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REGULAR BRANCH ACTIVITIES

Monthly Seisiún ~ The first Sunday of each month, October thru June, 3:00 - 7:00 pm at the Canadian-American Club, 202 Arlington Street, Watertown. Musicians are invited to join in. There is set, céilí, old-time waltz and other dancing. Admission \$10 members/\$15 non-members. Refreshments served. Remember to bring along your own tea/coffee mug to help save our planet!

Set/Céilí Dance Workshops ~ With Sally & Joe Harney and Barbara Boyd are held each Tuesday at the Canadian-American Club, September thru May, at 7:30 pm. *All levels welcome.*

Boston Comhaltas Music School ~ Offers two 10-week semesters in the spring and fall for most traditional Irish instruments, including banjo, bodhran, button accordion, concertina, flute, guitar, harp, mandolin, tin whistle, and uilleann pipes, as well as singing. Rental instruments are available to enrolled students.

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Δ Χαίρε,

Anticipation for our annual convention is building. Officers of our RHC branch, and the other seven branches that comprise the North East Region, have been diligently piecing together the many logistics required to offer a seamless and memorable weekend. Our block of hotel rooms has sold out! If you plan to attend, but have not yet booked a room, contact Bridget English or Tim Quinn (contact info on page2); they are maintaining a waitlist. If you have booked a room and need to cancel, it's also very important to contact them so the room can be transferred to someone on our waitlist and not released to the general public. The total solar eclipse occurring on the Monday after our convention has caused all hotel rooms in the Buffalo area to be highly sought-after.

More convention business! If you haven't booked your registration package yet, please do so. It's important to get firm numbers for workshops and to balance the budget. Would you be interested in volunteering for a couple of hours during the weekend? There are many opportunities, from manning the registration desk to checking attendees into workshops and more. It's a fun way to get to know fellow lovers of Irish music & dance and to make a new friend or two. Or perhaps you're considering placing an ad in the convention journal for your business, organization or as a memorial to a loved one. If you'd like information on any of these items, please contact me and I will forward to you the material.

In other news, our music school began its new semester on January 27th. We give our gratitude to our music teachers and offer all the students our best wishes for an enjoyable and successful term.

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~ For newsletter items or suggestions, call or text Maureen Woods (978) 518-0436 or email mo.woods@comcast.net ~

EVENTS/NOTICES

Monthly Seisiún/Céilí ~ Will be held Sunday February 4th, 3:00 - 7:00 pm, at the Canadian-American Club, 202 Arlington Street, Watertown. \$10 members/\$15 non-members. Many thanks to the musicians who share their talent for our enjoyment and also for your generous donations of raffle prizes and baked goods.

Weekly Set Dance Workshops ~ with the Harneys and Barbara Boyd are held each Tuesday (weather permitting), Canadian-American Club, 202 Arlington Street, Watertown. 7:30 - 9:00 pm.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Irish Cultural Centre ~ The Friday Night Session Group holds an open session every week starting at about 6:00 pm; all musicians, singers and toe-tappers are welcome.

Set dance workshops with Cait Bracken are held on Monday evenings, 7:00 pm.

Mass and Irish breakfast ~ February 4th, 11:00 am.

Valentine's Night Concert with Meadhbh Walsh, Wednesday, February 14th, 7:30 - 10:00pm. \$25-\$40.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR (continued)

Monthly Pop-Up Gaeltacht and open session ~ “an informal gathering of Irish speakers of varying abilities designed to encourage new friendships and conversations ‘as Gaeilge’ ”. 3rd Saturday of each month, 5:00 - 8:00 pm.

Check the ICC website for more events:

<https://www.irishculture.org/whats-on/events/>

Irish History Courses ~ Sean Murphy will be presenting “History of Dublin” & “Norman Conquest/Invasion”. Thursdays via Zoom during February. \$100. For details, see <https://www.irishhistory.online/events-all>.

Boston College Gaelic Roots Series will be hosting a traditional ceili with Kieran Jordan. Music by fiddler and Director of Gaelic Roots, Sheila Falls and friends. Friday, March 22nd, Gasson Hall, 6:30 - 8:30 pm. All are welcome. Free <https://www.bc.edu/bc-web/schools/mcas/sites/irish.html>

IAHS Spring Céilí ~ mark your calendars! Girl Power will return for a céilí at the Irish American Home Society, Glastonbury, CT. April 14th, 3:00 pm. \$15.

Irish Session at the Canadian-American Club, Watertown, is held the first Thursday of every month, 7:30 - 10:00 pm. \$7. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/519741194792000/>

Irish Pastoral Centre ~ Monthly trad session every 3rd Sunday, 3:00 - 5:00 pm. All musicians, all levels, all ages welcome. Tea & coffee served. IPC, 540 Gallivan Blvd, Boston. <https://www.ipcboston.org/event-details-registration/traditional-irish-music-session-1>

New Cape Cod Session ~ with Bill Black and “Cat’s Melodeon” musicians, Auld Triangle Pub, 412 Main St, Hyannis (formerly British Beer Co). Saturdays, 2:00 - 5:00 pm or “thereabouts”. **Email:** info@theauldtriangle.com

The tune below is courtesy of Bill Black and his website <http://www.capeirish.com/itt/>. A wealth of information!

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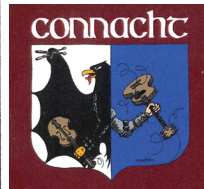
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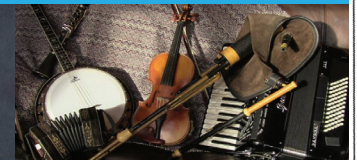


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