



upcoming
events

JULY 11
STU RYAN O'BRIEN @ MICKEY'S IRISH PUB / 6 P.M.

JULY 14
*2ND ANNUAL BAGS TOURNEY & RAGBRAI PARTY
NOON @ SULLY'S PUB*

AUG. 2
*THE HIGH KINGS
CMA CONCERT @ HOYT SHERMAN PLACE
\$30 ADVANCE - \$35 AT THE DOOR / 7:30 P.M.
THECMA.ORG*

AUG. 3-5
*12TH ANNUAL IOWA IRISH FEST
@ DOWNTOWN WATERLOO
IOWAIRISHFEST.COM*

AUG. 16-19
*MILWAUKEE IRISH FEST
@ HENRY MAIER FESTIVAL PARK
\$20 GEN. ADMISSION, \$38 FOUR-DAY PASS
IRISHFEST.COM*

AUG. 25
*IRISH HOOLEY
@ DUBUQUE STAR BREWERY, PORT OF DUBUQUE
\$12 GEN. ADMISSION
IRISHHOOLEY.ORG
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MONTHLY IRISH "SESSION" OPEN JAMS / 7-9:30 P.M.
*1ST TUESDAY @ FIDDLE & WHISTLE, MARSHALLTOWN
2ND TUESDAY @ JAVA JOE'S, DES MOINES
4TH TUESDAY @ DUBLIN BAY, AMES*

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Friendly Sons of Saint Patrick
The Mickie Center #241
1620 Pleasant
Des Moines, IA 50314



The
Blarney

upcoming:

Monthly Meeting
July 9, 6:30 p.m.

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

Annual Iowa Irish Fest
Aug. 3-5

Next Meeting
August 13
"Friends of the Friends"



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leprechaun open was a swinging success

Copper Creek Golf Course was again the site of our annual Irish golf outing and just over 50 were on hand to play fetch with themselves, chasing a little white ball over hill and dale for over 4 hours on Sat., June 16.

Results of that afternoon are in and we lead off with these dubious "honors"...

Award winners of our "Special Trophies"

***Into the Woods Award* ★ MIKE REITER**

***Sand Trap/Water Ball Award* ★ TIM SCHUCK**

***The Dreaded "Take Up Another Sport" Award* ★ JIM MCCAY**

The following are probably a wee bit prouder of their accomplishments...

Competitions

***One-armed Putting* ★ BILL GREENE (WITH AN ACE!)**

***Marshmallow Drive* ★ CORY JAEGER (127' 4")**

Pin Prizes

***Closest to the Pin (on #15)* ★ PAT O'CONNELL**

***Longest Drive (on #3)* ★ DAVE BYRNES**

***Longest Putt (on #18)* ★ CRAIG TORKELSON**

3rd Place ★ DAVE WEGNER / JOHNNY DEVALT (74)

2nd Place ★ TIM SCHUCK / BUTCH SCHUCK (73)

1st Place Champions ★ DICK MCGINN / ARLO HINNERS (73)

Winners were determined by a tie-breaker, where they had birdied the hardest handicap hole and 2nd place had parred it. Three teams were tied for 3rd place with 74's and so 3rd was determined in the same fashion.

Keep 'em teed up this season, fellas, and hit 'em long and straight! 🍀



ireland changes constitution in abortion referendum

Ireland has voted to change its constitution in what represents the culmination of a decades-long struggle to liberalize one of the strictest abortion regimes in the western world.


The Eight Amendment to the Irish Constitution severely restricted access to abortion in Ireland and with its repeal the Irish Government is now free to legislate for the provision of abortion services in Ireland and also to remove the possibility of medical practitioners potentially facing criminal charges.

The referendum campaign was at times bitter and divisive and was projected by opinion polls to be a close-run affair. Distrust of the opinion polls in the wake of the recent US presidential election and the UK Brexit led to those who advocated a ‘Yes’ vote (those who wanted to repeal the Eight Amendment), not allowing complacency to set in to their campaign.

They repeatedly pointed out that this was a “once in a generation” opportunity to effect real social change in Ireland and hammered home the message that, despite leading in the polls, that their job was not yet done.


Their message was heard and the vote was carried by a massive 66.4% to 33.6%. The vote to a large extent mirrors the 2015 Referendum where same-sex marriage was legalized in Ireland by a margin of 61.2% to 37.9%. The conclusions after the 2015 vote are still very relevant in 2018: young people are participating in elections in massive numbers and there is a continuing decline in church attendance and relevance.

It is worth noting that at the time that the Eight Amendment was enacted in 1983 citizens who are now 53 years or younger were unable to vote. Primarily it is this precise cohort who have rejected the attitudes of their predecessors with every demographic under the age of 65 emphatically voting ‘Yes’ while those aged 65 and over were the only demographic to vote ‘No’.

It is estimated that over 200,000 new voters were registered in the weeks leading up to the vote. This was the third-highest turnout (by percentage) for a referendum in the history of the country and the biggest turnout ever (by number of voters) in the history of Ireland. 



wearin’ of the grin

WHY WE MISS RODNEY DANGERFIELD...		I know I’m not sexy. When I put my underwear on I can hear the Fruit-of-the-Loom guys giggling.
With my old man I got no respect. I asked him, ‘How can I get my kite in the air?’ He told me to run off a cliff.		My wife is such a bad cook in my house we pray after the meal.
I went to a massage parlor. It was self-service.		My wife likes to talk to me during sex; last night she called from a hotel.
It’s tough to stay married. My wife kisses the dog on the lips, yet she won’t drink from my glass!		My family was so poor that if I hadn’t been born a boy, I wouldn’t have had anything to play with.
Last night my wife met me at the front door. She was wearing a sexy negligee. The only trouble was, she was coming home.		It’s been a rough day. I got up this morning and put a shirt on and a button fell off. I picked up my briefcase, and the handle came off. I’m afraid to go to the bathroom.
A girl phoned me and said, ‘Come on over. There’s nobody home.’ I went over. Nobody was home!		I was such an ugly kid! When I played in the sandbox, the cat kept covering me up.
A hooker once told me she had a headache.		I could tell my parents hated me. My bath toys were a toaster and radio.
I was making love to this girl and she started crying. I said, ‘Are you going to hate yourself in the morning?’ She said, ‘No, I hate myself now.’		I was such an ugly baby that my mother never breast fed me. She told me that she only liked me as a friend.
My wife is such a bad cook, if we leave dental floss in the kitchen the roaches hang themselves.		I’m so ugly my father carried around a picture of the kid that came with his wallet.
I’m so ugly I stuck my head out the window and got arrested for mooning.		When I was born, the doctor came into the waiting room and said to my father, “I’m sorry. We did everything we could, but he pulled through anyway.”
The other day I came home early and a guy was jogging, naked. I asked him, ‘Why?’ He said, ‘Because you came home early.’		
My wife’s such a bad cook, the dog begs for Alka-Seltzer.		I’m so ugly my mother had morning sickness AFTER I was born.

board news

Just a reminder that the **2018 Bags Tournament** will be **July 14 at Sully’s Pub**. Registration will begin at 11:30 a.m. and the competition will start at noon. Two-person teams can enter for \$25 (\$20 before July 7).

A \$100 cash first place prize is planned, with other prizes for 2nd & 3rd. There will be drink specials throughout the day.

Pub owners **Amy & Bill Boggs** tell us that they will also be holding a **Ragbrai Party** in the pub that day.

They say bring your bike team to the pub in your team bus, or ride in for the 4-10 p.m. event. If you’re on a bus or ride a bike, you get \$5 Bud & Bud Lite pitchers, \$3 Goose Island Draws and \$3 Michelob Ultra bottles.

Add in bike-themed giveaways, prizes for best bus and best team shirts, plus a raffle (don’t need to be present to win) for a new bike and you’ve got a real party.

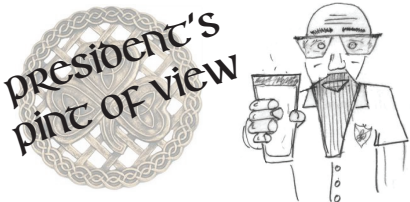
Amy says they have an awesome (think Vegas) prize for the driver of the best bus.

Bus parking locations are at Casey’s, West Bank and north of Dollar Tree. But NOT at True Value or Abe-lardo’s!



One of our more rewarding activities is to volunteer as “Angels in the Outfield” at the **Kiwanis Miracle League** field one fine summer’s day each year.

On Sat., June 30 a dozen Sons and other family members played ball with special needs kids at the 9 and 10 a.m. games and had a great time. (You should join them next year.)



This past Saturday morning we were the “Angels in the Outfield” for the Kiwanis Miracle League and it was a great time once again. Not only was the weather great, it was a great opportunity for us get out in the community and volunteer our time.

And not only that but it is simply a great feeling to be able to help the kids (and their parents) have a great time. It puts the impact we can have on our “Community of Caring” into perspective and I’m amazed what volunteering a small amount of time can achieve.

I experienced this myself Sunday. That morning we woke up to two inches of water in our basement. We called a couple of friends to see if they could help us out and by 9 a.m. we had a group of 10 or so “volunteers” helping us empty the basement, sort through what we could salvage, and clean what was left.

Something that would have taken my wife and I several days to do was completed in a matter of hours, thanks to our friends.


I hope those of you in the club that were impacted by Saturday’s weather came through it relatively unscathed and I hope those that needed help received it.

Don’t forget we are a diverse club whose members have a myriad of connections to others that can help in these type of situations, so please reach out if you ever need help. You may be surprised by the results you get.

We’ll see you at the meeting.
Stay classy, Sons.

President Tim “No Glitter” Schuck

celtic music
association news



multi-platinum artists, **The High Kings** are internationally acclaimed singers of Irish folk songs. The band is comprised of Brian Dunphy, Finbar Clancy, Darren Holden and George Murphy. “Each member of the quartet has an accomplished musical pedigree and the band first exploded onto the Irish folk music scene in 2008. They have sold out hundreds of shows, in Ireland and the US, and appeared on numerous TV shows. The High Kings showcase their incredible versatility and skills as multi-instrumentalists, playing 13 instruments between the four of them, bringing a rousing acoustic flavor to brand new songs as well as some old favorites.

“To say that The High Kings are charting a new course for Irish ballad music – equal parts rousing and reflective, energetic and insightful – is an understatement. They are, essentially, marking out a new and bright era for Irish folk music, and aiming to bring a broad demographic along for the journey.

“Each album captures the essence of the ensemble’s energetic sound of ‘folk ‘n roll’ and even the occasional sing-a-long,” according to their website.

The Celtic Music Association presents them in concert on **Aug. 2 at Hoyt Sherman Place at 7:30 p.m.** Check out their playlists & videos and listen to song samples at *thehighkings.com*.