

In Step

Promoting traditional Celtic dance, music and culture.

Newsletter of the Greater Washington Ceili Club

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

~ Paul O'Donnell

This time of year is a perfect occasion to reflect back on accomplishments over the last 12 months. 2014 has been a particularly busy one, so I thought I would offer this review.

- In response to member suggestions, this year we adjusted our monthly ceili start time earlier on Sunday afternoons.
- We also moved our New Year's Eve Gala to be a New Year's Day Ceili to appeal to dancers that didn't want to be on the roads late on New Year's Eve. That change was well-received and it continues January 1, 2015.
- We created a Season Pass for our monthly ceili as a means to improve the backup waiting to pay at the door, to provide better value for regular ceili attendees, and as a fundraising tool for those that can't attend every ceili but want to show their support by paying for a full season. This change first took effect Sept 2013 and was continued for 2014-2015 season.
- We acquired a Gaelic language training program which we are making available to

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all members by way of a lending library program. See elsewhere in this issue for details.

- We also received a bequest from our friend and member B.J. Althul of her collection of Irish and Scottish sheet music. This will soon be made available to members through another library loan program.
- During the normally quiet summer months, we presented our 2014 Frankie Kennedy Scholarship to Andrew Caden before an enthusiastically supportive crowd at CCE's MAD Week concert. We recently had the opportunity to experience his talent ourselves when he performed for us at the November ceili.
- We remained on the forefront of Irish set dancing with our Spring Fling Weekend and our Cape May Dance Weekend. Both events were financial successes and they presented a total of 6 new dances in workshops with internationally recognized instructors.
- Over the past year our weekly dance classes taught 34 different dances to beginners and advanced dancers. We also welcomed 20 brand new faces to our dance class and gave them an introduction to the joy of set dancing by pairing them with experienced partners.

All in all, the members of the Greater Washington Ceili Club have a lot to feel proud of in 2014. We're a small organization and the above list is the result of the efforts of your Board of Directors and a few key members. I hope you approve and I encourage you to invite your fellow dancers and musicians to become members too. If you would like to get more involved, contact any Officer or Board Member (they're listed in this newsletter). May you all enjoy a happy and safe holiday season. PAUL

~ Edie O'Donnell,
Ken Rehbehn & Paul O'Donnell - Photos

More than 50 dancers attended the GWCC Ceili at Cherry Hill Park on November 23rd, and I suspect more than 50 pounds were shed in our pre-Thanksgiving workout, as we enjoyed a very energetic dance program.

The workshop dance was the Camp Set, with Jim Keenan (see picture below) as our workshop instructor. This set was taught at our Cape May weekend last month, and has some very interesting moves. The band, the District Ceili Band, was comprised of Josh Dukes, Sean McComiskey, and Matt Mulqueen, with our GWCC Frankie Kennedy scholarship winner, Andrew Caden, sitting in. The tunes were "mighty."



We warmed up with the first set of dances, the Clare Plain Set, the Camp Set, and the Bonfire Dance. Everyone must have been practicing their cooking skills prior to Thanksgiving, because the buffet table was overflowing with tasty offerings. The second set of dances found us enjoying the Connemara Set, the Walls of Limerick, and the North Kerry Set. During the second break, Doug Ilg won the 50/50 drawing. We had a special treat during the second break, too. Andrew Caden, accompanied by Josh, gave us a demonstration of his growing fiddle skills and assured us that the scholarship was put to good use! We ended the evening with the Donegal Set, the Ballyvourney Jig Set, a waltz, and the Clare Lancers Set.

Don't forget our spectacular New Year's Day Ceili on January 1, 2015! See the flyer in this newsletter for more details.



SET OF THE MONTH

There is no set of the month for the New Year's Day ceili. However, the ceili will feature easier dances and old favorites. There will be a one hour dance basics workshop starting at 3:30 PM prior to the ceili, so everyone can come out and enjoy the first day of the new year.

SAVE THE DATE SPRING FLING 2015!

The 2015 GWCC Spring Fling Weekend in Shepherdstown, West Virginia is scheduled for Friday, April 17 through Sunday April 19, 2015. Once again lodging will be at the Shepherdstown Clarion Hotel and Conference Center with workshops and ceilis at the War Memorial Building. Mark your calendars now!

A NOTE FROM THE "EDITOR"

Although my name appeared in the newsletter as "editor," it was really Tom Scullen who did all the work creating and publishing the newsletter. Tom has now handed off his handiwork, or at least most of it, to me. If you see Tom, thank him for all his outstanding work over the past several years in producing the Club's newsletter.

Don Kaliher

START THE NEW YEAR LEARNING THE IRISH LANGUAGE!

by Jane Twomey

Want to do something new in 2015? Why not learn Gaelic? Beginning in January 2015, GWCC members will be able to borrow the Club's new *Living Language* Gaelic (Irish) language learning program.

The multimedia program includes three short text books and nine CDs with 46 lessons. You'll begin by learning simple greetings in lesson one, and progress to full conversations by the end of the program. The easy-to-follow audio and text will have you speaking Irish in no time. Once you finish the program, you'll be able to say: *Is féidir liom labhairt na Gaeilge!*

The Club will offer the program to Club members for one month at a time, renewable up to one year. Borrowers will give a \$50 deposit for the program (cash or check made out to "GWCC") which they will receive back when they return the materials in good condition to the GWCC. (We're doing this so that we'll be able to replace the materials if they become your dog's favorite new chew toy!)

This lending policy will also include a recall option so the club librarian (Jane Twomey) may recall the program if other members ask to borrow it.

You can find the full policy and lending agreement at the GWCC website (<http://www.gwcc-online.org>) under the [Gaelic Language](#) link, and at the end of this edition of *In Step*. If you would like more information about the program, please contact Jane Twomey at jane2mey@gmail.com, or come to the New Year's Day Ceili. She'll have to program there for a demonstration.

LOCAL SESIUNS AROUND TOWN

Check with the Pub for Current Schedules

Limerick Pub

11301 Elkin Street, Wheaton, MD
Trad Irish Seisiun Sunday 5 – 8 pm &
Wednesdays 8 – 11 pm
Info: <http://www.thelimerickpub.net>

Ryan's Daughter Irish Pub

600 East Belvedere Avenue, Baltimore, MD,
Sundays, 5-8 pm
w/ Laura Byrne, Pat Egan, Julia Fitzgerald
Info: 410-464-1000

MORE LOCAL SESIUNS AROUND TOWN

Check with the Pub for Current Schedules

McGinty's Publick House, Silver Spring
911 Ellsworth Ave, Silver Spring, MD
Kids' Seisiun with Mitch Fanning, 2nd Sunday
info: 301-587-1270, jmitchellf@yahoo.com
Adults' Tuesdays, 8:00, Dennis Botzer &
C.B. Heinemann Info: doginbush@yahoo.com.

Auld Shebeen Pub

North Street & Rte 123, Fairfax, VA
Saturdays, 12-2:00, kids once a month 11:00
Info: 703-293-9600, Kids'
info: <http://www.novasession.org>

O'Lordan's Irish Pub

14 Liberty St., Westminster, MD 21157
Open Irish traditional session
Every other Wednesday (9 Sep), 8 pm, Info: 410-876-0000

P. Brennan's Irish Pub

2910 Columbia Pike, Arlington, VA 22204
Sundays 12 noon – 3 pm
Sunday Brunch Irish Session w/ Piano!
Info: 703-553-1090

Daniel O'Connell's Pub

112 King St., Alexandria, VA 22314, Mondays 8:00 pm
Brian Gaffney & Brendan Mulvihill lead the session

Liam Flynn's Ale House

222 W North Avenue, Baltimore, MD
Wednesdays. 7:30 - 10:30 pm
Info: <http://pint-sizedpub.com>, 410-244-8447

Magoo's Irish Pub

1st, 3rd & 5th Thursdays, 9-10 pm
1-A West Second Street, Frederick, MD 21701
Info: swithers@usa.com

Harrington's Pub & Kitchen

Sundays 7-9:30pm
177 Fleet Street, National Harbor, MD 20745
With Kenny & Teri Wolin
Info: www.HarringtonsPubandKitchen.com

Finnegan's Irish Bar

2310 Woodland Crossing Dr, Unit E/F
Herndon, VA 2017
Trad Irish Seisiun, Tuesdays, 7:30 – 9:30 pm
Alan Carrick, 202-294-8956
<http://www.finnegansirishbar.com/Herndon/home.html>

WEEKLY DANCE CLASSES

Note: class in bold is GWCC

[Check with Instructor/School for exact *class dates*.]

Mondays

Ceili, set and 2 hand dance, 7:30 – 8:30 pm
1st and St. Stephen's Church, 6815 York Road,
Baltimore, MD (at York & Register Road)
Instructor: Marilyn Moore
Ages 8 – adults welcome
Info: Marcia Ferguson, marciaferg@comcast.net

Mondays

Irish set dancing, 7:00 -8:30, Dunloggin Middle
School, Howard County, 18 and older.
Instructor: Jan McVey. Class starts Jan. 5, 2015.
Must register through Howard County Recs and
Parks, www.howardcountymd.gov/rap

Tuesdays

Ring of Kerry Irish Dancers
Ceili and set dancing classes
7:00 Beginners; 8:05 Experienced
Ridgeview Middle School
16600 Raven Rock Road, Gaithersburg MD 20878
Instructor: Marilyn Moore
Ages 8 - adult
Info: ringofkerrydancers.org, 301.253.4263
or jtmwoods@gmail.com

Tuesdays

Ceili and set dancing, 7:15 – 8:45 pm
Fairfax City Department of Recreation
Green Acres Center, 4401 Sideburn Rd., Fairfax
Instructor: Hugh Conway
Info: ceiliset@yahoo.com, 703-273-6869

Tuesdays

Set Dancing Class
Zen West Cantina, 5926 York Road, Baltimore, MD
Instructor: Dan Stanton
Info: rkwilson502@comcast.net

MORE WEEKLY DANCE CLASSES

Note: class in bold is GWCC

Wednesdays

Set Dancing Classes 7:30 – 9:00 pm
St. Mary's County, MD
Instructor: Diane Clark
Info: 240-256-0157, cdpclarke@md.metrocast.net

Wednesdays

7:00 – 8:30 pm, William Talley Recreation Center
121 North Bentz Street, Frederick, Maryland 21701
Registration: City of Frederick Parks and Recreation
Department, William Talley Recreation Center, 121
North Bentz Street, Frederick, Maryland 21701
Instructor: Marilyn Moore
Info: marimoor@verizon.net, 703-283-9776)

Thursdays

Set dancing 7:00 basics, 8:00 advanced
GWCC Adult Irish Dance Class
Instructor: Paul O'Donnell
Argyle Park Recreation Center
1030 Forest Glen Road, Silver Spring, MD 20901
Info: 301-649-5419, www.gwcc-online.org
Mini-ceili with live music on third Thursday

MONTHLY CEILIS

GWCC Ceili at Cherry Hill

Fourth Sunday, 5-9 pm, September - May
Cherry Hill Park Convention Center
9800 Cherry Hill Rd, College Park, MD
Set workshop starts at 4pm
Live music & Potluck supper
Sets and few Ceili dances - some dances called
Info: 301-512-4480, doulg.ilg@verizon.net

Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann (CCE) Ceili

Second Saturdays, September - May
Class at 7 pm, Ceili 7:30 – 11pm
Live music by the Bog Wanders Ceili Band
All dances called by Marilyn Moore
Frying Pan Farm Park, 2709 West Ox Road
Herndon, VA 20171
Family friendly – ceili, set and two-hand dances
Info: www.ccepotomac.org

MORE MONTHLY CEILIS

Emerald Isle Club Ceili

First Saturday, 7-11 pm, September - May
Live music w/Peter Fitzgerald & J. Patrick's All-Stars

All dances called by Marilyn Moore.
American Legion Post 183 Hall
2301 Putty Hill Ave, Parkville, MD 21234
Family friendly – ceili, set and two-hand dances
Info: www.emeraldisleclub.com

Liam Flynn's Ale House

Second Sunday Ceili, 3-6 pm
22 W. North Avenue, Baltimore, MD
Info: (410)244-8447

UPCOMING EVENTS

2014

Dec 20, Saturday, 2:30 – 4:30 pm, LILT
Downtown Holiday Market, 7th & 9th Streets,
NW, DC.
Info: www.liltirishmusic.com

Dec 20, Saturday, 3 and 8 pm
29th Annual Winter Solstice Reunion with Chris
Norman, Robin Bullock, & Ken Kolodner,
plus Brad Kolodner, Elke Baker, Alex
LacQuement, Rennie Pearson, Jonathan Srouer
Goucher College Kraushaar Auditorium, 1021
Dulaney Valley Road, Baltimore, MD;
Info: kenkolodner.com/winter-solstice-concert.html

Dec 27, Saturday, 6:30 and 9:30 pm
O'Malley's March, Rams Head Onstage, 33
West St., Annapolis, MD
Info: www.ramsheadonstage.com

2015

Jan 1, Thursday, 4-8 pm, 3 pm class
GWCC Ceili @ Cherry Hill Park Conference Center
9800 Cherry Hill Rd., College Park, MD;
Potluck at 1st break;
Info: gwcc-online.org (entrance code 76000)

MORE UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar 1, Sunday, 4 & 6 pm, Iona
The Old Brogue, 760 Walker Road, Great Falls,
VA
Info: www.ionamusic.com

Mar 6, Friday, 8 pm, Danu, 20th Anniversary Tour
Concert Hall, Center for the Arts, George Mason
University, Fairfax, VA
Info: cfa.gmu.edu

Mar 7, Saturday • 7:00pm
Teelin Irish Dance Company Show
Weinberg Center for the Arts
20 West Patrick Street, Frederick, Maryland 21701
Info: 301-600-2828

Mar 14, Saturday, 7:30 pm, CCE Ceili
Frying Pan Farm Park Visitors Center,
2739 W. Ox Rd., Herndon, VA 20171
Marilyn Moore + Bog Wanderers Ceili Band
Info: www.ccepotomac.org.

Mar 16, Monday, 7 pm & 9 pm
Caladh Nua, Strathmore Mansion
The Mansion At Strathmore
10701 Rockville Pike
North Bethesda, MD 20852-3224
Info: (301) 581-5200

Mar 22, Sunday, 4-8 pm, 3 pm class
GWCC Ceili dance @ Cherry Hill Park Conference Center
9800 Cherry Hill Rd., College Park, MD;
potluck at 1st break;
Info: gwcc-online.org (entrance code 76000)

Apr 11, Saturday, 7:30 pm, CCE Ceili
Frying Pan Farm Park Visitors Center,
2739 W. Ox Rd., Herndon, VA 20171
Marilyn Moore + Bog Wanderers Ceili Band
Info: www.ccepotomac.org.

Apr 26, Sunday, 4-8 pm, 3 pm class
GWCC Ceili dance @ Cherry Hill Park Conference Center
9800 Cherry Hill Rd., College Park, MD;
Potluck at 1st break; Info: gwcc-online.org (entrance code 76000)

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NEW YEAR'S DAY CEILI 2015

Start the New Year off right!

4:00–8:00PM

[3:30 DANCE BASICS REVIEW]

Cherry Hill Park Conference Center

9800 Cherry Hill Rd College Park, MD

(Entrance Code: 76000)

with live music by

ELLIS ISLAND

Dave Abe, Myron Bretholz

Peter Fitzgerald & Andy Thurston

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promoting traditional Celtic dance,
music, and culture since 1985!



Program

North Kerry Set

Siege of Ennis

Merchant Set

Rakes of Mallow

– Break –

Kildownet Half Set

Clare Mazurka Set

Ballyvourney Jig

Antrim Square Set

– Break –

Paris Set

Free Waltz / Waltz Cotillion

Clare Lancers

- * easy dances & old favorites
- * door prizes & raffle (1 ticket included w/admission)
- * potluck dinner during first break – bring a dish to share



ADMISSION:

GWCC members: \$20 Non-members: \$25

Ages 11-20: half price Under 11: free

INFORMATION: (301) 512-4480 <http://www.gwcc-online.org>



GWCC Lending Library Policy and Signature Form for

Irish Language Instruction Course

- A librarian will keep the materials and make them available to GWCC members in good standing. The club will lend members the entire kit for one month at a time, renewable up to one year if no other member requests the materials. The club will not lend materials to anyone but members in good standing. Good standing means that the borrower's membership is current and will be current for the entire time the borrower has the materials. If the borrower's membership lapses, he or she must return the materials to the librarian immediately.
- Members who borrow the material will give the club a \$50 deposit by cash or check made out to "GWCC." The librarian will send the borrower an email receipt, and the treasurer will keep the deposit while the materials are on loan. Once the borrower returns the materials in good condition, the librarian will return the borrower's deposit. The librarian and borrower will make arrangements for the deposit to be returned.
- The club will not cash the deposit (if by check) unless the borrower loses or damages any part of the materials. The librarian will monitor the condition of the kit and report any loss or damage to the board. The board will decide how much the borrower must pay for any loss or damage, and the librarian will notify the borrower of the decision by email. Damage includes any writing or highlighting in the books or notebook, torn or missing book pages, and damage to any of the set's compact disks.
- This policy includes a recall option that allows another member to request materials while they are lent to a member. In this case, the original borrower must return the kit to the librarian within a week of an email notice or risk losing his or her deposit. Returning the materials means physically transferring them to the librarian in complete and good condition. The librarian and the borrower can determine how they do this.

Borrower's Agreement:

I have received the complete, undamaged *Living Language* learning materials from the GWCC librarian (three text books, nine CDs and one notebook) and I understand and agree to follow the Club's lending policy stated above. I understand that if I return damaged or incomplete materials, I will forfeit part or all of my \$50 deposit.

Name and Signature: _____ Date: _____

Librarian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Renew Date(s): _____

Join the club!

Get our monthly newsletter and save on monthly ceilis, all for just \$15 per person.

To sign up or renew today, send this membership form and your check (made to GWCC) to GWCC, P.O. Box 1703, Silver Spring, MD 20915-1703

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