

Hawaii's Celtic Connection Monthly Newsletter

A Monthly Listing of All things Celtic November 2004

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Let's start by giving everyone a big heads up to Lovers of the Harp. The premier Celtic harper, Patrick Ball returns to Hawaii this month. We also list Bonnie Mitchell a Kamaiiana Harper in our Celtic Shops listing.

Welcome everybody to our third edition of all things Celtic in Hawaii. All you folks who have an affinity for things

Celtic please lend an ear. We don't have to be of those nationalities to enjoy things Celtic, but good storytelling, toe tapping music, playful dancing and raising a glass amidst fellow spirits can lift the heart of anybody. After sitting down with a number of people of the Celtic persuasion we all agreed that there is a sizable community here in Hawaii, (according to statistics pulled from the internet, there are more than 50,000 people claiming Irish ancestry) yet amidst that group a common theme in all the conversations about Celtic performances arose. Nearly everyone was always telling me, "I wish I new about that event but I only heard about all the fun a week later."

Our local Society of **The Friendly Sons of St Patrick** have made major changes in their organization by NOW becoming the Friends of St Patrick. The group now is open to both genders. So all you Colleens take note and join in with this wonderful group who provide college scholarships and are the prime movers behind Honolulu's St. Patrick's Day Parade. Without them we would not have that annual Irish event. They meet at 12 noon on the third Friday of each month at the Wisteria Restaurant on King St.

This month it will be the 19th of November. Look for upcoming fundraisers and membership events featuring live Irish music occurring throughout the year.

In the Area of Athletics we welcome the listing of the Hawaii Celtic (Soccer) Supporters Club. They get together at Legends Sports Pub in Waikiki to watch Glasgow Celtic games. Legends is at 411 Nahua St.

So once again, here is my effort to help coordinate a listing of all things Celtic. I will create a monthly listing of any events that have the Celtic Connection, whether it is newly released movies, local plays, Scottish music or Irish dance performances. I intend to e-mail anybody who would like to be in the know on these sorts of things.

That means you can be a help in two ways. You can provide me information on upcoming events or you can help build the email list of the Celtic uninformed so we can reach out to them. If you or your business has a tie to things Irish or Scottish, etc. please let me know and I'll help spread the word. Contact me by e-mail or contact me at 926-4711, to give me any information on upcoming events or if you would like to ad names to my email list.

If you know of somebody who would be interested in this information do them the favor of forwarding this newsletter to them. Slainte, Bill Comerford

Music Radio

On Oahu:

Saturdays 8-9pm on Hawaii Public Radio "the Thistle and Shamrock" KHPR -88.1FM
Tuesdays 6am-9am Katie McClellan hosts a show on KTUH 90.3FM

On Maui:

Sunday Mornings 8am-10am Sunday Solstice hosted by Tony Novak-Clifford on Mana'o Radio 91.5FM, available online too!

LIVE MUSIC

OAHU:

At O'Toole's Irish Pub 902 Nuuanu Ave. Downtown 536-4138 - No cover charge
November 3rd , First Wednesday of every month James McCarthy 5-8pm and Celtic Wave 8:30-midnight,
November 28TH, Sunday, Doolin' Rakes performs upbeat Irish music from 8-midnight.

At Kelley O'Neil's, 311 Lewers St. Waikiki. 926-1777
Every Sunday a live Irish Session 4pm-7pm featuring Kaimana
Ceili Band 7th & 21th and Celtic Wave 14th & 28th
November 14TH, Sunday, Doolin' Rakes performs upbeat Irish
music from 8-midnight.

At the Irish Rose Saloon 227 Lewers St. Ohana Reef Towers Hotel 924-7711 James McCarthy will appear on Wednesday the 17th from 5:30- 8:30 pm at the

MAUI:

The Celtic Tigers every Sunday evening at 7pm. Often joined by members of the Maui Celtic Pipes and Drums. Mulligan's on the Blue, Wailea.

CONCERTS

Patrick Ball, Celtic Harper performs a solo performance of "The Fine Beauty of the Island"

Held on Oahu at Sacred Hearts Academy Auditorium at 7:30 pm, Saturday November 13th.

General Admission tickets are \$20, discounted to \$15 for Seniors, Military Personnel Students, UH Faculty and Staff. Tickets are available after October 25th at UH Manoa Campus Ticket Center, Online @ www.etickethawaii.com or charged by phone @ 944-2697. (service charges apply)

On Maui - Friday, November 12th - Patrick Ball performs at Makawao Union Church, Paia, at 7:30 p.m. Patrick Ball will be in the islands through Nov. 20th with multiple public venues a complete schedule can be found at

<http://www.patrickball.com/finebeauty.php>

EVENTS

Guinness Irish Toast Contest Our Irish Toast Contest continues this month at Kelley O'Neil's, Sunday November 14th . We will raise glasses and make toasts at 7pm to 8pm at the conclusion of the performance by Celtic Waves. We had 12 contestants at our October competition. Everybody is welcome to enter. If you enter you are a winner. The top three toasts will be prize winners for the night. The next three are honorable mentions This contest is ongoing and will run through to Saint Patrick's Day in March. Our top three each month and the honorable mentions all qualify for our March contest and the chance for the grand prize. Our grand prize winner will win a trip to Fitzgerald's in Las Vegas. Get your Irish up and raise a glass of the plain with us and you may be on your way to Lost Wages.

Organizations

Friends of St. Patrick P.O. Box 2178 Hon. HI 96805

The Wild Shamrocks P.O. Box 8061, Hon. HI 96830-0061

Hawaiian Scottish Association P.O. Box 636 Kaneohe, HI 96744

Caledonian Society of Hawaii

The Celtic Pipes and Drums of Hawaii pgr 537-5400 www.lava.net/~cpdh

Hawaiian Thistle Pipe Band 672-6852 www.hawaiianthistle.org

The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society

Saint Andrew Society of Hawaii

Hawaii Scottish Festival <http://www.maclachlans.org/games.html>

Contradancers of Hawaii vroman@hawaii.edu

Athletics

Hawaii Celtic (Soccer) Supporters Club JDNeeson@aol.com

We get together at Legends Sports Pub in Waikiki to watch Glasgow Celtic games. Legends is at 411 Nahua St. Anyone interested is welcome to come. The pub is over 21 only. The games are occasionally changed due to TV, I would recommend anyone intending to go call Legends at 922-7486 to confirm.

Here are the current dates for November:

11/2 Shaktar Donetsk (Champions League) 7pm

11/6 Kilmarnock (Scottish Premier League) 6:30pm

11/10 Rangers (Scottish League Cup) 7pm

11/13 Inverness CT (SPL) 6:30pm

11/20 Rangers (SPL) 6:30pm

11/24 Barcelona (CL) 7pm

11/28 Dundee (SPL) 6:30pm

Businesses

Bars and Restaurants

The Irish Rose Saloon 227 Lewers St., Honolulu HI 96815 924-7711

Kelley O'Neil's, 311 Lewers St., Honolulu HI 96815 926-1777

O'Toole's Irish Pub 902 Nuuanu Ave. Honolulu, HI 96813 536-4138

Murphy's Bar & Grill 2 Merchant St., Honolulu, HI 96813 531-0422

Ferguson's Irish Pub 729 Bishop St., Honolulu, HI 96813 521-9020

Jameson's by the Sea 62-540 Kamehameha Hwy. Haleiwa, HI 96712 637-6272

Mulligan's on the Blue 100 Kaukahi St., Wailea, Maui HI 96753 808-874-1131

Dance School

Jig This, School of Irish Dance, Melanie Nance 551-5242 jigthishawaii@yahoo.com

Celtic Shops

Maui Celtic P.O. Box 1323 Lahaina, HI 96767 808-264-5190.mauiceltic@hotmail.com - check out there website with plenty of Celtic info at www.mauiceltic.com

Bonnie Mitchell P.O.Box 1820 Kealahou Hawaii 96750 808-323-8383 bonnie@harpistinhawaii.com

<http://www.harpistinhawaii.com/index.htm>Harp center in Kealahou, Kona Hawaii. I have Celtic harps for sale Triplet, Dusty Strings, Salvi, also Lyon & Healy pedal harps distributor. I have several Triplet harps to show/sell

I also have Waltons(Irish music publications)and other major and some unusual harp/piano/whistle/fiddle/etc.

Music scores and publications.

Harp strings and accessories too.

I play special events, weddings, dinners, etc. Also flute and harp ensemble(Akala Ensemble). Contact me by e-mail, or contact me at 926-4711, to give me any information on upcoming events, contact or business information or if you would like to add names to my email list. If you know of somebody who would be interested in this information do them the favor of forwarding this email to them.

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