



June 2014 Newsletter

LET THE GAMES BEGIN!

Just two weeks remain until the **4th annual Newport Celtic Festival and Highland Games** and your chance to surprise dad for Father's Day (June 15th) with a trip to the coast!

We have a great line up this year for the Celtic Festival & Highland Games (Click each link for details):

[Live Celtic Dancing](#)

[Live Celtic Music](#)

[Special Events](#)

[Athlete Bios for 2014 Highland Games](#) (over 40 athletes so far)!

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*****Attention Participants:** If you have not yet received an e-mail regarding your welcome letter, please e-mail us a info@newportcelticfestival.com
Surveys will be available online after the festival for collecting feedback from attendees and participants. Our volunteers work very hard to make this a special experience for everyone. We appreciate hearing from you!

JUNE CELTIC HERITAGE & TRADITIONAL CELEBRATIONS

21 June - Summer Solstice - Midsummer (Cornwall, Ireland, Scotland & Wales)
Many towns and cities have 'Midsummer Carnivals' with fairs, concerts, folk dances (ceili dancing) and fireworks either on the weekend nearest to Midsummer. In rural spots, bonfires are lit on hilltops. In Wales this festival is called Gwyl Ifan. During this time on the **Isle of Man**, the annual Test Trials or "TT" races host the world's bravest sportsmen and women who take to the 37.7 mile Mountain Course to try and beat John McGuinness' tally of 20 TT wins and his fastest ever laptime of 131.578mph on the Superbike.

In **Brittany** (France), Fête de la Saint Jean et Fest Noz or the Feast of St. John is celebrated on this day with music and a Fest Noz dance.

Many different cities and towns have their own unique traditions associated with the festival but in **Galicia** (Spain), Midsummer tradition is also especially strong. Bonfires are lit in the streets or on the sand of the beaches, the rituals are jumping over the fire, touching the water that is blessed in the night or making wishes, and there are fireworks too. Special meals are also served on this occasion.

If you know of any Celtic holidays or traditions that we don't have listed, please let us know at info@newportcelticfestival.com.

UPCOMING CHA EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

CHA's 4th Annual Newport Celtic Festival & Highland Games

A full compliment of performers, vendors, events & activities await you at the 2014 Newport Celtic Festival & Highland Games!

Dates: June 13-15, 2014

Location: Lincoln County Fairgrounds, Newport, OR

TICKETS ON SALE NOW AT: www.newportcelticfestival.com

CHA VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

FAIRGROUNDS CLEAN UP & ORIENTATION - Sunday, June 8th

Clean Up - 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Orientation - 2:00 pm

2014 SPONSORS

Thank you to sponsors who signed on to support this year's festival including Ultrasonic Events, Newport Signs, Pioneer Telephone Cooperative, Best Western Plus Agate Beach, Hallmark Resort, News Lincoln County, Oregon Coast TODAY, Sola Luna Gallery, CelticLife.com, Shilo Inn, Georgia-Pacific, Bayview Construction, Bridie's Irish Faire, CoastCom, Inc., Northwest Highland Cattle Association, Bigfoot Beverages (Pepsi), Coastal Celtic Society, Columbia Bank, Jeffery Shirley Graphic Designs, Oregon Web Press, The Whaler Motel, Staples, LaQuinta, Lamb Etc. Scottish and Irish Imports, Nana's Irish Pub, Crestview Golf Course, Sport Kilt, Inn at Nye Beach, Agate Beach Golf Club, Sudden Impact, and of course...Oregon Coast Magazine, who will once again be producing our Official Souvenir Program!

Thank you also to our donors, including Thompson's Sanitary, the Greater Newport Chamber of Commerce, Lincoln Storage, Pig n' Pancake and Christopher & Ruth Franke in cooperation with the Oregon Cultural Trust.

CHARITABLE GIVING

Did you know there are now several ways CHA can be supported? Now you can show your support through sponsorship, volunteerism, and charitable donations to our 501(c) 3 charitable organization including shopping at Fred Meyer and purchasing our official gear on eBay! [Click here](#) to see all the ways you can help! We appreciate your continuing support for the Celtic Heritage Alliance!

Until next time...

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