



Mar-Apr 2011 Newsletter

Happy St Patrick's Day to all!

I hope you all had a wonderful St Patrick's Day and it was great to catch up with a lot of you at the Club rooms on the day itself.

Congratulations to Bernie Breslin and Vinny Grealish for taking out the St Patrick's Day golf prizes as well.

On the 9th of April, Wellington GAA in conjunction with ourselves are holding a fundraiser for the family of Owen McKenna who tragically was killed in the Christchurch quake. We'd love to see you all on the night for this very worthy cause.

If you play a musical instrument, we'd love to see you on the night for a tune or two.

We have loads of more information and news in this month's newsletter from the Gaelic Football lads, Capital Irish Radio and news of events in the near future.

As its March again, I'd like to remind all our members that your membership fees are due again by the 1st April. For new members who joined in the last couple of months, your first membership is also due at this date.

I have attached membership renewal forms as well as committee nomination forms for the AGM on the 26th June. Please take time to see if you'd like to be a committee member and help the club out.

I hope you enjoy this month's newsletter and any feedback is more than welcome.

Rgds
David Rynne
Secretary

Reminders:

AGM – 26th June

Subscriptions are now due – please use the forms at the back of the newsletter to submit.



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.

Ceol Aneas 2011

2011 Dates: Friday 3 to Monday 6 June

Location: Nelson, New Zealand



Ceol Aneas is New Zealand's Irish music festival, based in Nelson, New Zealand and one of Australasia's major Irish music gatherings, attracting musicians and traditional Irish music lovers from around New Zealand and overseas.

Similar to the traditional Irish music summer schools in Ireland, The Ceol Aneas programme features instrumental tuition, meet the artist workshops, Ceili, concert featuring all tutors and numerous traditional Irish music 'sessions' around Nelson, running on into the small hours.

For lovers of Irish music, who are not registered for a tuition class, there will be a Ceili on Saturday night and a tutor's concert at The Suter Theatre on Sunday 5th June as well as the sessions in various venues around town. Keep an eye on the website www.ceolaneas.org for full programme details closer to the time.

You can contact the committee by emailing us at: info@ceolaneas.org

Wellington Irish Society – AGM - 26th June 2011

This year's Wellington Irish Society Annual General Meeting will be held at the clubrooms on Sunday 26th June at 3pm.

If you would like to put yourself forward for any of the positions on the Executive Committee please use the forms attached to this newsletter and send them back to us at the club at Wellington Irish Society, PO Box 449

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Please Note that Nominations for the Executive committee will be accepted between 1 April and 30 May 2011 08:30PM.



Capital Irish - Sunday's 12 noon

Filled with Irish news, live music and tales.

Next broadcast on 783AM: 12:00pm on Sunday 27th March 2011

Capital Irish are our own local Irish Radio show in Wellington and they broadcast every Sunday from 12-12:30pm.

If you'd like to try your hand at presenting any part of the show, they'd love to hear from you.

If you have anything that you'd like to advertise on the air, they'd only be too happy to help out.

You can contact them at capitalirish@gmail.com



Recipe Corner

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Hot Cross Buns



Ingredients

For buns:

4 cups flour

1 tsp salt

2 tsp spices – combine your choice of mixed spice, cinnamon and nutmeg

¼ cup brown sugar

1 ½ tsp yeast

1 cup milk, warmed

100g butter, softened

2 eggs

1 cup mixed dried fruit

For crosses:

½ cup flour

1 Tbsp butter

¼ tsp baking powder

Milk

Method

Blend flour, salt, spices and brown sugar. Stir yeast and milk together, and leave to stand for 15 minutes in a warm place (mixture should be frothy). Beat eggs and softened butter into the yeast mix, then add to blender with dry ingredients. Add dried fruit and blend until mixture is a dough consistency. Place dough into a greased bowl and cover, leaving in a warm area for 1 hour (dough should have doubled in size). Turn onto a floured board and divide into 16 portions, rolling into balls and placing on a greased oven tray. Allow about 1cm between each bun. Cover with a tea towel and leave in a warm place for 30 minutes until risen. Brush each bun with milk and add crosses to each bun. Bake at 190 degrees Celsius for 20 – 25 minutes. Brush with sugar glaze before taking the tray out and cooling.

For variation, make chocolate hot cross buns by adding ½ cup cocoa and ½ cup chocolate chips to the classic hot cross bun recipe. Alternatively, give your hot cross buns an orangey twist by adding the grated rind of one orange and glazing the buns with a mix of freshly squeezed orange juice and sugar.



Gaelic Games News

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Hi everyone,

It has been a very busy in the Wellington GAA scene.

We finished up our Men's summer sevens competition on Sunday 13th March at Ian Galloway park.

In what was a fantastic day for football, we had a big turnout for the games and after all was done and dusted, Molly Malone's came out on top after a nail biter of a game against Luke's Sky walkers.

Round	Team 1	Score	Score	Team 2
Semi 1	T-Shirt Time	04-04 [16]	04-07 [19]	Luke's Skywalkers
Semi 2	Clonbony Flyers	05-08 [23]	05-14 [29]	Molly Malone's
5th/6th	CuChulainn Crew	03-07 [16]	04-04 [16]	Dasey's Runners
3rd/4th	Clonbony Flyers	02-07 [13]	01-12 [15]	T-Shirt Time
FINAL	Like's Skywalkers	04-06 [18]	03-13 [22]	Molly Malone's

On Saturday 9th of April, the Christchurch ladies team are travelling up to us in wellington for a 7s competition.

The games will be played in Rongotai College from 1pm and we'll have the presentation later that night in the Irish Clubrooms.

Hoping to see you all there.

Donal Kavanagh
President – Wellington GAA

Check out the latest fixtures and results at www.wellingtongaa.com
Wellington Gaelic Football & Hurling Association



Entertainment Book

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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 (david.rynnne@hotmail.com or 021-02784187) to obtain your copy of this years' book.



Notices

Congratulations

Huge congratulations to Jim McMeekin and his wife Sylvia who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on the 11th March.

Congratulations to Jim & Jane Maguire who also got married recently in the Kapiti coast,

Deepest Sympathies

Our condolences to the family of Tomas Harty whose father in law Graeme Tetley passed away recently.

Puzzle Page

Last Month's Answers

1. Democrat, Republican, 2. Battenburg, 3. Germany, 4. The Everley Brothers, 5. Cowardly Lion, 6. Watch, 7. Butterfly, 8. Gloria Estefan, 9. Football, 10. Public, 11. Lily, 12. Spain, 13. 3 Points, 14. Berkshire, 15. Square, 16. Single, 17. Polish, 18. 13, 19. Cliff Michelmores, 20. Proverbs.

This Month's Teasers

- 1. When did the New Zealand 'All Whites' soccer team make their first appearance in the Soccer World Cup Finals?**
a) 2002 b) 1982 c) 1966 d) 1986
- 2. How many gold medals did swimmer Danyon Loader win at the 1996 Atlanta Olympics?**
a) 0 b) 2 c) 1 d) 3
- 3. Which of the following years did the New Zealand All Blacks rugby team win the World Cup?**
a) 1987 b) 1995 c) 2003 d) 1999
- 4. A New Zealander was the first person to win the 800m and 1500m athletics events at the same Olympics, set in Tokyo in 1964. Who was he?**
a) Arthur Lydiard b) Peter Snell c) Murray Walker d) Sean Fitzpatrick
- 5. Which event did a New Zealand team win for the first time in 1995?**
a) Davis Cup b) Rugby League World Cup c) America's Cup d) Cricket World Cup
- 6. Bob Charles was New Zealand's first ever golfer to win a golf major, winning the 1963 British Open. In 2005, which New Zealander won the US Open?**
a) Frank Nobilo b) Michael Campbell c) Phil Tait d) Craig Perks
- 7. In 2000, the New Zealand cricket team won their first major tournament when the team won the ICC Champions Trophy in Kenya. Who did they beat in the final?**
a) India b) South Africa c) Pakistan d) England
- 8. Which New Zealand cricketer set a record for most test career test wickets?**
a) Ewen Chatfield b) Danny Morrison c) Richard Hadlee d) Chris Cairns
- 9. Who was the first New Zealander to win a Formula 1 motor racing title?**
a) Denny Hulme b) Scott Dixon c) Bruce McLaren d) Matt Halliday
- 10. Where did the New Zealand men's basketball team finish at the 2002 Basketball World Champs, held in Indianapolis, USA?**
a) Third b) First c) Fourth d) Second.



Riddle Me This?

1. It is greater than God and more evil than the devil. The poor have it, the rich need it and if you eat it you'll die. What is it?
2. It walks on four legs in the morning, two legs at noon and three legs in the evening. What is it?
3. I am the beginning of the end, and the end of time and space. I am essential to creation, and I surround every place. What am I?
4. What always runs but never walks, often murmurs, never talks, has a bed but never sleeps, has a mouth but never eats?
5. I never was, am always to be. No one ever saw me, nor ever will. And yet I am the confidence of all, To live and breath on this terrestrial ball. What am I?
6. At night they come without being fetched. By day they are lost without being stolen. What are they?
7. There was a green house. Inside the green house there was a white house. Inside the white house there was a red house. Inside the red house there were lots of babies. What is it?
8. What is in seasons, seconds, centuries and minutes but not in decades, years or days?
9. Think of words ending in -GRY. Angry and hungry are two of them. There are only three words in the English language. What is the third word? The word is something that everyone uses every day. If you have listened carefully, I have already told you what it is.
10. The one who makes it, sells it. The one who buys it, never uses it. The one that uses it never knows that he's using it. What is it?



St. Patrick's Day Golf

RESULTS

We had 117 players turn up for the day with some great scores.

The St Patrick's day trophy was won by Vincent Grealish.

The Wellington cup was won by Bernie Breslin &
the best score of the day was Seamus Mc Andrew

A big thanks to Bernie Breslin for organising the day.

Introduction to Stringed Musical Instruments

Over the last number of years Bernie Breslin have been making Stringed Musical instruments, Violins, Bouzouki's, Mandolins and electric guitars.

He has organised an exhibition with three other makers from Upper Hutt to be held at Expressions Gallery, in Upper Hutt.

It is on from 15th April until 15th May.

On Sunday 1st May, some of these instruments will be played beginning at 12.00pm and at 1.15 a Floor Talk on these instruments will be given.



Christchurch Fundraiser

Wellington Gaelic football club are holding a fundraiser for the family of Owen McKenna who was tragically killed in the Christchurch earthquake. Owen was married with 2 young children and the Wellington GAA in association with the Wellington Irish Society are doing what they can to help out.

Owen was involved with Christchurch GAA in the past few years and has been a regular in Wellington with the Christchurch teams over the last few years.

On the 9th April, the Christchurch Ladies team is up in Wellington for a 7s tournament and afterwards we will be holding the fundraiser in the Society clubrooms from 6.30pm

We will have a Ceili Session on the night as well as food for everybody there. If you play a musical instrument or can hold a tune, we'd love to have you there as it's an open invite for Musicians.

There will also be a raffle on the night for great prizes such as an Interislander Family Pass, tickets to the Opera and various other prizes.

We would really love to see you all in the club on the 9th April to show your support for the McKenna Family.

If you can't make it on the night, we'd be delighted if you could spread the word to your family and friends and it would be fantastic to have a big crowd there on the night.

Date: 09th April 2011

Venue: Irish Society Clubrooms (Upstairs)

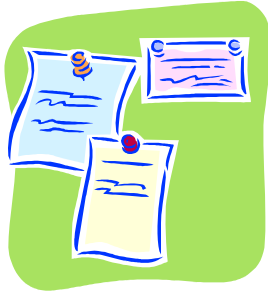
Cover Charge: \$20 (all proceeds to the McKenna family)

Other: There will also be a raffle on the Night



Learn Irish

1 Dia dhuit.		10 Táim, go raibh maith agat.		Irish text
God to you (singular).		I am, may good be at you.		Literal Translation
Hello.		I am, thanks.		Good Translation
2 Dia 's Muire dhuit.		11 Níl mé go maith.		Irish text
God and Mary to you (singular).		Am not I good.		Literal Translation
Hello (as a reply to someone).		I'm not well.		Good Translation
3 Conas atá tú?		12 Tá mé maith go leor.		Irish text
How are you? (Munster dialect)		Am I good enough.		Literal Translation
How are you?		I'm ok/ alright.		Good Translation
4 Cén chaoi a bhfuil tú?		13 Níl mé ró-mhaith.		Irish text
What way are you? (Connacht dialect)		Am not I too good.		Literal Translation
How are you?		I'm not too well.		Good Translation
5 Caidé mar atá tú?		14 Tá mé go breá.		Irish text
How are you? (Ulster dialect)		Am I great.		Literal Translation
How are you?		I'm great.		Good Translation
6 Tá mé go maith...		15 An bhfuil aon scéal agat?		Irish text
Am I good...		Is any story at you?		Literal Translation
I'm well...		Do you have any news?		Good Translation
7 ...go raibh maith agat...		16 Aon scéal?		Irish text
... may good be at you...		Any story?		Literal Translation
...thank you...		Any news?		Good Translation
8 ...agus tú fhéin?		17 Cad is ainm duit?		Irish text
...and yourself?		What is name to you?		Literal Translation
... and yourself?		What's your name?		Good Translation
9 An bhfuil tú go maith?		18 Síle is ainm dom.		Irish text
Are you good?		Síle is name to me.		Literal Translation
Are you well?		My name is Síle.		Good Translation



Notice Board

Wedding Band with a Ceili Caller!

Emma & Paul are looking for a Wedding band that also has a caller for a Ceili. They are getting married near Tauranga in January 2012.

If you know of any such band can you please contact Emma on the following email address.

paulandemma2012@yahoo.co.nz

Good Friday – 22nd April 2011

Good Friday is on the 22nd April and as per normal the **club will be closed.**

STOLEN!

A framed picture was taken from the stairwell in the club on St Patrick's Night.

If you managed to see who took it on the night or come across it in the next while, could you please contact us at the club on 04-3848535 with the details?

The picture was donated to the club and has a special place here so if you know or hear of anything, we'd be very grateful.



Finn McCool

A Story to tell the grand children!

We'll have an ancient Irish legend in each newsletter for you to spread the Irish Heritage to your families. All suggestions are welcome.

Finn McCool

Finn McCool (Fionn mac Cumhail) an Irish Giant lived on an Antrim headland and one day when going about his daily business a Scottish Giant named Fingal began to shout insults and hurl abuse from across the channel. In anger Finn lifted a clod of earth and threw it at the giant as a challenge, the earth landed in the sea.

Fingal retaliated with a rock thrown back at Finn and shouted that Finn was lucky that he wasn't a strong swimmer or he would have made sure he could never fight again.

Finn was enraged and began lifting huge clumps of earth from the shore, throwing them so as to make a pathway for the Scottish giant to come and face him. However by the time he finished making the crossing he had not slept for a week and so instead devised a cunning plan to fool the Scot.

Finn disguised himself as a baby in a cot and when his adversary came to face him Finn's wife told the Giant that Finn was away but showed him his son sleeping in the cradle. The Scottish giant became apprehensive, for if the son was so huge, what size would the father be?

In his haste to escape Fingal sped back along the causeway Finn had built, tearing it up as he went. He is said to have fled to a cave on Staffa which is to this day named 'Fingal's Cave'.

Other versions of the legend include Finn throwing a huge piece of earth which then became the Isle Of Man and the hole which it left behind became Lough Neagh.

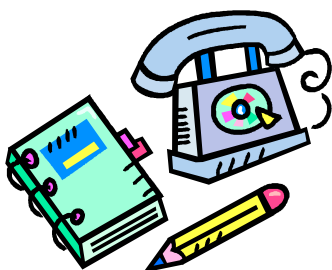
Last year we did a survey of who was using the wellington Irish Society website and we found that it was widely used throughout the world. I've taken the same stats for the Month of February this year and we've increased our readership in both NZ and back in Ireland.

Remember to keep spreading the word about www.wellingtonirishsociety.com and also that all present and past newsletters are available online!

Website Visits January 2010 V February 2011

Country	Number of Visits	
	Jan 2010	Feb 2011
New Zealand	111	169
United States	10	2
Ireland	10	18
United Kingdom	4	8
Australia	4	3
Other	1	5
Total	140	205

City	Number of Visits	
	Jan 2010	Feb 2011
Wellington	63	109
Auckland	31	37
Christchurch	6	9
Palmerton North	3	-
Lower Hutt	3	5
Porirua	3	-
Nelson	1	-
Other	1	9
Total	111	169



Club Contacts

The following are the contact details of the Committee in 2010-11

Role	Name	Phone Number	Email
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**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.
Alternatively, check the club website for online bookings.**

Please send any Newsletter details to Secretary@wellingtonirishsociety.com

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Wellington Irish Society (Inc)

Executive Committee Nomination Form

Please complete and return this application to the Irish Society

Nominations accepted from 1st April 2011 to 30th May 2011 at 8.30pm

Nominated Person

Name	
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Nominated By

Name	
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Nominated Position (Tick One)

- | | |
|------------------|--------------------------|
| President | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Vice President | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Secretary | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Treasurer | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Committee Member | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Acceptance

I hereby accept the nomination. [Nominees Signature]	
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Proposers

1 st Proposer	
2 nd Proposer	

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Quinn

This popular Irish surname is a derivative of a familiar old Irish first name, Conn (or Cuinn), meaning ‘counsel’ or ‘wisdom’ and sometimes ‘chief’. Over the years, numerous spelling variations have developed, from Quin to O’Quin, Quine and occasionally McQuinn or MacQuinn.

There were a number of families bearing the Quinn/Quin name throughout Irish history, denoted by the two very distinct coats of arms – one gold and green which represents the Quinns of Annaly and one red and silver, the arms of the Quinns of Thomond.

The Ulster Quinns, or Quinns of Annaly, were most populous in county Tyrone (although originally from Longford – they were forced out by the O Ferralls of Annaly), while the largest family was a Dalcassian sept of Thomond from County Clare. This was the family or clan of Niall O’Cuinn, who was killed in the Battle of Clontarf in 1014, and was the first in the family to use the surname.

In recent times, Quinn has been a prominent surname in Irish business and households. Feargal Quinn was the founder of Irish supermarket chain Superquinn, and was elected to the Senate in 1993 as an independent on the University College Dublin panel, primarily in recognition of his contribution to business and charities.

Niall Quinn is a famed Irish footballer, nicknamed The Mighty Quinn, who helped the international team reach the knock-out stages of the World Cup in 1990, while Cavan businessman Seán Quinn is the founder of the Quinn Group of companies (health, insurance, hotels, glass, cement), and was once the richest man in Ireland with a fortune of €4.7 billion (US\$6 billion). Other famous Quinns of note include Academy Award winning actor, the late Anthony Quinn (Lawrence of Arabia, Zorba the Greek) who although born in Mexico, was of Irish ancestry. Aidan Quinn, another noteworthy actor, was born in Chicago to Irish parents and starred in many Irish as well as Hollywood films throughout the 1990s in particular, including Michael Collins and Song for a Raggy Boy.

Shauna O’Halloran

Courtesy of <http://www.irelandofthewelcomes.com>

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	
Date	

Membership Type – Please select one:

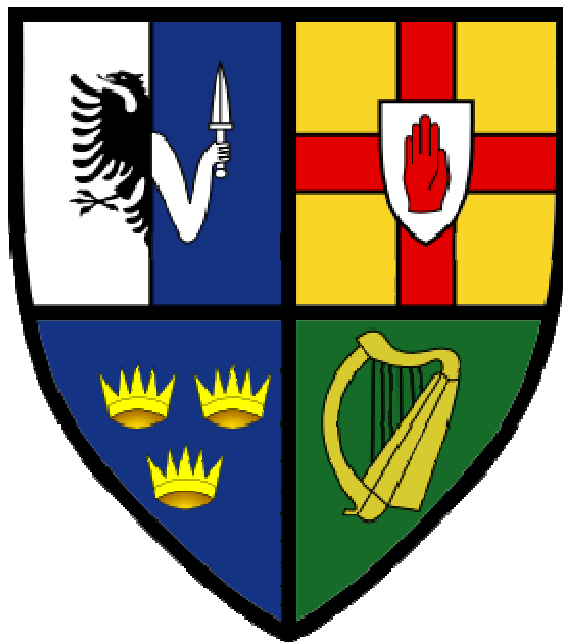
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| Retired Couple | \$35.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Single (Waged) | \$25.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Single (Retired/Unwaged) | \$20.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Subscription Due Date – 1st April 2011

Membership Period is 1st April 2011 to 31st March 2012

Payment Details
<p>1. Send a cheque to the Irish Society at the address above</p> <p>Or</p> <p>2. Pay online to the society bank account 06-0513-0058515-00</p> <p>Please use your name and "subs" as the reference.</p>

Wellington Irish Society (Inc)



This Month's Quote

"A life spent making mistakes is not only more honorable, but more useful than a life spent doing nothing."

George Bernard Shaw