



# IRISH CULTURAL & SPORTS ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN CT



## Cumann Cultúr agus Spóirt na hÉireann Cúigiú Lá Déag de Fómhair

(The Pulse - 15th of October)

A Chairde (Friends),

### Social Committee Meeting - Monday 16th October 7.15 pm at the Playwright

Please join us for a social committee meeting on Monday, evening before the 8 pm General Membership Meeting. We need to plan events and activities for the fall and spring and we would love to have your input and your help. Come on down and visit with friends and help make our Club a success! Please contact Margaret if you have any questions: Margaret [mprendergast@icsa-home.org](mailto:mprendergast@icsa-home.org) or 203-675-6683.



### General Membership Meeting - Monday 16th October 8 pm at the Playwright

This is the first meeting after the summer break. We will be discussing the up coming calendar of events, possible fundraisers and the financial stability of the club. There are lots of good ideas to talk about. This is an open forum for all club members, so come on down and get involved. Members are encouraged to attend and bring a friend that may be interested in our club. Guests accompanying members are welcome. We hope to see you.



### Irish Language Classes

Irish Classes have just started up after the summer break. If you are a beginner, now is the time to come to a class and see if you like it. Classes are available to all ICSA members for no charge. Classes are also open to non-members for a nominal fee, so you can try it out and see how you like it. Classes take place every Wednesday night in North Haven with the beginners class at 7pm and the Advanced Beginners class is at 8pm. Sign up details are available on the club website ([www.icsa-ome.org](http://www.icsa-ome.org)) or contact Cultural Director, Rich Regan at ([rregan@icsa-home.org](mailto:rregan@icsa-home.org)).

### Annual Holiday Market - November 18th, 12 to 6pm

Join us on Saturday, 18th of November, from Noon to 6pm, to begin the shopping season with Irish Goods, Clothing, Jewelry, Gifts and Decorations. We will be gathering at The Playwright Bar & Restaurant, 1232 Whitney Avenue, Hamden, with mountains of goodies. There will be several vendors there bringing lots of fun things to check out, including Lucky Ewe, Queen's Jewels, Ogham Art, Mary Kay and JBZ Creative Carving and Pyrography and more.... If you would like to purchase Irish Goods (Bacon, Sausage, Black & White Puddings, Boiled Bacon, Barry's Tea and much more) see the attached order form. Orders must be placed by Wednesday 1st November. If there are items not on the list that you'd like, contact Margaret ([mprendergast@icsa-home.org](mailto:mprendergast@icsa-home.org)) and we'll see if we can find it for you. We will have a supply of Irish candy Christmas selection boxes and cookies. Please bring your friends and get a jump start on your holiday shopping!! If you are a vendor or crafter interested in taking a booth at the Playwright Holiday Market, please contact Margaret.

### ICSA Annual Raffle Drawing. Tickets available NOW! - November 18th

The ICSA raffle draw will take place at The Playwright in Hamden at 6pm on Saturday, November 18th. The proceeds will support our Irish Cultural Programs. First prize will be a \$750 Amex gift card, second prize is a \$150 Lottery Tree and third prize is a \$100 gift certificate for The Playwright Restaurant and Pub in Hamden. Tickets only cost \$1 and are available from any officer. We need club members to help sell tickets and we will be supplying members with a couple of books to sell or purchase. Tickets are available NOW! Whoever sells the most tickets will receive a complimentary 2017 membership. Please contact Shaun Donnelly ([sdonnelly@icsa-home.org](mailto:sdonnelly@icsa-home.org), 203-387-7999), Margaret Prendergast ([mprendergast@icsa-home.org](mailto:mprendergast@icsa-home.org), 203-675-6683) to get a supply of tickets. Thanks in advance for your help.

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#### ANNUAL RAFFLE

To Benefit Development of Cultural Programs

Three (3) Prizes to be Awarded - Alcoholic Beverages Excluded

1st Prize \$750.00 American Express Gift Card

2nd Prize \$150 Connecticut Instant Lottery Game Tickets

3rd Prize \$100 Gift Certificate Redeemable at  
The Playwright, Hamden, CT

Drawing to be held on Saturday 18 November 2017 at 6:00 PM  
at The Playwright Restaurant, 1232 Whitney Ave., Hamden, CT 06517

Winner need not be present  
Ticket \$1.00

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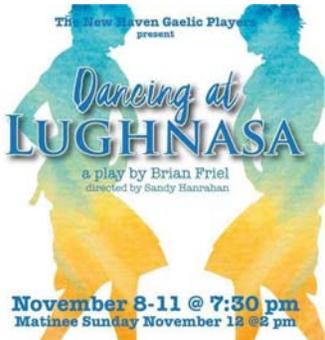
## Cumann Scannán - ICSA Film Club November 5th @ 1pm @ The Playwright

Coming in November, Cumann Scannán, the ICSA Film Club, will be showing "Brooklyn", directed by John Crowley and starring Saoirse Ronan and Domhnall Gleeson. An Irish immigrant lands in 1950s Brooklyn, where she quickly falls into a romance with a local. When her past catches up with her, however, she must choose between two countries and the lives that exist within. Click [here](#) for a preview of the movie. This will be a Sunday showing starting at 1pm at The Playwright in Hamden. There is no cost for this event and ICSA members and friends are invited to attend. Come on down and enjoy the show, have a drink and some great food. Stay tuned for other shows!



## November 18th - Yale v Harvard Tailgate 12:30pm

This has become an annual club outing. Yale football! The game this year starts at 12:30pm. We will be at the gates when they open, so come down as early as you like. Look for the big flag pole with the Irish Flag and Irish Republic 1916 Flag on it. It will be easy to spot. Location will also be posted on the ICSA Face Book page. All members and friends are welcome. The club will provide burgers and dogs. There will be lots of other food also but bring along something to share and BYOB. We hope to see you. Look for the Irish and Irish Republic 1916 Flags. They will be easy to spot. All members and friends are welcome. We hope to see you. Come down for some fun.



## "Dancing At Lughnasa" - The Gaelic Players

Please consider supporting our friends, The Gaelic Players, and their production of "Dancing At Lughnasa", written by Brian Friel and directed by Sandy Hanrahan. The production runs from November 8th to 11th at 7:30pm and the 12th at 2pm. Ticket cost is \$20 (\$15 if purchased by Oct 31st). Call Brian at 203-318-8258 for purchase, email [gaelicplayerstickets@yahoo.com](mailto:gaelicplayerstickets@yahoo.com) or online at [gaelicplayerstickets.bpt.com](http://gaelicplayerstickets.bpt.com).

*"A tale of the break up of a household at the hands of economic and emotional strain, told from the point of view of a seven year old boy. Michael looks back to the Autumn of 1936, the time of the harvest festivities, when he was living with his mother and her four sisters in a small village in Donegal. He remembers the return of Father Jack, a missionary sent home after going native, the reappearance of his philandering father, and the new wireless, prompting his mother and aunts to dance with abandon around the kitchen. It is these pagan rituals and animal impulses in conflict with the mores and conventions of society and Christianity that ends up breaking the family apart."*

## Nominations and Elections

It's that time of year again. Open seats this year are President, Treasurer, Program Director and Cultural Director. The By-Laws governing the Nominations read as follows:

*"Any member wishing to put their name forward for a Director's position shall be a member in good standing for the two years prior to the election date. The member shall send a signed letter of intent to the chairman of the Nomination and Election Committee indicating the position that they wish to contend during the election. Said letter of intent must be co-signed by a sponsoring member in good standing. Said letter of intent must be received by the chair of the nominating and election committee by December 1st. The Corporation's notification of the annual meeting shall contain the name and a short profile of each of the nominees and the offices for which they are nominated."*

Cliff Lynch has once again volunteered to act as Nomination and Election Chairman. Many thanks to Cliff. If you are interested in standing for a position, please contact Cliff at [clynch@icsa-home.org](mailto:clynch@icsa-home.org). If you have questions, please contact any officer. Contacts are on the last page.

**Memberships Dues:** It's almost time again. Membership dues should be paid before March 1st. Cost has remained the same as last year with a family membership at \$40 and an individual membership at \$25. **If you pay your dues before December 31st of this year, you will receive a \$5 voucher to use on any ICSA event ticket.** Send your annual dues to ICSA, P.O. Box 6562, Hamden, CT 06517. If you are not a member and would like to join up, you can find information on our website [icsa-home.org](http://icsa-home.org) or contact Siobhan Dacey at [sdacey@icsa-home.org](mailto:sdacey@icsa-home.org).

## Great Hunger Museum Summer Program

Family Day at Ireland's Great Hunger Museum - October 21st. A scavenger hunt and various crafts will be offered throughout the day for children and families. The 10:30 a.m. public tour will be family friendly. This event is free and open to the public, and no registration is required.

Musical Performance by Declan O'Rourke - November 2nd. This fall, he will release his long anticipated Famine album, titled "45-'51: Chronicles of the Great Irish Famine." Tickets for this event are \$30 and should be purchased in advance. For more information visit [www.ighm.org](http://www.ighm.org).



## Sheep Flock Fundraiser

Before they return to their winter hibernation, do you want to trick your friends! The club has acquired a flock of sheep that you can borrow for 24 hours to graze on your friends lawn. The flock is completely harmless and has been trained to stay where they are told to. There is no danger of them wandering off and annoying anyone else. They are also branded with the club logo in the unlikely case they do go for a stroll. Your donation for a flock of 10 sheep is only \$10, a flock of 25 sheep is \$20 and a flock of 50 sheep is \$40. Please contact Siobhan Dacey to order your flock at [sdacey@icsa-home.org](mailto:sdacey@icsa-home.org) and give our little friends a home for the day!

## Calendar

- October 16th - Member's meeting and Social Committee meeting at The Playwright
- November 5th - Cumann Scannán - ICSA Film Club July "Brooklyn" 1pm at The Playwright
- November 18th - Holiday Market 12 to 6pm
- November 18th - ICSA Annual Raffle Draw 6pm
- November 18th - Yale v Harvard Football Tailgate



# Greatest Irish Sports Stars



## **Brian O'Driscoll (Rugby)**

....was born in Dublin in 1979. He began playing rugby for his school, Blackrock College. He played for University College Dublin and the provincial Leinster senior team winning 4 Celtic Leagues and 4 European Cups with the later. He also played at every level of Irish International Rugby, from School Boys to the full International team. He was an Ireland U-19 World Champion. He played 133 games for the Ireland Senior team, 83 as Captain, winning the

Six Nations Championship twice with a Grand Slam in 2009 plus 4 Triple Crowns. He also played 4 tours with the British & Irish Lions, Captaining 2 of those. He was Rugby World Magazine Player of the Decade in 2010. He is regarded by critics as one of the greatest rugby union players of all time.

## **Sonia O'Sullivan (Athletics)**

....was born in Cobh, Co. Cork in 1969. She was a middle and long distance track and cross country athlete. She attended Villanova University. She first represented Ireland in the 1988 World Junior Championships in Canada. Her first Irish Gold Medal was at the University Games in 1991, winning the 1500m. She won Silver in the 1500m World Championship and Gold in the 5000m European Championship in 1993. She was 5000m World Champion in 1995. She won 2 Golds in World Cross Country Championship, 2 Golds in European Championship and World Cup Gold in 1998. She raced in 4 Olympic Games and was the Irish Flag bearer in Sydney. She was Women's Track & field Athlete of the Year in 1995.



## **Padraig Harrington (Golf)**

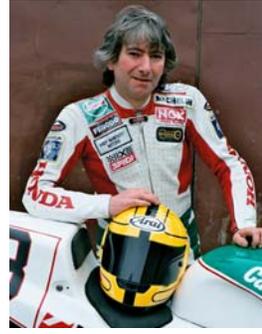
....was born in Dublin in 1971. He played in 3 Walker Cups as an amateur, winning in 1995 and turned professional in later that year. He joined the European Tour in 1996. His first win was the 1996 Spanish Open, his 10th start on tour. He has won 15 European Tour events. He played in 6 Ryder Cup matches beginning in 1999 at Brookline and winning 4 times. He has won 3 major golf tournaments, The Open (2007, 2008) and The PGA (2008). He has also won on the Japanese and Asian Tours. He won the European Order of Merit in 2006, European Golfer

of the Year in 2007 & 2008 and PGA Player of the Year in 2008. He represented Ireland in the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio. He is a Global Ambassador for Special Olympics.

## **Joey Dunlop (Motorcycling)**

....was born in Unshinagh, Co. Antrim in 1952. Raced both track and road bikes but was more known for the later, racing all sizes of bike. He won 26 TT races including 3 hat-tricks at the Isle of Mann TT meeting. He had 24 wins in the Ulster Grand Prix and 13 wins in the North West 200. He won 5 consecutive Formula One TT World Championships from 1982 to 1986. He also raced World Grand Prix and Superbike races across the world. He was shipwrecked in 1985 while sailing to the TT races in the Isle of Mann and saved by the Portaferry Life Boat. He spent time as a

humanitarian worker, once driving a van load of supplies to orphanages in Romania, Albania and Bosnia-Herzegovina before the annual racing season began receiving an OBE for this work in 1996. Dunlop died in Tallinn, Estonia, in 2000 while leading a 125cc race (he had already won the 750cc and 600cc events) on Pirita-Kose-Kloostri metsa Circuit. In 2016, he was voted the 2nd greatest motorcycling icon ever, one behind Valentino Rossi by Motorcycle News. As a mark of respect, the Estonian government's official website was replaced with a tribute to Dunlop within hours of his death. Fifty thousand mourners attended the funeral procession to Garryduff.



## **Sean Kelly (Cycling)**

....was born in Waterford City in 1956. He was one of the most successful road cyclists of the 1980s, and one of the finest classics riders of all time. He won 9 Classic races, was 2nd another 5 times and had 12 other top 10 finishes. He won the Paris-Nice stage race 7 consecutive times. He won 7 other stage races, Volta a Catalunya (2), Tour of the Basques Country (3), Tour de Suisse



(2) with 4 other top 5 finishes. He raced in all 3 Grand Tours. He won the Vuelta a España General Classification in 1988 with 4 other Points Classification wins and 16 individual stage wins. He won the Tour de France Points Classification 4 times, Sprint Classification 3 times and 5 individual stage wins. He raced for 8 professional teams from 1977 to 1994. He launched Irelands 1st Pro team in 2006. He is now a very successful tv cycling commentator. In 2013, at Dublin City University, he was awarded with an Honorary Doctorate in Philosophy in recognition of his contribution to Irish sport.

## **Mary Peters (Athletics)**

....Was born in England but moved back to Ballymena when she was 11. She is a teacher by trade and worked while she trained for competition. She competed in 3 Olympic games ('64, '68, '72). She won Gold in the women's pentathlon in 1972 in Munich, narrowly beating the local favorite, West Germany's Heide Rosendahl, by 10 points, setting a world record score. The BBC received death threats for her because she was a protestant. She also won 3 Gold and 1 Silver medal in pentathlon and shot put at the Commonwealth Games ('66, '70, '74) in which she competed 5 times. She won the 1972 BBC Sports Personality of the Year award. The North of Ireland's premier track is named after her. She is an MBE, CBE, DBE and CH.



## **George Best ( Soccer)**

....was born in Belfast in 1946. He was spotted by a scout when he was 15 and the telegram sent to Manchester United read: "I think I've found you a genius." He debuted for United at 17 and scored 179 goals from 470 appearances over 11 years, and was the club's top goal scorer in the league for five consecutive seasons. He played at United from 1963 to 1974. He was one of United's Holy Trinity with Bobby Charlton and Denis Law. He won 2 English League titles, 1 FA Cup, 2 Charity Shields and a



European Cup with United. He played 37 times at International level scoring 9 goals. He had constant alcohol issues and often missed training in the 70's and 80's. After United released him he played for 18 teams in the next 10 years. Retiring in 1984. He died in 2005 aged 59, from multiple organ failure, complications of a liver transplant. His funeral route was lined with 100,000 mourners. Belfast City Airport was

named in his honor on his 60th birthday. Brazilian footballer Pelé stated, "George Best was the greatest player in the world". He was voted 8th in the World Soccer 100 greatest football players of the 20th century and 16th in the IFFHS World Player of the Century in 1999. He said of his career: "I spent a lot of money on booze, birds and fast cars - the rest I just squandered".

## Christy Ring (Hurling)

....was born in Kilbooy Cross in Co. Cork in 1920. His school master offered a hurly and sliotar to the boy with the best grades in the school. Ring was 1st among 48. He played u18 games for his club when he was 12. He won his 1st Club Senior County Championship in 1941 and went on to win 14. He won 1 Provincial Club Championship. He played County u18 hurling when he was 16. His first game at Croke Park was the 1938 Minor Final, winning against Dublin. In 1939 he was the youngest member of the Cork senior team. His 1st senior medal was the league campaign of 1939-40, beating All Ireland Champions, Kilkenny. He won his first All Ireland medal in 1941 beating Dublin. Cork went on to win 4 in a row. He won 8 All Ireland Championships, 9 Munster Titles, 4 National League Titles and a record 18 Inter-Provincial Railway Cup Titles. He played for 24 years on the Cork Senior team appearing 65 times and scoring 33 goals and 208 points. Ring is widely regarded as one of the greatest hurlers in the history of the game, with many former players, commentators and fans rating him as the number one player of all time. He died of a heart attack at 58. 60,000 people lined the streets of Cork for his funeral.



## Michelle Smith de Bruin (Swimming)

....was born in Rathcoole, Co. Dublin in 1969. She was first spotted by a lifeguard in Tallaght swimming pool at age 9. He suggested that Smith's father enroll his daughter in a swimming club. She joined Terenure Swimming Club. Smith

won the Dublin and All-Ireland Community Games at aged 9. She then won ten gold medals at a novice competition. At aged 14, Smith won ten medals at the Irish National Swimming Championships. At 14, she became National Junior and Senior Champion and dominated Irish women's swimming until her retirement in 1998. She competed for Ireland in 3 Olympic, 2 World Swimming Championships and 4 European Championships. She won 3 Gold and 1 Bronze medal in the Atlanta Olympic Games in 1996 and won 4 Gold and 3 Silver medals in the European Championships in Vienna and Seville. She carried the Irish Flag at the opening of the Barcelona Olympic Games in 1992. She was European Swimmer of the Year in 1996. Following retirement in 1999 she went to University College Dublin and graduated with a Law Degree. In 2005 she was conferred with the degree of Barrister at Law of King's Inns, Dublin.



## Jack O'Shea (Gaelic Football)

....was born in Cahershiveen, Co. Kerry in 1957. He had come to prominence on the Kerry minor football team making his minor championship debut against Waterford in 1974. He won a Munster Championship with the minor team and an All Ireland Championship in u21 both in 1975. He won 4 u21 Munster Titles and 3 u21 All Ireland Titles in total. He made his senior debut in 1976. He won his first Senior All Ireland Title in 1978, soundly beating Dublin and playing with other greats like Pat Spillane, Eoin Liston and Mikey Sheehy. He retired from Senior Inter-County football in 1992 with 10 Munster Titles, 7 All Ireland Title (4 in a row) and 3 National Football League Titles and 3 Inter-Provincial Railway Cup Titles. He also won 6 All Star Awards. He Captained Kerry in 1983 and 1991. He is now a respected media pundit with a regular column in the sports section of the Irish edition of The Sunday Times.



## Alex Higgins (Snooker)



....was born in Belfast in 1949. He started playing snooker at the age of 11, often in the Jampot club in South Belfast. At aged 14 he moved to England to become a jockey but never succeeded and returned in 1965. In 1968 he won the All-Ireland and Northern

Ireland Amateur Snooker Championships. Higgins turned professional at the age of 22, winning the World Championship at his first attempt in 1972, against John Spencer. He was the youngest ever winner until 1990. He was runner up in the 1976 and 1980 World Championships. He won his 2nd World Title in 1982 beating Ray Reardon. He also won the UK Championship (1), The Masters (2) in his career. His last win was at age 40 in The Irish Masters in 1989. Known as "Hurricane Higgins" he was the most flamboyant player on the circuit for many years. He died in 2010 following a long fight with cancer.

## Barry McGuigan (Boxing)

....was born in Clones, Co. Monaghan in 1961. He began his juvenile boxing career at the Wattlebridge Amateur Boxing Club, Co. Fermanagh and Smithborough Boxing Club, Co. Monaghan. As an amateur he won the All Ireland Championship in 1976 and represented Northern Ireland in the Commonwealth games at Edmonton in 1978 and represented Ireland at the 1980 Summer Olympics in Moscow. He turned professional in 1981 winning his 1st featherweight fight by knock out. He won a European Featherweight Title in 1983, knocking Valerio Nati in the 6th. He successfully defended it 3 times. He won the WBA & Lineal Featherweight Title in 1985 beating long time champ Eusebio Pedroza by unanimous decision in 15 rounds. He successfully defended the Title twice and lost it to Steve Cruz in 1986 in Las Vegas. He retired in 1989 with a 32 win and 3 loss record.



## Eamonn Coghlan (Athletics)

....was born in Dimnagh, Co. Dublin in 1952. He was a middle distance runner. His first running club was the Celtic Athletic Club. He then joined Donore Harriers. In 1971 he won the All Ireland 1500m and 5000m Title. Soon after, he was offered a



scholarship and ran for Villanova University and won 4 NCAA Titles at 1500, and the mile. He competed in 3 Olympic Games for Ireland ('76, '80, '88). He won Gold in the 1979 Indoor European Championship and Silver in the 1978 Outdoor European Championship 1500m. He was Champion in the IAAF World Cup at 5000m in 1981 and took Gold in the 1983 World Championships at the same discipline. After competitive retirement, he continued to race and at Harvard indoor track in 1994, became the first man over 40 years old to run a

sub-four-minute mile. In May 2011, he was appointed as a Senator by the Taoiseach Enda Kenny.

## Katie Taylor (Boxing)

...was born in Bray, Co. Wicklow in 1989. In 1986, her father was an Irish senior light heavyweight champion boxer. She first began boxing in 1998, aged 11 at St Fergal's Boxing Club, which operated out of a former boathouse in Bray. At 15, she fought the first officially sanctioned female boxing match in Ireland at the National Stadium and defeated Alanna Audley from Belfast. She attended University College Dublin. In 2005 she won the European Amateur Boxing Championship at 60KG. In 2006 she defended her Euro Title, stopping the reigning World Champion and collecting the tournament's Best Boxer award. She went on to win the AIBA World Boxing Championship becoming Ireland's first World Boxing Champion. She went on to win 5 European Union Titles, 6 European Championships, 1 European Gams Title and 5 World Championships. She also fought in 2 Olympic Games, winning the Gold in 2012 after carrying the Irish Flag during the opening ceremony. Her last medal was a Bronze in the 2016 World Championship. She made her professional debut in late 2016, stopping Karina Kopinska in three rounds. Her current pro record is 6-0.



## Stephen Roche (Cycling)



...was born in Dundrum, Co. Dublin in 1959. He raced as an amateur for the Orwell Wheelers club in Dundrum. He won the Irish Junior Championship in 1977 and the Rás Tailteann in 1979 where he became the youngest rider ever to win the Rás. Roche joined the Athletic Club de Boulogne-Billancourt amateur team in Paris to prepare for the 1980 Olympic games in Moscow. Soon after his arrival Roche won the amateur Paris-Roubaix Classic. He turned pro in 1981, with his first victory beating world great Bernard Hinault in the Tour of Corsica. Less than

a month later he won Paris-Nice. In 1985 he won a stage in the Tour de France and finish 3rd overall. He crashed in 1986 and damaged his knee, which would plague him for the rest of his career. In 1987 he won the Triple Crown - Tour de France, Giro d'Italia and World Road Race Championship. Roche retired in 1993. His brother Lawrence was also a pro cyclist. His son, Nicholas, and his nephew, Dan Martin, are current pro cyclists.

## Roy Keane (Soccer)

...was born in Mayfield, Co. Cork in 1971. In 1989 he signed with Irish club, Cobh Ramblers and playing for them in an FAI Youth Cup match, he was spotted by a Nottingham Forest scout. They acquired his contract from Cobh Ramblers in 1990. His senior team debut was in the 1990-91 English League season v's Liverpool. Keane was almost transferred to Blackburn in the English Premier League but paperwork issues allowed

Manchester United to swoop in and sign him in 1993 for a record fee. He scored twice on his home debut for United and they went on to win the League Title and the FA Cup. They repeated this feat in 1995. He became United Captain in 1997. In 1999 United won League, FA Cup and UEFA Cup. Keane Captained United to 9 major Titles, making him the most successful captain in the club's history. He left United in 2005 with much friction between the management and himself. He made 10 appearances for Celtic and retired in 2006. He played 67 times for Ireland. His most notable contribution being a giant bust up with Mick McCarthy when he was unhappy with the training facilities for the 2002 World Cup in Korea and Japan. He left the team before the 1st game took place. Keane managed 2 English League clubs following retirement. He is currently an assistant coach with the Ireland team.



## Tony McCoy (Horse Racing)



...was born in Moneyglass, Co. Antrim in 1974. He rode his first winner in a flat race at Thurles racecourse in Ireland, in 1992 at the age of 17. He won every major British and Irish jump race during his career and totaled 4,358 Jumps winners and 9 Flat winners during his 23 years in the saddle. He won the Champion Jockey Title 20 years in a row from 1996 to 2015. He is an MBE, OBE and was knighted in 2016. He won BBC Sports Personality of the Year in 2010.

## Rory McIlroy (Golf)

...was born in Holywood, Co. Down in 1989. He was introduced to golf at a young age by his father, who coached him. His father was a scratch golfer. His first significant international victory came in the World Championship for the 9-10 age group bracket at the Doral Golf Resort & Spa in Miami, Florida. At 15, he was a member of Europe's winning 2004 Junior Ryder Cup team. He played twice on the European Tour as an amateur, making the cut in the 2005 Dubai Classic. He was part of the Great Britain & Ireland team at the 2007 Walker Cup, but lost to the US. He turned pro in 2007 and secured his card for 2008 in just 3 weeks, finishing 42nd, 3rd and 4th in consecutive events. He became the youngest Affiliate Member in the history of The European Tour. His first pro win came at age 19 when he won the Dubai Desert Classic in 2009. In 2011 he won his 1st Major, The US Open in Bethesda. He became the youngest winner since Bobby Jones in 1923. He has won 4 Majors, 13 Euro Tour wins, 13 PGA wins and 2 other pro wins to date in his career. He was the Fed Ex Cup Champion in 2016. He has played in 4 Ryder Cups, winning 3 and losing one.



## Henry Shefflin (Hurling)

...was born in Waterford in 1979. A Kilkenny hurling legend he made an incredible 71 championship appearances during a golden era for the Cats. In that time he won 13 Leinster titles, 10



All-Ireland Senior Hurling Championships, six league titles and 11 All-Star awards. With 27 goals and 485 points, Shefflin is the top championship scorer of all time. He also won 2 Fitzgibbon Titles with Waterford IT. He is the perfect example of a text-book hurling forward and, as such, he is widely regarded as one of the greatest hurlers in the history of the game, with many ranking him as the number one player of all-time.

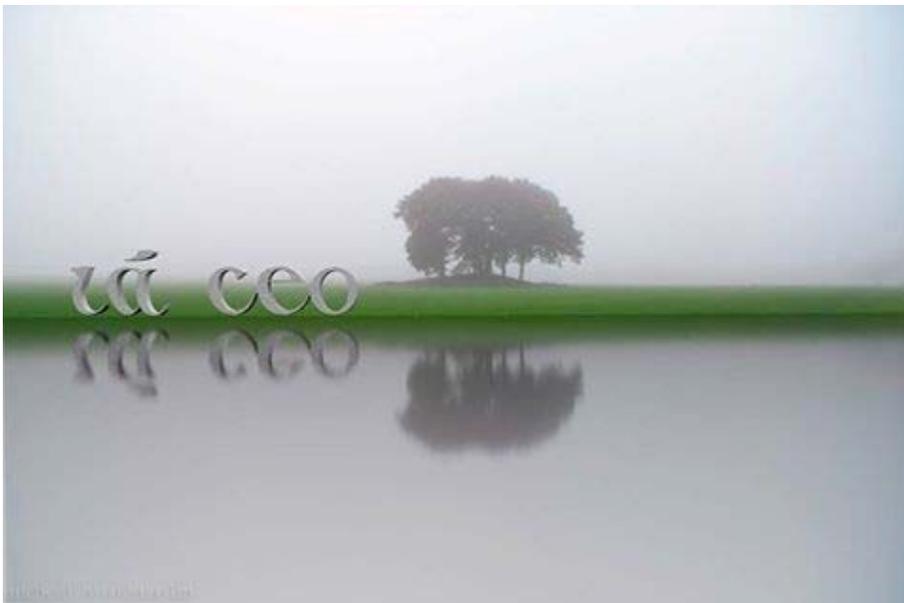
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## President's Message:

Dia Dhaoibh !!

Please consider joining us for our Membership Meeting on Monday, October 16th at 8pm. We will be planning for winter and spring and running through our finances. Preceding the Members' Meeting will be the Social Committee Meeting at 7:15pm.

On Saturday, November 18th, from noon to 6pm we will be having our Annual Christmas Market Place . There will be lots of vendors and the ICSA booth will have lashings of Irish Goods and Food. Please find the order form attached to the email with this An Cúisle.

At 6pm on the same day, the draw for the Annual Raffle will take place! 1st Prize is \$750, 2nd is \$150 Lotto Tree and 3rd is \$100 Playwright Gift Certificate. You should have received your raffle tickets and we appreciate your helping to sell them. There are plenty more and a free membership to the person who sells the most.

The club has hit the fall running with September hosting our Thimble Islands Cruise on the 9th; participated in Hamden's Food Truck Festival & Irish Fest on the 22nd and had our bus trip to Foxwoods on the 30th! All had fun and even won some cash at the Casino.

We can't do any of this without your input and involvement! So come on down to our meetings, say hello and share some ideas. We look forward to seeing you!

Go Raibh Maith Agaibh,  
Tim.

• **Almost there!** The Cook Book is being edited as we speak! If you have a favorite Recipe or two, you can still send it along. Ship them off to [sdonnelly@icsa-home.org](mailto:sdonnelly@icsa-home.org) with the subject line "Cook Book". When the book has been completed we will make it available to members and friends for a nominal fee. Thanks in advance for your support. **We're almost there!**



**House Keeping:** 2018 dues are now being accepted. Your dues should be paid by March 1st to maintain your good standing. Reminders will be sent out. If you have already submitted your dues for 2018, thank you and welcome back! **This year, if you pay before December 31st, you will receive a \$5 voucher to use at any ICSA event.** If you have questions, please contact our Financial Secretary, Siobhan Dacey at [sdacey@icsa-home.org](mailto:sdacey@icsa-home.org).

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**\* Irish Language Classes \* Wednesdays @ 7pm and 8pm** - Classes are **free** to ICSA members and are also open to non-members for a nominal fee so you can try it out and see how you like it. Classes take place every Wednesday night in North Haven with beginners class at 7pm and the Advanced Beginners class is at 8pm. **Sign up details are available on the club website or contact Cultural Director, Rich Regan at [rregan@icsa-home.org](mailto:rregan@icsa-home.org).**

**Irish Radio Show: Echoes of Erin.** We encourage you to listen to our friends and club supporters at Echoes of Erin Radio show (88.7FM), broadcasting live every Sunday from 12 to 2 p.m. and Monday from 6 to 8 p.m. from the University of New Haven in West Haven CT and over the internet at <http://www.wnhu.net/>. This is your source for Irish music, news, sports and community events. Hosted by Pat and Joan Kennedy, Mike McGrath, Pat Hosey and Siobhan Dacey.

**Irish Radio Show: Ceol na nGael.** Club member Molly Monahan used to host this show on Fordham Radio (90.7FM). Now she is part of the production team. Listen in on Sundays from noon to 4pm. You can also listen to archive shows at [WFUV.org](http://WFUV.org).

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