



The Blarney

UPCOMING:

Monthly Meeting:

June 12th

6:00 P.M.

Mickle Center

Meal: Pork Chops, Baked Potato, Pasta Salad, Bread, and Dessert.

Next Meeting:

General meeting July 10th

Mickle Center

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NEWS

The Leprechaun Open tees off Saturday June 17th!

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, at Toad Valley. Beautiful weather is scheduled (yeah, right) and we hope you bring your A-game," Registration begins at 10:30 and at noon, a 2-person scramble ensues. By the time you read this, only a few spots are left and the cost has risen to \$75/person, which includes 18 holes of golf w/cart and a steak dinner. A one-arm putting contest is again on the schedule beginning at 10:30. For a mere \$5 entry fee, the winner will walk away with half the cash. All need to finish by tee-off time, so come early to be part of the action or you'll miss out.

Also, by the time you ready this, the annual Friendly Son's Party ride will be kicking into high gear. The ride is this Saturday June 10th. Registration starts at 10a.m. at Captain Roy's. We will traverse the bike trails on our way to Cumming for refreshments and dinner. Sean Sullivan and the 'Black Dirt Ramblers will be playing from 5 o'clock on. There are many prizes and a raffle to win. If you would like to help out, there is still time to do so. Meet up at Captain Roy's at 10 a.m. and we will find you a spot.

The next event will be the Baconfest on May 12-13. The Son's have a table and T-Bone says we need volunteers to man the table. He will have a signup sheet for shifts for both days. We will be selling our 'Halfway to St. Pat's' raffle, which we are giving away 3 fully processed hog's. See T-Bone for Raffle tickets.



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.

Speaking of hogs, we had the delightful opportunity to host a booth at this years Baconfest. The club raised just about \$1800 over the 2-day show, so it was time well spent. Special thanks to: T-Bone Schmid, George 'Old Man River' Schmid, Colton O'Connor, Justin Dye, Josh Soliday, Jeff DeMoss, Andrew McCarty, Jaimie Braunschweig, and last but not least, Brookes Reynolds!

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:

Friendly Sons Irish Party Ride (Bike ride) Saturday June 10th. Please see the flyer inside the Blarney.

FSOSP Golf Outing – June 17th. Toad Valley Golf Course flyers coming soon, signups at this month's meeting.

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'

As summer approaches I see great things in our future, such as cruising the trails of the Des Moines metro and surrounding communities on your tricked-out Irish themed bicycle during our annual Friendly Son's Bike Ride and Party June 10th. Mr. DeMoss and his committee have put forth a great effort to make this an event to remember. If you ride, may the road rise to meet you, and the wind be at your back (not you lower to meet the road, and the wind be in your face). If you don't ride you should come out and support our club and enjoy a pint with friends as we raise money for not only our parade, but local charities. There are several stops along the way from Captain Roy's to the Cumming Tap. I hope to see you there!

Speaking of great things in our near future you could also be touring the lush green countryside in search of happiness next to your partner with a beer in one hand and a steering wheel (of a golf cart) in the other. Of course, the happiness I am talking about is that bleeping golf ball that I swear I hit right here! Ah, the bliss of our very own Leprechaun Open on June 17th. If you haven't been, you don't know what you're missing. If you have, you know the joys of the sound of the ball dropping into the cup, the "ping" of a perfectly hit drive, and the faint sound of me throwing my clubs into the water after the third (or possibly tenth) try to hit the ball across that "pond" that seems more like trying to hit it across Lake Superior – the long way. Anyway, if you haven't been to the Open, and want to have some fun please come out and join us! It's a wonderful day of camaraderie, clubs, cocktails, cursing and cuisine thanks to your VP T-Bone Schmid and outgoing "Chairman for Life" Brian Kreps. Cheers!

As for other great things, don't forget to stop and take time to relax and spend some time with family and friends and let the sun shine warm upon your face (with sunscreen of course).

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

THE FRIENDLY SONS IRISH PARTY RIDE

Saturday
**June
10**
2023

\$25 registration starts 10 a.m.
at Captain Roy's
Ride starts at Noon.

BEGIN AT CAPTAIN ROY'S. STOPS AT TRUMAN'S, CONFLUENCE, JETHRO'S, OUTSKIRTZ, AND CONCLUDES AT THE CUMMING TAP.

There will be a **POKER RUN** that will cover the distance of the ride, you will have the opportunity for 5 cards with additional cards for sale for \$5. Best 5 card poker hand wins a 50/50 pot minimum \$25 prize.

There will be contests for **BEST IRISH THEMED BIKE**, and **IRISH THEMED RIDER**.

ENTERTAINMENT provided by Black Dirt Ramblers at Cumming Tap from 4-7 p.m.

DINNER for sale at Cumming Tap

The Friendly Sons are also selling the Halfway to St. Patrick's **RAFFLE TICKETS!** You can win one of 3 grand prizes of a whole hog processed and packaged, or \$250 cash.

The bike ride raffle ticket drawing, Best Irish Themed Bike, and the Poker Run winner will be awarded at the conclusion of the ride at Cumming Tap.

ANY QUESTIONS, CONTACT: JEFF DEMOSS AT 515-771-7070

All proceeds support the Friendly Son's of St. Patrick with Parade costs.





Iowa Irish Fest's **FIRST EVER** "Mixtape" **LIVE** Event!

Iowa Irish Fest is excited to announce that a very special event will be happening on Saturday night of the fest. Because Iowa Irish Fest is the Midwest's premiere event for Irish and Celtic music, there will be live music performed all weekend long on seven different stages. So, what is taking place on the main stage Saturday night?



What is the "Mixtape" Event?



A **mixtape** is a compilation of music, typically from multiple sources, recorded onto a medium. With origins in the 1980s, the term normally describes a homemade compilation of music onto a [cassette tape](#), [CD](#) or digital [playlist](#). A mixtape has been described as "perhaps the most widely practiced American art form".

Your favorite Irish and Celtic bands are coming together for special performances for the final act Saturday night!

Join Scythian, Doolin', Screaming Orphans, Gadan, Seo Linn, Aoife Scott, Shane Hennessy, The Black Donnellys, Colm & Laura Keegan and the Dublin City Ramblers as they each take the stage to perform one of their favorite songs originally made famous by Irish and Scottish rockers including U2, Van Morrison, The Pogues, Biffy Clyro, Thin Lizzy, The Boomtown Rats and The Cranberries.





You do not want to miss this amazing event!

Be sure to stay close to the main stage so you don't miss the extra special event!

Saturday night beginning at 10 p.m.

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!



A banner with a dark, cracked wood background. On the left, the text "GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!" is written in green and orange. Below it, "IOWAIRISHFEST.COM" is written in green. On the right, a smartphone displays the app's interface with the text "Tickets + Admission" and a button that says "PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS" with a right-pointing arrow.



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PRESENTING SPONSOR



At last months meeting the board had a very special privilege to award two lifetime achievement awards. Those awards were presented to George Hedding and Bill McCarthy, in recognition of there outstanding service and dedication to the Friendly Son's of St. Patrick.



Thank you Mr. Hedding, and Mr. McCarthy for all that you've done for the club. Congratulations.