



# The Blarney

## UPCOMING:

### Monthly Meeting:

June 13th

The Mickle Center

6:30 P.M.

Menu: Pork Chops, Baked Beans,  
Pasta Salad,

Bread/ Butter, Dessert

### Next Meeting:

July 11th

Mickle Center

6:30 P.M.

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## BOARD NEWS

The board was unable to meet prior to the Blarney being published. Stay tuned to next month’s Blarney for more in-depth news.

**GOLF TOURNEY** – Brian Krepps, Chairman.

Saturday June 11<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 A.M. Toad Valley, Cost is \$70 per person, 2-man best ball.

**BAGS TOURNEY** – Scott Tilton, Chairman.

Awaiting more information on this.

**DISC GOLF TOURNEY** – Jerry Grady, Chairman.

Saturday August 6<sup>th</sup>, Time? Cost is \$30. Per person. Proceeds to benefit the Food Bank of Iowa

**FSOSP RUN** – John Leonhart, Chairman.

The run is now scheduled for Saturday July 11<sup>th</sup>, \$40 per person.

**BIKE RIDE** – Jeff DeMoss, Chairman.

The ride is planned for Saturday September 24<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are needed.

Raffle tickets will be sold for the ride with the following prizes: 1-\$500. 1-\$250. 1-\$100. 1-\$50

**\*The October BOD meeting and the regular meeting dates are being moved to 10/3 for BOD and 10/17 for the regular meeting**

# FRIENDLY SONS OF ST. PATRICK

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## Presidents 'Pint of View'

Hi Gentlemen,

I hope everyone had a great Memorial Day weekend!

Mine was full of many events including two high school graduation parties, bicycle rides with my lovely wife, the downtown Des Moines farmers market, a fish and morel mushroom fry at a friend's house, a stop down to captain Roy's on the river for a fun bicycle month event and spending time with my family and friends! The downside to this weekend's fun filled events was most of the other board members also had very busy schedules so we had to move this month's board meeting of May 30th (Memorial Day) to the June 6th which doesn't give us nearly enough time to get the blarney out before our regular meeting. We still wanted to get the blarney out to you guys, so this month will be more of a recap and a reminder of upcoming events. We will not have a lot of "new" board news listed this month. My biggest concern was I wanted to make sure to ALERT you all to the fact that cutoff for signing up and paying for our yearly golf tournament is Tuesday June 7th! So, if you're not already signed up AND paid make sure to contact our illustrious golf tourney chairman Brian Krepps if you are interested in participating this year! Brian can be reached at +1 (515) 669-2531. THANK YOU, Brian, for all you do!!

Also, as promised, I wanted to give you fellas some interesting facts I learned in the DMACC class I took on ancient Ireland so here's just a quick little fact for you this month. DID YOU KNOW: The Celts were not first people to live in Ireland. The first people in Ireland were hunter gatherers who arrived about 7,000 to 8,000 BC. This was quite late compared with most of Southern Europe which began around 10,000 BC. The reason was the climate. The Ice Age had retreated sufficiently enough by then to make Ireland attractive to migrating populations spreading out in search of food and new hunting grounds.

CHEERS! 🍀

Your honored President,  
Tony "T-bone" Schmid

**FORE!! Heads up, gents, for our annual 2-person best shot contest, the Leprechaun Open, on Saturday June 11th. Don't get left in the rough; space is limited. The first to pay \$70 will play. Included: 18 holes of golf, a cart, pin prizes & a fine dinner prepared by Toad Valley. A raffle, with a vast array of prizes from the ends of the earth, will almost assure you won't get stiffed by the Dali Lama and will go home with "you know, a little somethin' for the effort." So, come prepared, Shotgun start at 8:00 A.M. Registration begins at 7:00 A.M It could be your name that is etched into history. Make checks payable to Friendly Sons of St. Patrick Mail to: 1620 Pleasant Street, #241, Des Moines, IA 50314**



## *Golf History*

A little bit of history and some commonsense golf rules from the illustrious Mr. Ed Kelly.

Those who do not golf do not get it. It's a mind game. It's a personal quest for a miracle. It's a... Well, we probably should all just admit that it's really playing fetch with yourself. Nevertheless: Gents, it's time for our annual fore-age into the trees, otherwise known as the Friendly Sons Leprechaun Open. Beautiful weather is scheduled (yeah, right) and we hope you bring your A-game. Especially captivating are the historical facts behind this classic game of golf. It's origins, for example... In May of 1754, twenty-two "Noblemen and Gentlemen" contributed to a Silver Club trophy to be played for annually at St. Andrew's in Scotland. The competition was initially open to all, as it had been in 1744 for the golfers of Leith, whose rules St. Andrew's golfers adopted with only minor changes. So began the golfing tradition at this famous Scottish institution. But the earliest records of golf in Scotland actually date from 1457, when King James II proclaimed that the game must be "utterly cried down" because it interfered with his troops' practicing of archery. Forerunners of golf probably date back to Roman "Pagenica," in which leather balls were hit into holes with curved wooden sticks. "Kolf" was played in Holland in the town of Loenen aan de Vecht in 1297, according to one written record. In this one-hole affair, the winner was whoever could hit a leather ball into a hole a hundred yards away with the fewest strokes. Another Dutch contest about that time involved hitting a ball into a hole in a frozen lake. Nevertheless, it is generally accepted that modern golf & its rules are a Scottish invention. A spokesman for the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, one of the oldest Scottish golf organizations, said, "Stick and ball games have been around for many centuries, but golf as we know it today, played over 18 holes, clearly originated in Scotland." The word golf, or in Scots, "gowf," is usually thought to be a Scots alteration of Dutch "colf" or "colve" meaning "stick, club, bat," itself related to a German word meaning "mace or club." Evidence of early golf in what is now the United States includes a 1739 record for a shipment of golf equipment to a William Wallace in Charleston, South Carolina, and the establishment of the South Carolina Golf Club in 1787 in Charleston. However, as in England, it was not until the late 19th century that golf started to become firmly established.

## *Golf Rules*

- If your opponent has trouble remembering whether he or she shot a six or a seven, he probably shot an eight (or worse).
- Every time a golfer makes a birdie, he or she must subsequently make two double bogeys to restore the fundamental equilibrium of the universe.
- Counting on your opponent to inform you when he or she breaks a rule is like expecting them to make fun of their own haircut.
- If you're afraid a full shot might reach the green while the foursome ahead of you is still putting out, you have two options: you can immediately shank a lay-up or you can wait until the green is clear and top a ball halfway there.
- When your shot has to carry over a water hazard, you can either use one more club or two more balls.

You'll find a fresh challenge (and some friendly humiliation) hacking away at the holes of Toad Valley Golf Course. It'll all be there: One-arm Putting, raffle prizes, trophies...just be sure you are there, too. Check out the details on our web site and plan to come "par-T" with other Jordan Spieth wanna-bes on June 11.



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