



CEILIDHE CLUB NEWS

May 2018

RECURRING EVENTS



**MONDAYS
SET DANCING**
7:15-9:15 pm



**FRIDAYS
PUB NIGHT**
7-11 pm



**3rd FRIDAY/MONTH
MEMBERSHIP
MEETING**
7 pm (Pub Night after)



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Annual Club dues are \$50 per person. Dues are renewed each April. You may mail dues to Ceilidhe Club. Thank you.

OFFICERS & BOARD

- President: Bob Sheridan
- VP: Corky McWey
- Treasurer: Robert Rambo
- Recording Secretary: Paula Dodd
- Corresponding Secretary: Maggie Lenau
- Sergeant at Arms: Mel Lynch
- Trustees: Peg Flynn, Irene O'Rourke, Kathy Greenwell, Laura Travis, Dennis Hughes

Friday, May 18
General Membership Meeting - 7pm
Nomination and Election of Officers

President's Letter *By Bob Sheridan*

Dear Members,

The club is nearing the end of a very financially and culturally successful year. Our financials, as discussed at our General Membership meeting, are over the top and projected to be substantially in the black due to some smart business practices.

The membership has increased by over 40 people this year which, I believe, is a record number; dues are an integral part of our sustainability.

To date, we have candidates for the offices of Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Sergeant at Arms. We are still in need of candidates to fill the President and Vice-President positions. Certainly there must be someone/someones who can step up to the plate and give the club at least 10 months of service. There are a few past presidents around that can assist in the journey. The nomination of officers will be on Friday, May 18 at the 7pm monthly meeting. Please be sure to submit your name or nominations prior to that date. Voting will take place that same evening.

The club will be hosting a Members Appreciation Event on Sunday, May 20th from 3 to 7pm. This event is free to members who have paid their 2018-2019 dues; all others \$10. If you have not yet paid your dues, please mail them in or you may pay at the door on May 20th. This is a great end-of-year venue to include installation of officers as well as a chance to meet other members. Note Well: We are pleased to announce the return of the **Tommy Lanigan Band**, Step Dancing, buffet, prizes, etc. Any Irish Bread or dessert donations proudly accepted.

Remember your annual dues of \$50 need to be paid this month or membership is suspended. There will be an assessment increase of \$5 for late dues as discussed at last General Membership meeting.

Sincerely,
Bob Sheridan
President

CALENDAR *Details page 2*

MAY

Friday 5/4	7-11pm	Pub Night: Traditional Irish Session with Torrin Ryan
Saturday 5/5	7:30-10:30pm	Ceili Dance: Joey Abarta (details page 2)
Mondays 5/7, 14, 21	7:15-9:15pm	Set Dancing Class <i>Note: No class 5/28</i>
Tuesday 5/8	1pm	Book Club
Friday 5/11	7-11pm	Pub Night
Friday 5/18	7pm	General Membership Meeting
	7-11pm	Pub Night: Pub Sing with Armand Aromin & Ben Gagliardi
Sunday 5/20	3-7pm	Member Appreciation Event , installation of officers. w/ Tommy Lanigan Band
Friday 5/25	7-11pm	Pub Night
Saturday 5/26	4:30pm	Fiddle Workshop w/ Gerry O'Connor
	7pm doors open	Concert: Gerry O'Connor with Kevin McElroy in the Pub
	7:30 performance	

June

	Save the date	
Friday 6/1	7-11pm	Pub Night
	7:30pm	1916 Committee Lecture: "The Molly Maguires"
Mondays 6/4, 11	7:15-9:15pm	Set Dancing Class (<i>last class is 6/11</i>)

Event Details

Member Appreciation Sunday

May 20th, 3pm to 7pm

Featuring: Music by "The Tommy Lanigan Band"
RI Ceilidhe Club Step Dancers performing, Buffet meal & prizes!

Officers for upcoming year will be installed.

Free to members who have paid their 2018-2019 dues. Others \$10. Dues can be paid that day.
Come and celebrate another season of Ceilidhe Club supporting Irish culture in RI!

Donations of Irish bread and desserts greatly appreciated!

Ceilidhe Club Concert Series

Saturday, May 26 - Pub Concert

Gerry O'Connor with Kevin McElroy

Fiddle, Banjo, Mandolin

Doors & cash bar open 7pm, music begins 7:30pm
Tickets at the door,
\$20 general, \$15 Ceilidhe Club members

Fiddle Workshop with Gerry O'Connor
Saturday, May 26th, 4:30pm

In this workshop designed for intermediate players, Gerry will demonstrate & explain some typical bowing patterns in Irish Music specific to the playing of Dance music.

Contact: Sorrel Devine for details and to register
at eirehead1@gmail.com or 401-837-7181.
\$50 per student; class limited to 12 students.

A CINCO de MAYO CEILI DANCE

Saturday, May 5, 7:30-10:30pm

Music by FoJAB (Friends of Joey Abarta)
Admission \$15; non-dancers \$7
Hosted by Barry & Pat Callahan; all sets called.

1916 Committee Lecture

The Molly Maguires

Friday, June 1, 7:30pm - upstairs hall
Presenter: Pat Brady

During the late 1860's and the 1870's, sixteen mining officials were assassinated in the coal fields of Pennsylvania. These murders accompanied random assaults on mining personnel as well as destruction of property. Blame fell on the Molly Maguires, a protective secret society of coal miners in Ireland that brought its oath bound allegiance with it to America. But were the Molly Maguires terrorists? Or were they innocent? History hasn't provided much wiggle room between these two choices, and the gory details of conflicts are usually for the winners to tell. Thus we have the accepted portrayal of the Mollies as a band of evil Irishmen until they were brought to their knees by that icon of corporate justice, Pinkerton detective James McParlin. The lecture will address the mysteries surrounding the Molly Maguires - stars in a narrative of early Irish-America. Should be a very interesting night! Lecture is free & open to the public.

After lecture, enjoy music in the downstairs pub.

Club News

BOOK CLUB will meet Tuesday, May 8, at 1pm at the home of Helen Flynn, 26 Tecumseh St, Providence. This month's book is After This by Alice McDermott. For more information, call Helen at 331-7614. All are welcome to this discussion.

Please note: In the future, all emails will originate from our own club address. While it is being set up, this newsletter is being sent out on secretary's private email.

Email info@riirishclub.org if you would like to receive this newsletter electronically.