



## March April 2010 Newsletter

Happy Easter,

Welcome everybody to another issue of the Wellington Irish Society Newsletter. I hope that everybody has had a great Easter and that you all haven't indulged in too many Easter-eggs over the long weekend.

We've had a very busy few weeks at the Irish Club with St Patrick's Day being especially busy this year. Thanks to everybody who came along to the clubrooms on the day and we hope that everybody enjoyed themselves.

Thanks also to everybody who turned out to welcome Mary Harney to the clubrooms on the 14<sup>th</sup> March. She enjoyed her visit and we enjoyed hosting her and her husband at the club.

We also had a very entertaining celebrity debate evening as well and Peter Dunne MP impressed all those in attendance with his repertoires on how "Nobody loves like an Irishman". Read more on the debate inside.

If you like Irish stew, we've got a Rachel Allen recipe inside for you all to try out. Also you'll find our latest brain teasers to keep the mind in tune as well as our now usual "Joke of the Month".

We'd love to hear from you and if you've anything to add to the newsletter in future, make sure to drop us a line.

Rgds  
David Rynne

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### REMINDERS THIS MONTH

- ✓ **AGM Forms** – Nomination Forms are available at the end of this newsletter.
- ✓ **Subscriptions Due** – Subscriptions for 2010-11 are now **Overdue**, please use the form at the back of the Newsletter to pay your subs.
- ✓ **Facebook** – We're now on Facebook. (Follow us on <http://www.facebook.com/WellingtonIrishClub>)



# Coming Events Coming Events

## **Friday Nights at the Club**

If you're partial to some really good harp and traditional music, then call down to the Club on Friday nights from 7.30. We have a group of musicians visiting us regularly and it would be a shame not to support them. Call in for a night of good music and plenty of fun. We've been getting a good few down at the club on Friday evenings so if you've got an hour or two to spare, feel free to drop in for a tune or even a game of pool with the usual suspects.

## **Minor Gaelic Football – Trial Day – Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2010**

On Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April at St Pats College in Kilbirnie, Wellington Hutt Valley GAA will be hosting a "Come and Try" day for students of various colleges throughout wellington. Training kicks off at 2.30pm.

They'd like to invite 14-18 year olds to come and try their hand at Gaelic football to help to grow the game in Wellington. If you know of anyone who would be interested in playing/helping out please call Dave on 021-02784187 for more details or direct them to [www.wellingtongaa.com](http://www.wellingtongaa.com)

## **2010 NZ Rose of Tralee – 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> June 2010**



Following the selection of the Regional Roses, the National Final of the Rose of Tralee will be held on Friday 4 and Saturday 5 June 2010 at the Invercargill Irish Society.

The winner will then represent New Zealand at the International Rose of Tralee Festival in Tralee, Co Kerry, Ireland from 20-24 August 2010.

Email the Secretary of the Invercargill Irish Society for further details - [scarymary1@xtra.co.nz](mailto:scarymary1@xtra.co.nz)

## Ireland v All Blacks in New Plymouth – June 12<sup>th</sup>

The Irish rugby team is touring NZ and Australia in June 2010. 12 June is the confirmed date for a test against the All Blacks in Yarrow Stadium, New Plymouth.

Click the link below to see the list of results and upcoming fixtures for the IRFU

[www.irishrugby.ie/7051\\_260.php](http://www.irishrugby.ie/7051_260.php)

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## **Operatunity Presents - It's a Great Day for the Irish – April 26<sup>th</sup>**

Where: [Assembly of God Church](#), 22 Marsden Street, Lower Hutt.

A fun and mad concert of Irish music (feel free to dress up) with Marian Burns on the fiddle, some lovely Irish songs, toe-tapping jigs, melodies and sing-a-longs - let's see a sea of green...

Tickets are \$27 and include a light lunch.

Concert commences at 11am.

Bookings essential call toll free 0508 266 237

### **ST PATRICK'S CELEBRITY DEBATE:**



Special Thanks to all the participants of the Annual Irish club debate on the 21<sup>st</sup> March. The affirmative team of Peter Dunne MP, Henry Clayton and Josh Cameron defeated the Negative team of John Whitty, Daniel McCaffery and James Grealy.

**The Motion being debated was that “Nobody loves like an Irishman”**

After some lively debate and friendly banter, the Non-Irish team defeated the Irish boys! We're still unsure as to why John and Daniel were arguing against their own 😊

Thanks also to Neil Miller on his witty and sometimes controversial marking system for the debaters. Thanks too to Jim Bowler on being the man in charge of the debaters, not an easy task!!!

## Capital Irish Radio Show

Filled with Irish news, live music and tales.

Next broadcast on 783AM:

12:00pm on Sunday 11th April

Right: Margaret Aitken (Senior Presenter and Promoter)



The Capital Irish team is now in its 6th year of broadcasting on Wellington Access Radio. The show was conceived in 2003 by Limerick man Tim Collins, who was working in Wellington and saw the need for an Irish radio programme. Tim later brought on board Margaret Aitken who is still at the helm today as senior presenter and promoter. Margaret, a qualified nurse, says she initially had no radio knowledge whatsoever, except as a listener tuning in to the show. Though she found producing the show quite challenging at first, we're glad she decided to tough it out.

Margaret says "I managed to acquire a great team of Irish people from various parts of Ireland, which keeps the show authentic.

"We have had various people on the programme and last year I was involved with The Festival Of The Arts Management in bringing various Irish performers to the show. Daniel McCaffrey (another presenter) has been of monumental help in various ways. Our current presenters apart from me are Daniel McCaffrey, Roy McGuinness, Neasa Scanlon, Peter Kelly, Jim Friel, Colin McNulty and Alice Paul, and technician Adam".

The programme includes modern and traditional Irish music, book and movie reviews, Irish news, local events and activities with an Irish flavour, interviews and live music. Capital Irish has interviewed many Irish Celebrities over the years, including current President Mary McAleese, and featured performances from many musical groups. Margaret says she hopes that the show continues to grow and embrace everything Celtic.

Capital Irish is sponsored by Green Man and the Irish Trust.

If you would like to contact the team, you can email  
to: [capitalirish@gmail.com](mailto:capitalirish@gmail.com) Tune in to Capital Irish, every Sunday at 12pm



# Recipe Corner

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### IRISH BEEF STEW



By Rachel Allen

Preparation time less than 30 mins

Cooking time 1 to 2 hours

#### **Ingredients**

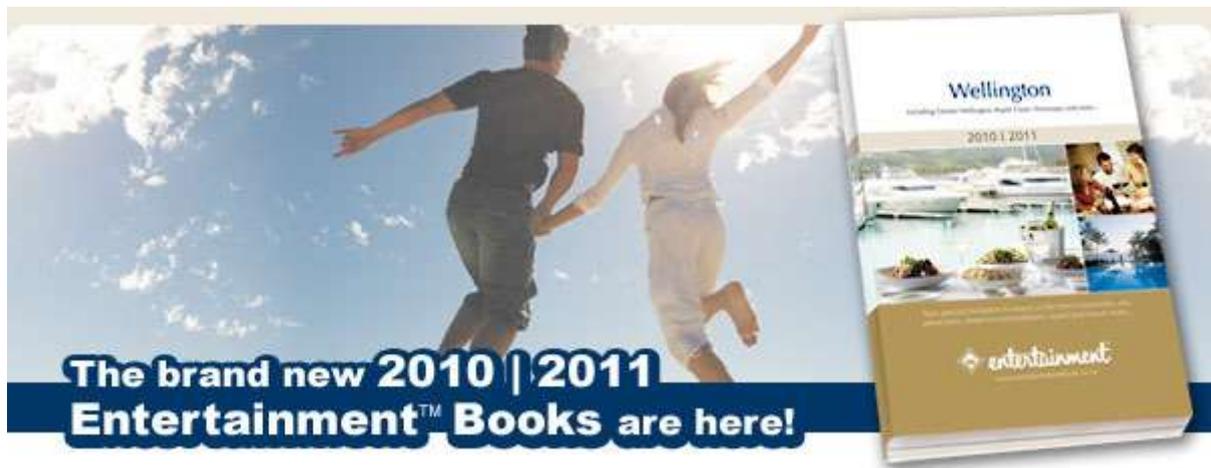
1½kg/3lb 5oz stewing beef, cut into cubes  
175g/6oz streaky bacon  
3 tbsp olive oil  
12 baby onions, peeled  
18 button mushrooms, left whole  
3 carrots, cut into quarters or 12 baby carrots, scrubbed and left whole  
salt and freshly ground black pepper  
1 tbsp chopped thyme  
2 tbsp chopped parsley  
10 cloves of garlic, crushed and grated  
425ml/15fl oz red wine  
425ml/15fl oz chicken or beef stock

#### **For the roux**

50g/2oz butter  
50g/1¾oz flour

#### **Method**

1. Brown the beef and bacon in the olive oil in a hot casserole or heavy saucepan.
2. Remove the meat and toss in the onions, mushrooms and carrots, one ingredient at a time, seasoning each time.
3. Place these back in the casserole, along with the herbs and garlic.
4. Cover with red wine and stock and simmer for one hour or until the meat and vegetables are cooked.
5. To make the roux, in a separate pan melt the butter, add the flour and cook for 2 minutes.
6. When the stew is cooked, remove the meat and vegetables.
7. Bring the remaining liquid to the boil and add 1 tbsp of roux.
8. Whisk the mixture until the roux is broken up and the juices have thickened, allowing to boil.
9. Replace the meat and vegetables, and taste for seasoning.
10. Sprinkle with chopped parsley and serve with [Pea and spring onion champ](#).



We're pleased to announce that the new 2010 | 2011 Wellington Entertainment™ Book has now launched!

Selling for **only \$60**, the Books are filled with even more exciting offers than ever before, worth over \$15,000. You can start using your Entertainment™ Book straight away, and it's valid until June 2011!

Best of all, your purchase will **support community fund-raising**. Entertainment™ Books are only available through groups who sell them as a fund-raiser, such as community organisations, schools, charities, and corporate groups.

Contact Wellington GAA ([wellingtongaa@gmail.com](mailto:wellingtongaa@gmail.com) or 021-02784187) to obtain your copy of this years' book.

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Dancing News  
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**Classes:** These have commenced for 2010 and are held at the Wellington Irish Society Clubrooms on Monday and Thursday evenings.

Any enquiries please contact Tricia Budding on (04) 232 6388.



# Gaelic Games News

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### Social Sevens Tournament

All of our congratulations go to **Clonbony Abu** on their narrow victory in extra time over the Rebel Og's to win the 7s tournament at finals recently. It was a scorching day at Ian Galloway Park and spectators were treated to some great games of football.

Congratulations also to the victorious captain **Dee Donohoe** and her team for their fantastic win in the ladies game.

Also, a massive well done to **David Donohue** and **Elaine Harrington** for winning Male and Female Player of the Tournament - greatly deserved!

#### *Clonbony Abu - Champions 2010*



Back Row ltr - Stu Turner, Davey Rynne, Declan Rynne, Grant Cross (Capt)  
Front Row ltr - Daithi O'Connor, Scott Maclean, Mike Burke, and Donal McNamara

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### WORKING BEE

The GAA Club have many experienced tradesmen and general workers in its ranks and as part of our fundraising for 2009-10 we're looking at running a few working bees over the summer.

So if you're looking for some work done around your property and have a need for carpenters, plumbers, electricians or just some muscle, drop us an email at [wellingtongaa@gmail.com](mailto:wellingtongaa@gmail.com) or ring 04-3890426 and ask for Dave



# Family Notices

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No Notices this month. If there is anything you'd like to see in this page, please drop us a line.

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### ST PATRICK'S DAY GOLF RESULTS

A great day was had by all. Special thanks to Bernie Breslin for organising the day out and by the looks of the results, he did quite well himself!

119 players turned up for the day & we were lucky with the weather. We had players from Wairapa up to Kapiti coast; even one from Co Cork & one from England who are on holidays

**Wellington Cup**  
**St Patrick's Day Cup**  
**5 Lucky Draw Winners of \$100**

Bernie Breslin  
Greg Magee  
Peter Stewart  
David Montgomery  
Paul Tito  
Maggie Lee

#### Can you help find Hugh??

Hi, I'm trying to locate a old lost friend of my mother for a reunion she is having later in the year, the only information I have to go on is that his name is 'Hugh' and that they met at a dance in 1965, he was in his late twenty's and worked for a roading crew, possibly a foreman/manager and was living in one of the camps in Wellington, he had a strong Irish accent and was a member of the club. Any information would be much appreciated.  
Regards Paul Stevenson

**If you can help, please contact us at the club and**

#### Comhaltas

**The next Comhaltas session**  
**is Saturday week the**  
**24th of April**  
**1.30 to 5.30pm**  
**at the Irish Club**

**Please come along to enjoy**  
**some Irish Music and**  
**Dancing. There will also be**  
**an Irish speaking group, so**  
**start practicing the cúpla**  
**focail!!!**



# Puzzle Page Puzzle Page

## Last Month's Answers

1. The match, of course.
2. The Pacific was the largest - no matter if it was discovered or not.
3. It was light out when he went to bed.
4. They are goldfish and a wind blew the fishbowl over

## This Month's Teasers

1. There are three switches downstairs. Each corresponds to one of the three light bulbs in the attic. You can turn the switches on and off and leave them in any position. How would you identify which switch corresponds to which light bulb, if you are only allowed one trip upstairs?
2. Christmas Tree  
Four angels sat on the Christmas tree amidst other ornaments. Two had blue halos and two – yellow. However, none of them could see above his head. Angel A sat on the top branch and could see the angels B and C, who sat below him. Angel B, could see angel C who sat on the lower branch. And angel D stood at the base of the tree obscured from view by a thicket of branches, so no one could see him and he could not see anyone either.  
Which one of them could be the first to guess the color of his halo and speak it out loud for all other angels to hear?

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### *Joke of the Month*

A man and a friend are playing golf one day. One of the guys is about to chip onto the green when he sees a long funeral procession on the road next to the course. He stops in mid-swing, takes off his golf cap, closes his eyes, and bows down in prayer. His friend says: "Wow! That is the most thoughtful and touching thing I have ever seen. You are truly a kind man."

The other man replies, "Yeah, well, we were married 35 years."

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*"LAUGH, AND THE WORLD LAUGHS WITH YOU; WEEP, AND YOU WEEP ALONE."*

*Ella Wheeler Wilcox - 1883*



# Notice Board

If you're looking for anything and you think that the wider Irish community can help, please send in your request to [wellingtonirishclub@gmail.com](mailto:wellingtonirishclub@gmail.com) and we'll publish it in this newsletter. When answers come back in we'll let you know. Whether it's a carpenter for a day, somebody to cut the lawns, someone to teach music etc, feel free to get in touch.

- We're always looking for new material for the newsletter, if you have anything to submit, original poems, stories etc, we'd be delighted to publish them in the newsletter.
- The club is also looking for family notices from Births, Marriages, anniversaries, Deaths etc that we can publish in the newsletter. Please send notice of same to [wellingtonirishclub@gmail.com](mailto:wellingtonirishclub@gmail.com) or to PO Box 449, 10 Fifeshire Ave, Wellington.
- The downstairs hall in the club is available for hire for both our members and the general public. Whether you'd like to hire it for 21<sup>st</sup>s, weddings, or any other celebration, we'd love to hear from you. Please leave a message on the clubs phone at 04-3848535 or drop an email to [wellingtonirishclub@gmail.com](mailto:wellingtonirishclub@gmail.com). Please note that the upstairs hall is not for hire to members or to the public.

## **FIRST FRIDAY AT THE CLUB – 7<sup>th</sup> May 2010**

Join us at the club on the 7<sup>th</sup> May for the next in the series of 1<sup>st</sup> Friday afternoons in the Irish Society Clubrooms. We're looking forward to seeing you all there.

### **NEED A WEBSITE!!!!**

We also have people than can develop websites for your business or other interests. We can help set up and design your site in return for a donation to the GAA. Again, you can contact Dave on 04-3890426 after 5pm for more details.

# Wellington Irish Society (Inc) Executive Committee Nomination Form

Please complete and return this application to the Irish Society

Nominations accepted from 1<sup>st</sup> April to 1<sup>st</sup> June at 8.30pm

## Nominated Person

Name	
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## Nominated By

Name	
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## Nominated Position (Tick One)

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Committee Member

## Acceptance

I hereby accept the nomination. [Nominees Signature]	
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## Proposers

1 <sup>st</sup> Proposer	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Proposer	



# Wellington Irish Society (Inc) Annual Subscription Invoice

Please complete and return this application to the Irish Society

## Member Details

Name	
Address	
Phone Number	
Email Address	

## Membership Type – Please select one:

Family (2 Adults & Children under 18 yrs)	\$45.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Retired Couple	\$35.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Single (Waged)	\$25.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Single (Retired/Unwaged)	\$20.00	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Subscription Due – 1<sup>st</sup> April

## Change of Details

New Address	
Phone Number	
Email Address	

Payment can be made online to **06-0513-0058515-00**





# Club Contacts

The following are the contact details of the Committee in 2009-10

Role	Name	Phone Number	Email
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Vice President	John Whitty		
Treasurer	Conor Healey		
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	Tony O’Riordan		
	Jim Henderson		
	Jim Maguire		Jm.flooring@xtra.co.nz
	Jim McMeekin		

For details of hall hire please ring the club on 384-8535 and leave a message with your number. We will ring you back with details.

Please send any Newsletter details to [wellingtonirishclub@gmail.com](mailto:wellingtonirishclub@gmail.com)

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