



The Blarney

UPCOMING:

Monthly Meeting:

July 10th

6:30 P.M.

Mickle Center

Meal: Brisket and Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Green Beans, Pasta Salad, and Dessert.

Next Meeting:

General meeting August 14th

Mickle Center

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NEWS

Well Lad's, we are halfway through our fund-raising schedule, with still some great events planned.

Saturday July 15th, is our annual bags tourney at Sully's. We will have 2 divisions, one for the pros, and one for the beer drinkers. Registration is at 11:00 with play starting at noon.

Sunday September 17th, we will venture out to Mugsy's in Pleasant Hill for what is looking to be a huge event, with a brand-new car show. There will be a DJ, food, trophies, swag, and vendors there. Registration starts at 10A.M. with awards at 2:00. We will also be having our 'Halfway to St. Patrick's Raffle that day where we will be giving away 3 processed hogs. See T-Bone for Raffle tickets. Please see the flyer in the back of the Blarney.

We have recently completed our Leprechaun Open, and a great time it was. Special thanks to misters T-Bone, and Brian Kreps. A fine job they did. Winners of the event were John Ballard and Wade Corwin. Also, a huge thank you to Terrzo Steves for donating \$1,000. to the Sons to help with our fund-raising efforts.





BOARD NEWS

Our 'Halfway to St. Pat's Raffle Tickets are now available, please pick up a book or two at the next meeting. Prizes are one of 3 fully processed hogs, or \$250 cash.

The board is hard at work planning next years parade, with the construction on MLK we are forced to look for a new route. Rest assured Mr. O'Connor has the matter well at hand.

The countdown to the 17th annual Iowa Irish Fest has officially begun! Join in on the celebration of Irish culture and history. Iowa Irish Fest is a premier cultural event that you don't want to miss. Be part of the thousands of attendees who gather in downtown Waterloo to enjoy Irish food, drink, family fun, workshops, classes and so much more! Clear your schedule and prepare your kilt! AUGUST 4-6. See the flyer inside the Blarney.

The following events are scheduled:

FSOSP Bags Tourney at Sully's –July 15th

FSOSP Halfway to St. Patrick's Day Car Show –September 17th. Mugsy's Pleasant Hill.

Lots of events with lots of spots open for volunteering Please help your club by volunteering at one or more of these events.

FRIENDLY SONS OF ST. PATRICK
OF CENTRAL IOWA





Presidents 'Pint of View'

I would like to start out by giving a big THANK YOU to T-Bone and Brian Kreps for a wonderful golf tournament! It was a great day, and the weather actually cooperated. Thanks to all who participated, I can't wait to see what next year brings.

As we are running headlong into summer, with the Fourth of July behind us (I hope you all had a safe holiday), I look forward to our bag's tournament on the 15th of this month and our first car show on September 17th. The car show also marks the day of our annual halfway to St. Patrick's Day raffle, so if you have not yet grabbed a book to sell, please do so. As many of you already know we have switched to books of 5 instead of books of 10 to help with sales.

Please keep in mind (and forgive me for sounding like a broken record) these raffles are how we make our money not only to support our parade and our club, but to support our community. Also, we have a license now so feel free to advertise them on your various social media platforms.

Speaking of social media, we are trying to increase our presence in all of those areas, so when you think of it send us a post, share a link, or share a memory, or share an event link with friends or even other groups you are a part of. The more we can get our message out there the better off we will be. Stay cool out there!

See you at the meeting. Until then, stay safe.
President, Tim Schuck





Drop Everything and Purchase Your Fest Tickets NOW!

Aird (*Attention*)! Have you purchased your tickets for this year's Iowa Irish Fest? Be a part of one of the biggest events of the year! Iowa Irish Fest is a premier cultural event that you don't want to miss. Be part of the thousands of attendees who gather in downtown Waterloo to enjoy Irish food, drink, family fun, workshops, classes and so much more!

Tickets are good all three days of the Fest (August 4 - 6) and are available online for \$30.

Starting NOW through July 29, discounted tickets will be available at various locations throughout the Cedar Valley, including all Veridian Credit Union locations in Iowa.

For a list of additional locations, visit IowaIrishFest.com/tickets-admission.

[Purchase Tickets](#)



Iowa Irish Fest Director Chad Shipman

“The countdown to the Iowa Irish Fest is on and we’re expecting this year’s Fest to be one of the largest in our history. We always say to get your tickets early so you can bring your kiddos down during the day and be sure to get babysitters lined up so you can come back in the evening!”

Registration is NOW AVAILABLE for a variety of events!

Whiskey Masters Class | High Nelly Bike Rally | Dance Workshops | Celtic Cruise | And so much more!





Additionally, children 15 and younger get in for free, so take advantage of our family-friendly entertainment for all ages. With proof of service, military personnel and first responders will also be admitted into the fest at no charge!

Reserve your spots for the can't-miss events by visiting IowaIrishFest.com.

[Whiskey Master Class](#)

[High Nelly Bike Rally](#)

[Irish Dance Workshops](#)

[Events, Classes & More](#)

**Feicfimid sibh 4 – 6 Lúnasa
ag Iowa Irish Fest na bliana seo!**

We will see you August 4 – 6 at this year's Iowa Irish Fest!

Sign up to Volunteer at Iowa Irish Fest!

If you're looking for a way to give back to the community, bond with your coworkers or get in free to Iowa's best Irish celebration, sign up to volunteer! To put on the high-quality event Iowa Irish Fest is known for, volunteers like you

(and your friends, coworkers and family) are essential. You'll be properly thanked with free admission to all three days of the Fest, an exclusive T-shirt AND two free drink tokens.

[CLICK HERE](#) to sign up!

See you August 4-6 in
downtown Waterloo!

Tickets are on sale NOW!
They can be purchased
at iowairishfest.com.

The Iowa Irish Fest app is NOW AVAILABLE!
The app is located in both the **Apple App Store** and the **Google Play Store**. Through the app, you will be able to view a full events schedule, the fest map, manage your classes and workshops and so much more! Download the app NOW!





Friendly Sons of St. Patrick
of Central Iowa present

Leprechaun Bags Tournament Saturday, July 15

REGISTRATION 11 A.M. • PLAY STARTS AT NOON

\$30 PER 2-PERSON TEAM

ADVANCED & BEGINNER DIVISION

CASH PRIZES • LARGER PRIZE FUND IN THE ADVANCED DIVISION.

RAFFLE PRIZES – DOOR PRIZES – 50/50 RAFFLE – FUN FOR ALL



HOSTED AT SULLY'S IRISH PUB
860 1ST ST., WEST DES MOINES

For further information contact Josh Soliday at (515) 577-0990 or FSOSPtreasurer@gmail.com.



Friendly Sons of St. Patrick
of Central Iowa present
HALFWAY TO ST. PAT'S
CAR SHOW

SUNDAY, SEPT. 17



**DJ. FOOD.
TROPHIES.
VENDORS.**



JOIN US AT

Mugsy's
PIZZA HOUSE
IRISH SPORTS PUB

1225 Copper Creek Drive
Pleasant Hill



With the support of many sponsors & contributors we are able to raise money that is donated back to local organizations in need that we call our "Community of Caring."

REGISTRATION 10 A.M.-NOON • TROPHIES AT 2 P.M.

\$20 REGISTRATION BY SEPT. 1

MAIL TO: FSOSP CAR SHOW, 1620 PLEASANT ST., DES MOINES IA 50314

\$25 DAY-OF REGISTRATION

QUESTIONS? CONTACT SCOTT@FRIENDLYSONSIOWA.COM

Irish contribution to the Revolution

**“May the Kingdom of Ireland merit a stripe in the American Standard” – Marquis de Lafayette, 1779
on the contributions of the Irish to the American Revolution.**

The recent July 4th holiday was a time to celebrate our country’s beginnings, and we should take note of the historic presence of the Irish during that momentous time.

In the midst of the American Revolution, General George Washington issued an OFFICIAL proclamation in recognition of St. Patrick’s Day. In honor of the high percentage of Irish-born and Irish-American troops under his command, the proclamation declared March 17, 1780 a holiday for the Continental Army stationed in Morristown, New Jersey. It was the first holiday granted to the troops in two years. General Washington awarded this holiday “as an act of solidarity with the Irish in their fight for independence.”

People from Ireland were the largest single group to arrive in the 13 colonies in the 75 years leading up to the American Revolution. Having fled an oppressive system at home, these immigrants needed little persuasion to enlist in the cause of American liberty.

Sources claim anywhere from 35% -66% of the colonial forces were Irish. Many of Irish ancestry, therefore, are to be found among the officers and leaders of the rebellion:

- The first Secretary of the Continental Congress and the designer of the Great Seal of the United States, Charles Thomson.
- 3 signers of the Declaration of Independence: Matthew Thorton, James Smith and George Taylor. Six more were of Irish background: Charles Carroll, Thomas Lynch, Thomas McKean, Edward Rutledge and George Read.
- 4 signers of the Constitution: Pierce Butler, Thomas Fitzsimmons, James McHenry and William Patterson.
- Printer of the Declaration of Independence, John Dunlop.
- The father of the American Navy, John Barry.
- 5 Aides decamp of General Washington.
- Sharpshooter Tim Murphy of Morgan’s Rifles.
- Sixteen generals were from Ireland, including Generals Moylan, Montgomery, Knox.
- The Pennsylvania Line was also known as the Line of Ireland.

- First units to be sent by France were the Irish Brigades under Walsh, Dillon and Roche.
- State governors Thomas Burke of North Carolina and John McKinly of South Carolina and first governor of Pennsylvania, George Bryan.
- Fedanus Burke, one of the most notable figures in revolutionary South Carolina.
- Washington's intelligence men: Hercules Mulligan and John Honeyman.
- Architect of the White House, James Hoban.

Thus, the Irish were an integral part in the fight against the British during the American War of Independence, yet are rarely recognized for their contribution

