



Thanks to all who participated in and helped with the golf tournament last month. A great time was had by all. Titleist made some money off me this year. I sure wish they made a golf ball with a tracking device in it. If you couldn't make it out this year, consider it next year.

Well, it's hard to believe it's July already. But with the new fireworks law in Iowa, I did not need the calendar to tell me the Fourth is near. That being said, I hope you enjoyed your new freedom responsibly. I would like to see you all with the same number of fingers you had the June meeting!

I hope you all had a relaxing holiday and were able take some time to reflect on how the Irish helped this country gain its independence by tipping back a few pints with friends and family.

Stay classy, Sons.

President Tim Schuck

Wearin' of the Grin

An Irishman moves to the USA & finally attends his first baseball game. The first batter approached the batters' box, took a few swings and then hit a double. Everyone was on their feet screaming, "Run, run!"

The next batter hit a single & the Irishman listened as the crowd again cheered, "Run, run!" The Irishman enjoyed the game & began screaming with the fans. The fifth batter came up and four balls went by. The umpire called "walk" and the batter started his slow trot to first base. The Irishman stood up and screamed,

"R-r-run, ya lazy bastard ya, run!"

The people around him began laughing. Embarrassed, the Irishman sat back down. A friendly fan noted the man's embarrassment, leaned over and explained,

"He can't run, he's got four balls."

The Irishman stood up & screamed, "Walk with pride, me-boyo!"



Arguing with a woman is like reading a Software Licensing Agreement. In the end you have to ignore everything and click, "I agree."

And never make a woman mad. They can remember stuff that hasn't even happened yet.

Just don't even try to understand women. Women understand women and they hate each other.



Upcoming:

Monthly Meeting

July 10, 6:30 p.m.

Menu:

BBQ Pulled Pork/
Smoked Brisket/
Baked Beans / Potato Salad

Annual Iowa Irish Fest

Aug. 4-6

Next Meeting

August 14
"Friends of the Friends"



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Leprechaun Open was grand golf craic

Regular golfers know it takes longer to learn to be a good golfer than it does to become a brain surgeon. On the other hand, you don't get to ride around on a cart, drink beer, and eat hot dogs when you are performing brain surgery.

We can all drink to that!

A couple of weeks ago, golfers both good and bad hit the Copper Creek links and their mettle were sorely tested. But no one can argue that the weather wasn't glorious, the steaks weren't delicious and the greens weren't vicious.

Groundwork for the 2017 Leprechaun Open was adroitly handled by our own **Brian Kreps** and 44 golfers showed up on Sat., Sept. 17 with their weapons of grass destruction.

Kreps scheduled an afternoon of golf followed by a terrific steak dinner and a splendid raffle, then found out he had a schedule conflict. 'Twas no problem, however, as our past golf event guru, **Bob Fogarty**, stepped in and masterfully ran the day's activities with the help of our FSOSP committee volunteers. Results of that afternoon are in and we lead off with dubious "honors"...

Award winners of our "Special Trophies"

Tree Hugger Award ☘ COREY JAEGER

Sand Trap/Water Ball Award ☘ MIKE MURPHY

The Dreaded "Take Up Another Sport" Award ☘ EMILY UGLEM

Pin Prizes

Closest to the Pin (on #15) ☘ TONY UGLEM

Longest Drive (on #3) ☘ MARK BARTOSH

Longest Putt (on #18) ☘ BUTCH SCHUCK

1st Place Club Champions ☘ JAKE UGLEM & COLTON KRAMER

2nd Place ☘ TONY UGLEM & NICK SANDY



O'Donnell & Friends Open raises over \$100K for charity

The 24th Annual O'Donnell and Friends Open was held at Toad Valley Golf Course on Friday, June 23. The selected charities for this year were Courage League Sports and On with Life.

Courage League Sports assists handicapped children and adults by providing sports-related activities. On with Life provides medical rehabilitation for people suffering from brain injuries.

Because of the generous donations of hundreds of people and organizations, the O'Donnell and Friends Open raised \$101,662 for those two charities. Each received a check for \$50,831.00.

"The Friendly Sons again supported this philanthropic event in the amount of \$1,500. All associated with this event want to thank the Friendly Sons for their continued support," said Jim O'Donnell. 🍀



Board News

March is in the rear-view mirror now, but the board is still grumbling about the city's demands in regards to our St. Patrick's Day Parade.

One issue has to do with the extreme cost connected to our traffic control arrangements. We'll be exploring cheaper alternatives than our annual contract with Bonnie's Barricades.

However, the "elephant in the room" is WHY we have to go to all of the trouble of fencing and barricades at all when other parades in the DM area are not doing that.

The recent PRIDE parade had no elaborate barriers. Neither do the fall Beaverdale or State Fair parades.

Once again, we intend to present this expensive inconsistency/unfairness to the city. □□□

The July board meeting will be an "invite" party preparing mailings to our sponsors and charity recipients welcoming them to our traditional August "Friends of the Friends" meeting.

Bring a bag of canned goods for the Food Bank and, in return, get your meal for free. □□□

The Sept. 16 Halfway to St. Pat's Bike Ride is nearing. Riders will leave Orlando's at 1 p.m. and head south to the Cumming Tap for music and fun.

Volunteers are needed and a short gathering will be held after this month's meeting to get some Sons signed up. □□□

Please come and be part of our participation with Miracle League on Sept. 30. We also will donate \$500 to that organization again this year.

We will partner with special needs kids at the 9:00 and 10:00 a.m. games that day at the Kiwanis ball diamond. Sign-up sheets will be out at the next two meetings. □□□

Only 3-4 guys are needed to help with cleanup after this month's meeting meal. Please be one of them?

Requiescat in pace

We sadly report that Kime Greene passed away June 26. All of us send our condolences to her husband, Bill, and to the family and their friends. Memorial contributions may be made to the Greene family.

BLARNEYBITS

July will be a big, big month for Sully's Pub. Owners Bill and Amy Boggs are relocating their bar, a long-time WDM Irish watering hole, about 100 yards due east to 860 First Street. It will re-open in the former Blue Tomato building.

The move has been underway for several months and, after a slight delay, the doors will open at the new location on Friday, July 7.

"Now that we will have food, look for Tuesday burger specials, Wednesday wing specials and Thursday steak nights. Drink prices and drink specials are not changing with our move," said Amy.

Here's their line-up for this fast-paced month:

- July 12: Ed Kelly plays Irish pub standards, 8 pm.
 - July 19: Stu Ryan O'Brien sing-along, 7 p.m.
 - July 22: Grand Re-opening Party with:
 - 2-4 p.m. - Stu Ryan O'Brien
 - 4-6 p.m. - Alt 106.3 Live Remote
 - 6-9 p.m. - Mike Aceto
- w/Half-price wings / Free Tullamore Dew samples

"We may also be having a blessing of the restored St. Patrick," Amy said. 🍀

Upcoming events

- JULY 7-8 80/35 MUSIC FESTIVAL WESTERN GATEWAY PARK
- JULY 11 CUMMING TAP TACOPOCALYPSE BIKE RIDE PARTY RIDE HEADS SOUTH FROM ORLONDO'S AT 4 P.M. HELD EVERY TUESDAY ALL YEAR
- AUG. 4-6 IOWA IRISH FEST / DOWNTOWN WATERLOO, IA HOSTED BY CEDAR VALLEY IRISH CULTURAL ASSN.
- AUG. 26 IRISH HOOLEY MUSIC FESTIVAL / DUBUQUE, IA
- SEPT. 1-3 ANNUAL KANSAS CITY IRISH FEST CROWN CENTER SQUARE & WASHINGTON PARK FRI., 5-11 P.M. / SAT. & SUN., 11-11 P.M.

