



Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann

Nuachtlitir | Newsletter

Meitheamh 2015 June

Craobh OTTAWA Branch

SURVEY

In response to recent trends of decline in membership and event attendance, we have devised a survey to collect feedback on how to best move forward.

Please help us grow by giving your input. To complete the survey, follow the link below or contact an executive member for a copy of the survey.



<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/PKQR5RY>

CLASSES & CÉILÍS

Weekly language and dance classes at Blessed Sacrament Hall will resume on 14 September and run until 14 December.

The monthly CCÉ céilís will return on 19 September.

Entertainment Officer Carol Ann would also like to thank everyone who provided bread and baked goods and help in the kitchen at the céilís.

Ottawa Comhaltas Blog:
ottawacomhaltas.blogspot.com
is now taking submissions in English
and in Irish. Please email our webmaster at
webmaster.ottawacomhaltas@gmail.com

Oireachtas Gaeilge Cheanada

June 28–29 Meitheamh

An Ard-Fhéile na Gaeilge i Meiriceá Thuaidh.

The premier Irish-language festival in North America.

Dé Sathairn 28ú Meitheamh, ceardlanna ceoil, rince, srl. Féasta agus céilí san oíche.

Saturday 28 June, workshops in music, dance, and more. Banquet and céilí in the evening.

Days Inn Kingston (33 Sráid Benson Street)



Dé Domhnaigh 29ú Meitheamh, comórtais agus beárbaiciú ar an Ghaeltacht Thuaisceart an Oileáin Úir.

Sunday 29 June, competitions and barbecue at the North American Gaeltacht.

An Gaeltacht (298 Sráid Gilmour Road)

Tá fáilte roimh gach aon leibhéal Gaeilge.

Participants of all levels of Irish are welcome.

Tuilleadh eolas ar OIREACHTAS.CA for more details.

Daoine le suim a bheith ina saorálai, seol r.phost chuig:

Those interested in being volunteers, please contact:

Sheila.Scott@uOttawa.ca



Griangraif le | Photos courtesy: OGC 2014

Irish Seniors Drop-in Centre

Every Tuesday 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

St. George's Church Hall, 415 Piccadilly Avenue
(near Island Park/Byron).

Join the gang for potluck lunch, stories, music, and great craic!

Kay 613-829-8467 or Margo 613-837-4164

Ottawa Fury FC

Ottawa's NASL team, Fury FC, is offering tickets at special rates for Comhaltas members.

Tickets for the July 22 and the August 15 games remain. \$14.50 for black section and \$22.50 for silver section seats (down from \$20 and \$28 respectively).



Enter the promotional code "CEILIFURY" when ordering tickets online at <http://www.capitaltickets.ca/promo-and-pre-sale>.

Cumann Iománaíochta Éire Óg Hurling Club

Éire Óg is holding a draw on 1 July 2015. Tickets \$10 each, grand prize is a trip for 2 to the All-Ireland hurling finals and \$750 in spending cash.



More information on the draw and the team at ottawahurling@gmail.com.



THE GAELIC HOUR
Sunday 8:00am - 10:00am
cjll 97.9fm



Streaming: www.thegaelichour.ca e-mail: austin@thegaelichour.ca

The Big Prize Draw

Comhaltas is "celebrating our Irishness" with a fundraiser big prize draw. Most of the proceeds from this draw will be retained within the local branch (so we can organise bigger and better things for you).

Top prize: **€20 000**

Other prizes:

- ❖ iPad Air
- ❖ iPad Mini
- ❖ Tipperary Crystal
- ❖ Hobgoblin Harp
- ❖ Luxury Weekend at Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann

Tickets are \$25 each and are available until November. Please contact our secretary Caitlin Crockard (sec.ottawacomhaltas@gmail.com) for details on the Big Draw and tickets.



ATTENTION MUSICIANS!

Videos, sheet music and more at:

<http://comhaltas.ie/music/>

ComhaltasLive Programme Listing:

<http://comhaltas.ie/music/programmes>

Check out the Comhaltas Archive:

<http://comhaltasarchive.ie/>

Irish-Music Lessons

CCÉ has **instruments** available for loan.

- Accordion
- 2 Children's Fiddles

Please check our website

<http://www.ottawacomhaltas.com/music.php> for
availabilities and applications!

Sessions in Ottawa and the Valley

Contact Craig Hamm or Charles Dunlap
(cdunlap@xplornet.com) for information on
music, workshops and concerts in your area! New
blog posts to come.

<http://www.irishmusicottawa.ca/>
<http://irishmusicottawa.blogspot.com/>

Dance Classes

Monday Evenings
Resume in September

Blessed Sacrament Hall,
194 Fourth Avenue

Set/Céilí Dance Class:

6:30pm – 8:00pm

Irish Solo Dance Class:

8:00pm – 9:30pm

For more information and cost for classes,
please contact Caitlin Crockard:

cscrockard@hotmail.com

Celtic Cross is a local performance group made up
of adult dancers from the disciplines of Irish, Highland,
and Ottawa Valley Step dance with a roster of over 20
dancers with decades of experience as teachers,
choreographers, performers and competitors, the group
performs traditional dances, and original contemporary
choreographies that blend all three dance styles.
Celtic Cross is available for performances at concerts,
festivals, parties, weddings, and more. Contact them if
you'd like some lively dancing at your event!

Email: celticcrossottawa@gmail.com

Website: <http://celticcrossdancers.com/>

Ottawa Valley Step Dancing

For lessons,

Contact Dawn Dewar: 613-794-3296

Events in the Region | Imeachtaí Sa Cheantar

June 12–14, Mòd Chanada

A wonderful line-up of Scottish Gaelic (Gàidhlig)-related events and competitions such as cèilidhs, piping, singing, and dancing. Competitors and spectators alike are welcome. Please see GaidhligOttawa.ca for details.



June 13, Gaels/ISNCR Golf Fundraiser & Banquet

Golfing fundraiser for the Ottawa Gaels GAA team and the Irish Society of the National Capital Region. 12:30pm shotgun start. \$135 for 18 holes, cart, and dinner. \$35 for just dinner at 6:00pm. Emerald Links Golf Club (6357 Emerald Links Drive). Contact info@ottawagaels.ca.

June 16, Sons of Scotland Pipe Band Concert

Fundraising concert for the local pipe band at the residence of the Ambassador of Ireland (291 Park Road). Begins 7:30pm.

June 20, Éire Óg/St. Brigid's Golf Fundraiser & Banquet

Golfing fundraiser for the Éire Óg hurling team and the St. Brigid's Centre for the Arts. Shotgun start at noon. \$150 for 18 holes, cart, and dinner. \$40 for just dinner, time unspecified. Meadows Golf & Country Club (4355 Hawthorne Road). Contact ottawahurling@gmail.com.

June 26–28, Oireachtas Gaeilge Cheanada 2015

Celebrate the arts in the Irish language with singing, storytelling, literature, dance, music, and more at the premier Irish-language festival in North America. Workshops Saturday at the Kingston Days Inn (33 Benson Street). Competitions and wrap-up barbecue Sunday at an Ghaeltacht (298 Gilmour Road, Tamworth ON).



See Oireachtas.ca to register for competitions, to register for the event, and to get more details.

From Our Blog | As Ár mBlag

This is a brief look back at CCÉ Ottawa's activities at the Oireachtas last year. For more posts like this, visit our blog at OttawaComhaltas.blogspot.ca.

"CCÉ member Ellen MacIsaac's Celtic Choir, took the first place (gold medal) in the choir competition, and the Ottawa Céilí Band also took first prize in their category."

In singing competition in styles other than sean nós, CCÉ members were quite successful: Ellen MacIsaac took the 1st place (gold medal), Síle Scott, the 2nd place (silver medal), and Oscar Mou was tied for the 3rd place!

Shadyn Proctor took 2nd place on sean-nós dancing, and the CCÉ Ottawa Set Dancers took the first place on Set Dancing for a second year running!"



Photos courtesy: S. Proctor and OCG 2014.

Nuacht ón Chathaoirleach | The Chair's Updates

Many thanks to all the members of the CCÉ Ottawa Branch with whom I have had the pleasure to work over the last number of years. I was presented with a CCÉ Service Award at the CCÉ Provincial Convention in Parsippany, New Jersey this past May. I accepted this award in all of your names. One person does not a CCÉ Branch make. I am proud to say that I have been very fortunate to work with wonderfully generous and dedicated CCÉ members over the years. I share this Service Award with all of you.

With sincere thanks, Sheila

Mí an Mheithimh