GET WELL WISHES**

We extend our get well wishes to Pat Kennedy, Bethany, Lily Molloy, Madison, John Mackey, Guilford, Johannah Mackey, Middletown and George Pritchard, Orange.

**THANK YOU**

Sheila Murphy and family would like to thank the Club members for the love and support, the honor guard at the wake and mass cards. Thank you to Deacon John O'Donovan, Gerry and Nancy Stratton, The Morgans, The Cannings, Tom Faherty and Kenny for the radio request on the passing of our beloved Husband, Dad and Papa, Maurice Murphy. God Bless you all.

**THANKS AND APPRECIATION**

Our sincere thanks to all of the families that have selected our club as the recipient of contributions in memory of their loved ones. Also, thank you to each contributor for their donations.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO FINBARR MOYNIHAN**

Congratulations to Finbarr Moynihan (Grand Marshal 1984) on being honoured with the Irish Heritage Award by The Connecticut Irish American Historical Society. Finbarr has been a valued member of the Historical Society, the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, the Ancient Order of Hibernians, and the Gaelic Club for decades. An award well deserved!

**THANK YOU**

Gerry Roddy would like to thank the following people for helping with our cleanup and maintenance over the past couple months. Gerry Stratton, Pete Kilkelly, Joe Nugent, Seamus Lonergan, John McGowan, Geoff Maxwell, Pat Hosey, Shane Murtagh, Fionn Murtagh, Anne Hines and Mary Roddy. Special thank you to Mike and Ann Faherty and Pat Hosey for power washing and painting the shed. Also, thanks to Mike Gethings for a great job with keeping the grass mowed. We still have quite a few projects to tackle. If anyone can volunteer some time, please contact Gerry Roddy at (203) 215-3268.

**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](http://www.wnhu.net)  
Celtic Airs on Tuesdays from 6pm -9pm WWUH91.3 or [www.wvuh.org](http://www.wvuh.org)

**NHGF&H Club PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Thank you to everyone who worked at our Cul Camp week and to the club members who put their heart and soul into organizing it and making it such a success.  
Our CYC send off at the club for our kids was a great success - thank you to everyone who came out. Congratulations to our youth footballers who went to Philadelphia and took home cups and medals. Great job by all.  
Many thanks to all our members who helped out at our festival weekend. You all did an outstanding job promoting our Irish heritage. Hope to see you all at the All Ireland Hurling Final on 18th Aug. and at the All Ireland Football Final on 1st Sept. A full Irish breakfast will be served both finals which is included in the admission donation for the games. Save 14th September for our 70th Anniversary of the Gaelic Club - it promises to be a grand night.  
All the best,  
Anne

**IACC PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Dear Club members,  
I hope you are enjoying this wonderful summer weather. We had a great festival! Many thanks to all who volunteered! You helped make the weekend shine! It would not be possible without the leadership and hard work from our chairman Billy Mackey and his crew including Denise Mackey and Anne Hines. The list of people to thank is long including setting up, breaking down, coordinating food, vendors, music, our cultural tent and tea house, children's activities and feis, sports activities, parking, the gate, bar, advertising and our ad book, and the raffle. Thank you one and all! Our profit helps to maintain our building and keep our mission of spreading Irish culture alive! Please check this newsletter for all of our fall events! We are going to be busy!  
Sláinte,  
Eileen

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**IACC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

The Irish American Community Center will be awarding two \$500.00 scholarships to children of club members in good standing. The applicant must be a senior in a public or private high school, be attending a private high school (any grade) or enrolled in a college or university. Scholarship recipients are 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 September 1, 2019. Send applications to: Eileen O. Roxbee, 724 Tanner Marsh Rd. Guilford, CT 06437 Or Return the application to the club or roxbeeileen@gmail.com. Applicants will be notified on or before September 8, 2019 and will be awarded at the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dance on September 14, 2019.

**IACC Scholarship Application Form**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_  
High School: \_\_\_\_\_  
College or University: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent(s) Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
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)

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