

The Manhattan No.1 CSC - The New York Fenian Bhoys is the biggest (and best) Celtic Supporters Club in New York City, welcoming visitors from the world over to our home at Jack Demseys, 36 W 33rd St, (between 5th & Broadway): THE place to watch the Hoops, free of charge!

Club President: Robert Parker

Treasurer: Paul McSherry

Membership Secretary: Kerry Quigley

Merchandise: Sam Noone

Honorary President: Bertie Auld (23 March 1938 – 14 November 2021) RIP



The club was founded in July 1998 in the back room of the old Rocky Sullivan's bar on Lexington Avenue in New York. In the aftermath of Celtic's League Championship win in 1998, founding President, Tony Quinn and his band of rebel Tims decided that they needed somewhere to go, to not only watch the 'Tic play live, but also to be able to have a few post game drinks and to sing the songs of Celtic.

It was decided at the first club meeting in '98, that the name of the club would be the New York Fenian Bhoys CSC The reason for this title? The American branch of The Fenian Brotherhood had been formed near Rocky's in 1858, and was devoted to raising money, arms, and soldiers for a future rebellion in Ireland. Also in New York in the 1850's new Irish immigrants found they had a lot in common with other immigrants and working class Americans. As Edwin Burrows and Mike Wallace reported in their Pulitzer Prize winning book Gotham, A History of New York City to 1898:

"These groups of workingmen shared a distaste for bourgeois culture, with its exaltation of piety and sobriety, self control and industriousness, female domesticity and refined respectability. Some immigrants were drawn to the party of the refined; others joined the ranks of the rude boys – and transformed them into b'hoys. The b'hoy was a multi-ethnic construction, part native-American rowdy, part Irish "jackeen," part German "younger". This new youth culture fashioned its self-image not at work but at play – and the bastion of b'hoydom was the Bowery long a site of rough sports for adolescents and apprentices.

Walt Whitman observed and his poetry so reflected their defiant vitality that more than one reviewer observed: "He is the 'Bowery Bhoy' in literature."

So all the ingredients of the club name were garnered from right here in our adopted home city, and of course, "sedition's a tradition."

Rocky's ended up relocating to Red Hook in Brooklyn due to extortionate rent & rates imposed by greedy landlords and we eventually found our home at Jack Demseys. We brought in a few bits and pieces of memorabilia and put them up on the walls, got ready for life in Demseys and we've never looked back. We have the greatest hosts we could hope for and everybody returns to Jack Demseys sooner than later for the welcome, the craic, the Guinness and of course, the famous Glasgow Celtic.

We show ALL Celtic games live and will often put live music on for big Cup games and Glasgow derby games and the full-time whistle does not signify the end of the proceedings; it very often means the party's just getting started. We welcome all - including families - although it should be noted that in the same way you might witness at home, we welcome the singing of songs you'll hear on Supporters' buses and at Celtic Park. **We're proud of our mantra: "Freedom of Speech, Freedom off Song".**

We are also proud to carry on the benevolent traditions of Celtic FC and its Founder, Brother Walfrid. We are closely tied to the Celtic FC Foundation and continue to contribute to fundraising efforts that benefit charitable causes in New York, Scotland, Ireland and further afield.

Over the years the club has continued to grow and we welcome new members each season. We've seen members, good friends and Celtic family come and go, but the club's endured and it's still the same rebel enterprise it was in 1998.