



Spring 2015 at the Wellington Irish Society

Spring is in the Air and as the days lengthen there's plenty to do both indoor and out.

There has been a lot happening at the club since our June newsletter. The new committee of the Wellington Irish Society are committed to ensuring the Society continues to connect the local Irish community, friends and family and provide a great place for all things Irish. We have been working tirelessly on producing a strategy plan which incorporated your feedback by way of an anonymous survey and will present to members very soon- further notification will be sent regarding this.

Your Committee elected at the AGM;

Jackie McCully- President
Margaret Grealish- Vice President
John Whitty- Vice President
Caolan Keegan- Treasurer
Orla Carmody- Secretary
Sinead Ward- Committee Member
Ian Long- Committee Member
Micheal Hanily- Committee Member
Trevor O'Halloran- Committee Member
Paul Clancy- Committee Member

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Jackie McCully
President

What we've been up to

We've been showing delayed coverage and replays of the All-Ireland Football qualifiers and Hurling semi-finals. There has been some thrilling games to date- come on down and join us as we reach the business end of the season!

Hurling and football Finals will be shown Live – opening from 1am Monday 7th and 21st for the respective finals!! And delayed coverage for those who don't want to stay up all night will be on those evenings at 6pm.

Rugby has also featured in our regular events with family friendly viewing high on our priority lists when the timings are right- the kids having a choice of watching a movie or the rugby.

English Premiership football games are proving popular, we will be showing replays of Saturday premiership games at 7.30pm on Sunday evenings. We have set up a fantasy football league if anyone is wishing to join late- the Code for the Private League is 648976-176956 and go to <http://fantasy.premierleague.com/>

We ran some fun school holiday activities in the club in July and planning is underway for some more for the next holidays. Here's some photographs of kids enjoying cupcake decorating, Gaelic football introductory class and Irish Dancing workshop. We are really committed to bringing families together in the Club. If anyone has any ideas for our next holidays please let us know. Thanks to those who enabled these events to happen and to all those who attended.



What's on?

THE WELLINGTON IRISH SOCIETY PRESENTS


ALONE IT STANDS

BY JOHN BREEN
DIRECTED BY ANIA UPSTILL

THE TRUE STORY OF THE ONLY TIME IN HUMAN HISTORY AN IRISH RUGBY TEAM MANAGED TO DEFEAT THE ALL BLACKS!

WEDNESDAY 19 AUGUST -
SATURDAY 5 SEPTEMBER, 7.30PM
NO SHOW SUNDAY/MONDAY/TUESDAY

10 FIFESHIRE AVE [OFF CAMBRIDGE TERRACE]
BOOKINGS 0800-BUY TIX [289-849]
OR VISIT WWW.EVENTFINDA.CO.NZ



In anticipation of the All Blacks attempt to defend the Webb Ellis Trophy, the Wellington Irish Society proudly presents the comedy by John Breen that tells the now legendary story of the 1978 rugby match at Thomond Park, Ireland between Irish provincial side Munster and the mighty All Blacks.

Munster's 12-0 victory in this match remains the only time any Irish team, national or otherwise, have ever beaten the All Blacks.

"...the cleverest, funniest, most brilliantly crafted play you are ever likely to see..." - Irish Times

"...This show supplies a winning formula of comedy and pathos.... the whole evening is a gloriously live experience "- The Guardian

In this comedic and highly entertaining portrayal of the match, six actors portray both teams, children, fans, relatives, a dog and even a rugby ball – all with no props and only a half time change of shirt!

After the success of Playboy of the Western World last year, the Wellington Irish Society is pleased to deliver another Irish theatre classic – where the audience are invited to a vibrant 'pub theatre' experience, culture and legendary craic!

As the iconic Wellington Irish Society is transformed into a rugby pitch - wear your rugby colours and cheer along with this vibrant celebration of rugby culture.

No Shows Sun/Mon/Tues

Tickets: \$20 general / \$10 concession (student, senior, community services card holder)

Door sales available

Members can purchase their tickets at the door for a special discounted rate of 20% on general tickets.

Bookings: 0800 BUY TIX (289 849) or www.eventfinda.co.nz/2015/alone-it-stands-munster-12-all-blacks-0/wellington

Regular Classes

Sundays 2.00pm – 3.00pm Irish Dancing Lessons for beginners at the Wellington Irish Society. First class is free so you can try it out and see if it's for you. For further information contact Rosemary on 027 346 0133 or email sullivan.rosemary@gmail.com . You can also check this out on Facebook – [Kildunne School of Irish Dance](#)

Wednesdays, 8.30pm – 11pm, Ricardo's Milonga at the Wellington Irish Society. Come and enjoy a Buenos Aires Milonga setting with great tango music. \$10 entry, non-alcoholic drinks and snack platters provided all throughout the evening.

Upcoming Events- Mark your calendars

11 September - Wellington and Hutt Valley GAA fundraiser Quiz night

Wellington and Hutt Valley GAA are hosting a Table Quiz on Friday 11th of September from 6:30pm. There will be lots of prizes. An Overall winner prize, Best Team name Prize and Worst score Prize and plenty of Spot prizes also. Everyone welcome bring your own team or come along and join in. Cost; \$10 per person 4-6 per team

30 September – 3 October Australasian State Games

The tournament runs from Wednesday 30th September to Finals day on Saturday 3rd October. Wellington and the Hutt Valley GAA are hosting the games at Te Whiti Park in Lower Hutt. They are seeking volunteers to assist in daily tasks to help run the tournament smoothly. For further information regarding help please contact Wellington and Hutt Valley GAA President Trevor O'Halloran a call on 021 506 722.

17 October – Irish Music and Ceili Night

Join us for a night of Irish music and dance with some of Ireland's top musicians and dancers, including: Liam Scanlon (World Irish Dance Champion); Charlene Morrison (dancer with Altan and Celtic Crossroads); Stephen Doherty (All Ireland melodeon and flute champion); David Doocey (All Ireland fiddle and concertina champion); Pat Coyne (guitarist for Sean and Dolores Keane); and Andrew Laking (double bass).

Stephen and David, both of whom play with Gráda, are well known in the West of Ireland for their legendary ceilis with the Salamanca Ceili Band. Now they bring that spirit direct to New Zealand for a fantastic night of dancing and music.

The ceili runs from 8.30pm – 9:30pm and is followed by a traditional session where they will be joined by some local guests.

24-25 October – Annual Feis – Auckland

That time of year again, the Feis is held in Auckland this year- let us know if any members are keen to compete and represent the Wellington Irish Society in any of the following events; poetry, Instrumental, Drama, Oratory, Storytelling, Solo singing, group singing.



We are now selling some Irish favourites behind the bar at the club, call in any Friday or Sunday evening to get your fix.

Messages

Get well wishes

We wish Sam Hautapu a speedy recovery following a recent operation. We are pleased you're doing well and look forward to seeing you back behind the bar very soon.

We also wish John Walsh a speedy recovery.

Bereavements

A very sad but lovely send-off was had at the club for Finbarr Clabby, he was a good friend to many in the Irish Community in Wellington as shown by the crowd that came to farewell him. His brother and two sisters who came out from Ireland took great comfort in knowing he was so popular. A beautiful tribute was read out at the Funeral Mass of Thanksgiving by the priest at The Church of Saint Oliver Plunkett in Renmore, Co. Galway...from all his friends in Wellington. Taken too soon but not forgotten, R.I.P Finbarr

Our deepest sympathy on the death of Maureen O'Sullivan, sister of Dawn Hayes and sister in law of Anne Riley. Condolences to their families. R.I.P Maureen.

Expressions of Interest/Future Events

We would appreciate your input on these as well as any other ideas for things you'd like to see happening at the club – these ideas can be collated for our next newsletter. Phone us at the club or email us at newsletter@wellingtonirishsociety.com with your feedback, ideas or preferences.

Spring Clean

Should you be having a clear out!

We would like to build on our growing collection of family comforts at the club. We would appreciate items such as good quality toys and books as well as high chairs or suitable items that you wish to donate.

Watch this space

We are currently making some plans for 1916 commemorations. Further information will be communicated as plans are developed.

From Wellington Irish Society Indoor Bowls:

Indoor Bowls success

Over Queen's Birthday weekend the Catholic federation held its annual Indoor Bowls Championship at the Walter Nash stadium in the Hutt Valley. There are two parts to play each day. In the morning there was section play where teams played 4 games and needed to win at least three of these games played over 9 ends for a maximum of 35 minutes to qualify. All those who qualified went into a knockout post section play, drawn at random.

The singles event on the Saturday saw Jessie Moffat reach the last 16. 150 players entered the singles.

In the fours the team of Sam Hautapu, Eileen Healy, Ursula Carroll and Richard Carroll reached the last 8. 60 teams entered the fours.

In the Pairs on the Monday, 110 teams entered. The team of Carl Jaimeson, skip and Terry Moffat as lead, battled their way through section play in the morning to qualify along with 31 Other pairings. Terry has been a long time member of the Irish Indoor Bowls Club and has played regularly for North Wellington reps. Carl joined up with Terry to play in this Championship as they had played some rep games together.

In post section play they comfortably defeated Lois Ogier and Colleen Fanning of St Pats Napier. They defeated Sandra & Peter Bain, followed by Donald & Janice Leighton of Clareville. These four had combined together the previous day to win the fours.

In the semi-final they defeated Ray Martin & Lyn Phillips of St Francis Manawatu. The final against Marcus Triln and Chris Wolek of Waiwhetu was closely fought as they dropped 3 shots on the first end. Over the next 2 ends the scores were even. They then slowly moved out to an 8 – 4 lead before the opposition clawed their way back to 7 – 8 on the final end.

This is the first National Catholic Title for both Terry and Carl. Terry first played in this tournament in 1993. It is also the first time that players representing wellington Irish have won a National Catholic title.

Indoor Bowls continue to be played each Tuesday evening at 7.30 pm until mid October. All interested players welcome.



From Wellington and Hutt Valley GAA:

The winter season of Gaelic football and Hurling is taking shape nicely in Wellington and the Hutt Valley and we're well underway with planning for the 2015 Australasian state games.

It's the first time since 1997 that we've had the privilege of hosting the tournament and we're working fervently behind the scenes to deliver an epic event.

The tournament runs from Wednesday 30th September to Finals day on Saturday 03rd October.

We're hosting the games at Te Whiti Park in Lower Hutt

We'd like to take this opportunity to make a shout out for help in running the week as we'll need a significant number of volunteers to make it a success, see below for all the details.

Shout out for Volunteers!

Hosting the Australasian State Games is a great privilege and also a huge undertaking.

Thanks to our players and members dedication, it's all on course for a fantastic tournament.

Of course there's lots more to do and that's where we'd like to ask for your help.

There are numerous tasks that we'll need help with leading up to and during the tournament.

If you have some time available and are willing to help, then we'd be delighted to hear from you.

We promise to keep the week fun for everybody and to value your input.

We're looking for all sorts of help from helping out at the kitchen, scoreboard duties, changing room facilitators, handing out flyers, techie help, etc.

There are lots more required so if you feel you can help, please send us your details on this link

Recipe Section

Irish Stew (perfect for these cold evening's)



Serves 6

Ingredients

2 tblsp rapeseed oil
1 kg (2lb 3oz) lamb shoulder, trimmed and cut into 2.5cm(1in) chunks
2 onions, peeled and roughly chopped
3 celery stalks, trimmed and sliced
1 bay leaf
4 large carrots, peeled and roughly chopped
1 l (1¾ pints) beef or lamb stock
900 g (2lb) potatoes, peeled and cut into 1cm (in) slices
good knob of butter
sea salt and ground black pepper
slices of soda bread or wheaten bread (recipe in March newsletter), to serve

Directions

Place a large, flameproof casserole pot over a high heat, add 1 tablespoon of the oil and brown the lamb pieces in two batches. Remove and set aside on a plate. Reduce the heat to medium–high, add another tablespoon of oil and fry the onion, celery and carrot for 4–6 minutes or until the onions have softened.

Preheat the oven to 160°C (325°F/Gas 3). Return the meat to the pot, along with the bay leaf and stock, season with sea salt and ground black pepper and bring to the boil. Remove from the heat and push the slices of potato down into and across the top of the stew, dot with a little butter and give a final seasoning of sea salt and ground black pepper. Cover and place in the oven to cook for about 1 hours or until the meat is tender, then remove the lid and cook for a further 10 minutes until the potatoes have coloured.

You can serve the stew straight away or leave it covered overnight in the fridge for the flavours to develop. Serve in deep bowls with slices of white bread to soak up the liquid.