



upcoming
events

JUNE 14-16
IOWA IRISH LANGUAGE & CULTURE WEEKEND
\$125 TUITION @ COE COLLEGE, CEDAR RAPIDS
CONTACT JOHN GIBNEY - GAEILGEDM@YAHOO.COM

JUNE 14-16
IRISH FEST @ LAWLER, IA
PARADE / MUSIC / FOOD / FAMILY ACTIVITIES
LAWLERIRISHFEST.COM

JUNE 15
ANNUAL LEPRECHAUN OPEN GOLF TOURNEY
@ COPPER CREEK - NOON
\$65 REGISTRATION ONLINE @ FRIENDLYSONSIOWA.COM
TROPHIES, CONTESTS & STEAK DINNER

JUNE 28
26TH ANNUAL O'DONNELL & FRIENDS OPEN
@ TOAD VALLEY GOLF COURSE

AUG. 2-4
13TH ANNUAL IOWA IRISH FEST
@ DOWNTOWN WATERLOO
3-DAY FEST PASS, \$15
IOWAIRISHFEST.COM

AUG. 15-18
MILWAUKEE IRISH FEST
@ HENRY MAIER FESTIVAL PARK
\$21 GEN. ADMISSION, \$40 FOUR-DAY PASS
IRISHFEST.COM

AUG. 24
IRISH HOOLEY MUSIC FESTIVAL
@ DUBUQUE STAR BREWERY, PORT OF DUBUQUE
\$12 GEN. ADMISSION

MONTHLY IRISH "SESSION" JAMS / 7ISH-9:30 P.M.
1ST TUESDAY @ FIDDLE & WHISTLE, MARSHALLTOWN
2ND TUESDAY @ JAVA JOE'S, DES MOINES
3RD TUESDAY @ COONEY'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 10, 6:30 p.m.
Menu:
Pork, Beans
& Potato Salad

Next Meeting
July 8

Leprechaun Open
June 15



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calling all duffers: our leprechaun open is nigh!

Copper Creek Golf Club in Pleasant Hill is waiting for you, and with spiffy new golf carts that you won't believe!

Plush Rolls Royce-quality seats will cushion your playing pain and the GPS system includes music broadcast of your choice as well as "real time" info of other sports events underway. So amazing you have to see/hear it to believe it.

Only a week and a half from now, our **Annual Leprechaun Open on Saturday, June 15**, will again make all but one team feel like they need to take more lessons (or next time save the drinking for Hole 19).

"Our annual 'whack-and-ball-hunt' is open to all – members, non-members, male, female and all in between. Two-person teams will compete in the 'Best Ball' format, all hoping to add their names to the Leprechaun's Cup. Contests of putting and marshmallow driving, as well as pin prizes, will showcase the talents (or lack thereof) of participating golfers. A steak dinner, awards ceremony and raffle will follow play," said event chair Brian Kreps.

The sign-up sheet has been out for a while but you can still get on board at this month's meeting. Get a two-some together for a fun day of golf and ink it in.

For more info contact Brian at 515-669-2531. 🍀

The Friendly Sons of St. Patrick's
Leprechaun Open



Two Person Best Ball Golf Tournament

Saturday, June 15th
Copper Creek Golf Club
\$65.00 per person

🏆 Pin Prizes 🍷 Excellent Raffle Prizes 🏆 Fine Trophies

Also... One Armed Putting Contest
Marshmallow Longest Drive Contest
Special "Talent" Awards for "noteworthy" play

Registration begins at 10:00 am. Shotgun start at Noon
Includes: 18 holes of golf, a GPS cart & steak dinner
(Proceeds go to support local charities. Price raises to \$75 on June 1st.)

Payment is Your Registration!

Send names of team members, phone numbers & checks made payable to:
Friendly Sons of St. Patrick
1620 Pleasant, Room 241
Des Moines, IA 50314
Call Brian Kreps at 515-669-2531 with questions

annual irish open golf tourney held may 11

mother Nature just cannot be tamed, it seems. It's been raining, raining, raining on everyone and everything these past weeks.

Our 10th Annual Irish Open Disc Golf Tournament on Sat., May 11 wasn't given any special exemption, to be sure, but an overcast sky and occasional drizzle didn't manage to dampen the golfers' enthusiasm.

A grand total of 43 golfers, including our 2019 Irish Queen Jamie McCarthy and President Tony Schmid, hit the links at Grandview Park for a rousing competition. Next year's event will again be at Grandview on Sat., May 9. 🍀



Artistic wood disk trophies were beautifully crafted courtesy of Pat O'Connell.

And the results:

OPEN WINNERS

1. DAVE BEERY 2. CALEB YODER 3. AARON REYNOLDS 4. JOE SANCHEZ

WOMEN'S WINNER

MORGAN BEERY

SPECIAL EVENTS

CLOSEST TO PIN: CALEB YODER
LONGEST PUTT: CHRISTOPHER MARSHALL
LONGEST DRIVE: AARON LINDSEY
PUTTING CONTEST: CALEB YODER

DAVE BEERY
OPEN WINNER

MORGAN BEERY
WOMEN'S WINNER

wearin' of the grin

A little old lady from Wisconsin had worked in and around her family's dairy farms since she was old enough to walk, with hours of hard work and little compensation. When canned Carnation Milk became available in groceries in the 1940s, the company offered \$5,000 for the best slogan. The producers wanted a rhyme beginning with "Carnation Milk is best of all..."

She saw it and thought to herself, "I know everything there is to know about milk and dairy farms. I can do this!" She sent in her entry; two weeks later a black car pulled up in front of her house. A big man got out, knocked on her door and said, "Ma'am, the president of Carnation Milk absolutely LOVED your entry, so much, in fact, that we are here to award you \$1,000--even though we will not be able to use it for our advertisements!" The president did, however, hung one on his office wall...



A husband and wife are on the 9th green when suddenly she collapses from a heart attack!

"Help me dear," she groans to her husband. The husband calls 911 on his cell phone, talks for a few minutes, picks up his putter and lines up his putt. His wife raises her head off the green and stares at him. "I'm dying here and you're putting?"

"Don't worry dear," says the husband calmly, "they found a doctor on the second hole and he's coming to help you." "Well, how long will it take for him to get here?" she asks feebly. "No time at all," says her husband. "Everybody's already agreed to let him play through."

..... A young man and a priest are playing together. At a short par-3 the priest asks, "What are you going to use on this hole, my son?" The young man says, "An 8-iron, father. How about you?" The priest says, "I'm going to hit a soft seven and pray." The young man hits his 8-iron and puts the ball on the green. The priest tops his 7-iron and dribbles the ball out a few yards. The young man says, "I don't know about you, father, but in my church, when we pray, we keep our head down."

..... The bride was escorted down the aisle and when she reached the altar, the groom was standing there with his golf bag and clubs at his side. She said, "What are your golf clubs doing here?" He said, "This isn't going to take all day, is it?"

board news

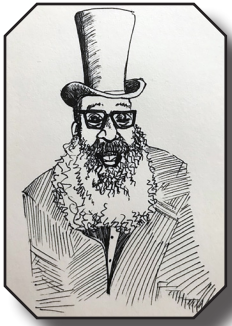
Almost 50 members are monthly receiving the Blarney newsletter from Allegra Printing by "snail mail." Printing costs run about \$75 and the mailing service, metering and postage, run another \$75. That's per month. It runs to *(a pause for quick mathification)*... \$900 a year. Another option for everyone is to enjoy the Blarney digitally, if you can, sent by email and thus saving us a little dinero that could be used for charity donations. And...*(bonus)* that way you will receive it in color! Give it a thought and let us know if you want to change over to PDF's.



The annual **FSOSP Halfway to St. Pat's Bike Ride** is in the planning stage. First up, getting a workable date. As usual, an effort will be made to avoid the weekends of Iowa State & Iowa football games and dodge that competition. Also, bike rides are gaining in popularity and we have to try to keep ours a standout among them. Volunteer for the committee at this month's meeting and get involved in this terrific event.



We don't usually plan any dress-up themes for the monthly meetings, especially after the disastrous "steam-punk leprechaun" effort a few years ago. But our June meeting is our **annual "Luau" party night** so you can wear your finest island threads and...best shirt will win you a free meal!



hello, gentlemen, Well, we are approaching the mid-point of 2019 and we have been having great success on several different levels!

I will tip my top hat and congratulate all of our yearly fundraisers such as the parade, the run and the disc golf tourney for raising significant income for the club's future local charitable donations!

Our future income goals depend on everything from events, donations and sponsorships to *(hopefully)* grants, so let's keep this ball rolling!

The club's membership has been growing in size every month so far this year *(good job sponsors!)*, which no doubt will help honor our "good ole Irish beliefs," including growth with community, charity and Irish heritage celebrations!

Don't forget, if we don't include the younger generations, this club literally won't have a future!

I know it will have already passed us by at the time you read this, but since I happen to be writing this on Memorial Day, I ask you to take a couple seconds to remember and honor the military personnel who perished while serving in the United States Armed Forces! Most of us call ourselves Irish/Americans because of those folks, so glasses high for them. CHEERS!

President Tony "Exclamation Point" Schmid

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CHARITY GOLF EVENT

O'Donnell and Friends Charities will be hosting the 26th O'Donnell and Friends golf outing at Toad Valley golf course on Friday, June 28.

As a 501c3 now, it was decided that they would expand their support to three worthy and needy organizations.

This year, **UCAN**, which helps senior citizens in the Polk County area, will receive a monetary gift of \$50,000.

Link Associates, which helps hundreds of mentally disabled Iowans, will receive \$20,000 to assist with technological needs.

And **Opportunity on Deck**, an organization that supports underprivileged children in various sports activities, will receive \$10,000 to assist in purchasing sports-related equipment.

"This kind of giving can only be done through generous sponsorships such as has been provided annually by the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick. Your commitment to our community is exemplified in your members' support of the O'Donnell and Friends Charities," said Jim O'Donnell. 🍀