

# The Irish American Athletic Club of Celtic Park, Queens



**Steeplechase Race at Celtic Park, circa May, 1912.**

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## -Illustrated Lecture-

Celtic Park resident and historian Ian McGowan will present a talk and slideshow on the history of the Irish American Athletic Club, an amateur athletic club that dominated U.S. and Olympic track & field events for the first two decades of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century, whose stadium and facilities stood on the site of the Celtic Park housing complex in Woodside, Queens. The presentation includes more than 100 historical photos of the site, the athletes who competed for the IAAC, and trophies and medals they won in local and regional events and the controversial 1908 Olympic Games in London.

### -Two Dates and Locations, Free Admission-

**Saturday,  
March 14, 2:30pm**

**Queens Library at Woodside  
54-22, Skillman Avenue, Woodside**

**Monday,  
March 23, 7:00pm**

**Greater Astoria Historical Society  
35-20, Broadway, Astoria, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor**

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