



upcoming
events

JUNE 8-10
IOWA IRISH LANGUAGE & CULTURE WEEKEND
\$125 TUITION @ COE COLLEGE, CEDAR RAPIDS
CONTACT JOHN GIBNEY - GAEILGEDM@YAHOO.COM

JUNE 15-17
IRISH FEST @ LAWLER, IA
\$65 REGISTRATION ONLINE @ FRIENDLYSONSIOWA.COM
MUSIC / FOOD / FAMILY ACTIVITIES

JUNE 16
ANNUAL LEPRECHAUN OPEN GOLF TOURNEY
@ COPPER CREEK - NOON
\$65 REGISTRATION ONLINE @ FRIENDLYSONSIOWA.COM
TROPHIES & STEAK DINNER

JUNE 22
25TH ANNUAL O'DONNELL & FRIENDS OPEN
@ TOAD VALLEY GOLF COURSE

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

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



upcoming:

Monthly Meeting
June 11, 6:30 p.m.
Menu:
Pork, beans, potato salad

Leprechaun Open
June 16, noon

Next Meeting
July 9

25th O'Donnell & Friends Open
June 22



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'par'-take in a fine day of bunkers, birdies & bogeys

Consider the words of Will Rogers: "There is nothing that will get your mind off everything like golf. I have never been depressed enough to take up the game, but they say you get so sore at yourself you forget to hate your enemies."

True, that!

All of you who obsess about the game are welcome to come out on **Saturday, June 16** to **Copper Creek Golf Club**, a charming 18-hole course in Pleasant Hill, to whack away at a little ball and, in the process, crush most of your self-esteem all for \$65. But worth any price, 'eh?

As in years past, two-person teams will have a shotgun start at high noon, competing in a "Best Ball" format. Additionally, you can enter contests of putting and driving (a new event this year), and pin prizes will both honor and humiliate a select group of golfers.

A steak dinner, awards ceremony and raffle will be on tap in the clubhouse following course play.

More details & a sign-up sheet will still be available at this month's meeting next week, but you are cautioned by **Brian "Crush it" Kreps**:


"If you are attending next week's meeting and also planning on playing this year's Leprechaun Open, please bring your payment that night.

"It is your registration and you are not officially signed up to play until your \$65 is received.


"Even that late, it's cutting it close. We would like to have as many confirmed golfers as possible before then.

"If you are unable to attend the coming meeting and want to play, or have non-members who would like to play, print off the Registration Form on the FSOSP website and return it, with pament, to our mail address ASAP.

"Lots of behind the scenes prep has to be worked out to make the outing a success. Last minute doesn't work very well," said Kreps.

Questions? Call Kreps at 515-669-2531, or email to bdkdma@gmail.com. 

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Don't forget, our June meeting is our **annual "Luau" party night**. Wear your finest island threads! And...best shirt will win you a free meal! 



rain couldn't douse annual irish open disc golf spirits

On Saturday, May 13, The Friendly Sons held their 9th annual **Irish Open Disc Golf Tournament**. The 30 folks that showed up had a great time, but participants were smaller in number due to the rain all morning.

“We have noticed a pattern as Mike O’Connell is co-chair of the event and just like the bag tournament, rain follows him around,” said Co-chair Jerry Grady.

A little history about the tournament: **Adam Grady** started the tournament 9 years ago as a tool to expose the Sons to a younger crowd. The first year’s proceeds went to an education fund set up for the children of member Brian Smith, whose wife had died suddenly. The outing has continued to show a profit every year, although the weather can affect how much is raised for our charities.

Thanks go out to the members who volunteer their time to make the tournament a success: **Co-chairs Jerry Grady and Mike O’Connell, Adam Grady, John Pollak, Terry Vorbrich, Cliff Kessler, Doug Kern, Gary Porth, JP Golinvaux, and Bruce Simonton.** 🍀



TROPHIES

1ST PLACE: JOSH KING - \$200

2ND PLACE: KYLE SCHULTZ - \$50

3RD PLACE: DAVE BEERY - \$25

YOUTH WINNERS (16 & UNDER):

MORGAN BERRY & CHRIS MARSHALL

AWARDS

LONGEST DRIVE: KYLE SCHULTZ

CLOSEST TO PIN: TOM NUNEZ

LONGEST PUTT: KENT BONTRAGER

wearin' of the grin

A Minnesota farmer named Angus had a vehicle accident, hit by a truck owned by the Eversweet Company. In court, the Eversweet Company’s hot-shot lawyer was questioning Angus.

“Didn’t you say to the trooper at the scene of the accident, ‘I’m fine?’” asked the lawyer.

Angus responded: “Well, I’ll tell you what happened. I’d just loaded my fav’rit cow, Bessie, into da...”

“I didn’t ask for any details,” the lawyer interrupted. “Just answer the question. Did you not say, at the scene of the accident, ‘I’m fine!’?”

Angus said, “Well, I’d just got Bessie into da trailer and I was drivin’ down da road....”

The lawyer interrupted again and said, “Your Honor, I am trying to establish the fact that, at the scene of the accident, this man told the police on the scene that he was fine. Now several weeks after the accident, he is trying to sue my client. I believe he is a fraud. Please tell him to simply answer the question.”

By this time, the judge was fairly interested in Angus’ answer and said to the lawyer: “I’d like to hear what he has to say about his favorite cow, Bessie.”

Angus thanked the judge and proceeded. “Well, as I was saying, I had just loaded Bessie, my fav’rit cow, into da trailer and was drivin’ her down da road when this huge Eversweet truck and trailer came tun-dering tru a stop sign and hit me trailer right in da side. I was trown into one ditch and Bessie was trown into da udder. By Jaysus, I was hurt, very bad like, and didn’t want to move. However, I could hear old Bessie moanin’ and groanin’.

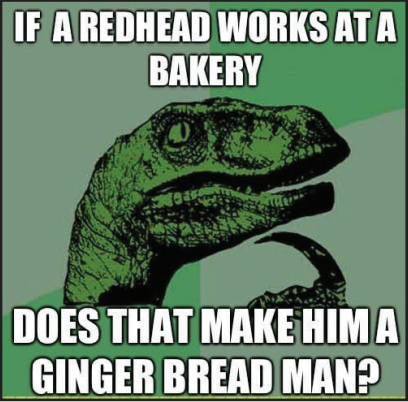


“I knew she was in terrible pain just by the way she was layin’ there a-groanin’.

“Shortly after da accident, a policeman on a motorbike turned up. He could hear Bessie moanin’ and groanin,’ too, so he went over to her. After he looked at her, and saw her condi-tion, he took out his gun and shot her between the eyes.

“Den da policeman came across da road, gun still in hand, looked at me, and said, ‘How are you feelin’?

“Now whot da fock would you say?”



board news

A real effort is being made to reach out to the metro community for support and sponsorship of our events, primarily the parade.

The board is preparing the “ask” and would like help from the membership in finding people or businesses that would consider being part of our charity work.

It would be great if each Son could nominate just one sponsor or donor for us to approach. Be thinking about your contribution and we’ll bring it up at next week’s meeting.



Following up on last year’s success, **Mike O’Connell** tells us the **2018 Bags Tournament** will be **July 14 at Sully’s Pub**. Registration will begin at 11 a.m. and the competition will start at noon.

A \$100 first place prize is planned.



A proposal is on the table to establish a standing com-mittee to handle membership issues and to welcome all new Sons. We’ll be setting that up as soon as possible. Think about being on it, won’t you?

requiescat in pace

This past weekend we received sad news of the death of **Mary Kathleen Schmid** (George’s wife and T-Bone’s mother). Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family.



Well, I’m sitting here feeling old, short of breath (still) and icing a sore Achille’s after a brief two inning “parents vs. players” scrimmage with my son’s little league team, which they won. Man! Can you believe it? Beaten by a bunch of third graders. As the kids ran merrily around the field having a great time, most of the parents were just trying to get through the game without injury or worse yet, making complete fools of themselves (the latter of which was unavoidable for most, myself included).

But as I’m sitting here feeling sorry for myself, it occurs to me that there is a sport I can still play that is much more my speed these days. It still involves a chasing a ball over great distances, however, I can chase it in a cart! With a beer!

Yes, I’m talking about the Annual Friendly Son’s Golf Open. I mean, sure I’ll still make a fool of myself, but I’ll have a much better time doing it. I can still pull a muscle throwing my entire golf bag full of clubs into the nearest water trap out of frustration, but what are the odds? (Pretty good if you’ve seen me “play”). Either way, I will still declare what a great time I had while doing it.

So, whether you have been out before or not, I encourage you to come and join us. Rain or shine, I guarantee you’ll have a good time. If all else fails and you aren’t, just find me on the course takin’ a swing. It’ll definitely make you feel better about your game! I hope to see you on the links, or at least in the clubhouse.

Stay classy, Sons. *President Tim “No Glitter” Schuck*

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The board approved a \$1500 contribution to the **O’Donnell & Friends Open**, which will be held on June 22 at Toad Valley Golf Course. This year’s charity recipient will be **Community Youth Concepts**, an organiza-tion which provides volunteer service opportunities and career-based mentoring to Iowa youth in order to improve their future success as students, professionals, and active community members.

You can be a part of the O’Donnells’ philanthropic efforts, too, by buying raffle tickets, 3 for \$10. Check it out at the meeting next week! 🍀

FIRST PRIZE

Four (4) Disney Theme Park One-Day Hopper tickets
(Valid at Walt Disney World Resort in Central Florida)
\$700 Value

SECOND PRIZE

DeWalt 20V Lithium Ion 4-Tool Combo Kit
\$500 Value

THIRD PRIZE

Stihl Lightning Battery Systems BGA 56 Blower
\$200 Value

Need not be present to win

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