



# The Blarney

## **UPCOMING:**

### **Monthly Meeting:**

**May 13th**

**Mickle Center**

**6:30 P.M.**

**Menu: Steak, Baked Potato,  
Pasta Salad, Bread, Desert**

### **Next Meeting:**

**General meeting June 10th**

**Mickle Center**

**6:30 P.M.**

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## **MAY [BEALTAINE] 2024**

### **BOARD NEWS**

Mr. Soliday says, “we have money,” all parade costs are paid, we are still waiting on some cash to come in, and are sitting in a pretty good spot.

The annual disc golf tourney was held in late April. Special thanks to Jerry Grady, Mike O’Connell, Adam McCarty, and all those that volunteered.

The club had a table at the annual Baconfest this past Saturday, over 150 raffle tickets were sold plus a ton of ‘Swag’ A special thanks to Justin Dye and Colton O’Connor who manned the table all day.

On the horizon is our annual Leprechaun Open on June 9<sup>th</sup>. T-Bone has promised us a great time. Please see the flyer on the inside pages.

The annual bags tourney will be held at Sully’s on July 13<sup>th</sup>. Get your two person teams together, this is open to members and non-members. It’s a perfect chance to bring someone new to introduce them to the club.

Our annual ‘Halfway to St. Pat’s’ Car show will be held on September 22<sup>nd</sup>, at Charlie’s Filling Station. Raffle tickets are available now, this year we will be giving away 3 whole hogs processed and ready to go. Be sure to pick up a book or three at this month’s meeting. Tickets are \$10 each.

As you can see we have quite a few events planned, and they cannot go on without the help from all of us. If you would like to volunteer, please speak with a board member and they will get you set up.



## Presidents Pint of View

I hope everyone had a Happy Beltane and is looking forward to a prosperous spring. What is Beltane, you ask? Well, let me tell you what I know, or at least what I just learned via the internet.

Beltane is a centuries old Gaelic / Celtic festival held on May 1st to celebrate the beginning of summer, protect against harm and ensure a fruitful yield. This celebration marked an important time in the agricultural calendar in ancient times. Great emphasis was placed on the protective rituals to ensure that the growing season would be a favorable one. Many of the rituals are based around fire and water and others involve the decorating of homes with flowering plants and branches and / or decorating trees with ribbons and colorful objects, and let's not forget about dancing 'round the ol' Maypole. All this in an effort to appease the aos si, or fairy folk from the Otherworld as they moved closer to the real world to their summer areas.

While not a Maypole some of us will be dancing around another form of pole in the coming weeks. That's right, that "pole" would be the pin on the 18th green at Toad Valley. It is once again almost time for our annual Leprechaun Open golf tournament. It may be a dance of joy or fury, but hopefully it will appease the aos si of the course as we embark on our annual golf adventure. If you have a foursome or twosome and are interested in playing, please get in touch with your esteemed VP and Golf Tournament "Chairman for Life" T-Bone ASAP as the day will be upon us before we know it.

I look forward to seeing you all at the next meeting and I leave you with this Beltane Blessing:

Always remember to forget  
The troubles that pass away,  
But never forget to remember  
The blessings that come each day.

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

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**2 PERSON  
BEST BALL**

# **2024 ANNUAL LEPRECHAUN OPEN**

**SUNDAY,  
JUNE 9, 2024**

**TOAD VALLEY GOLF COURSE**

**\$75**

**per player**

**Registration begins at 7am  
8:30am shotgun start**

**Includes golf cart,  
lunch and goodie bags**

**TROPHIES, RAFFLES, CONTESTS,  
PRIZES AND SILENT AUCTIONS**

Open to both members and non-members of all ages, heritage, race and gender!



**Friendly Sons of St. Patrick  
of Central Iowa**

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Men's Division Winner Dave Berry

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Women's Division Winner Morgan Berry



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# HALFWAY TO ST. PAT'S DAY CHARITY CAR SHOW

SUNDAY SEPT. 22 2024



JOIN US AT

CHARLIE'S FILLING STATION  
305 Grand Ave., West Des Moines

**\$20 REGISTRATION BY SEPT. 7**  
**\$25 DAY-OF**

REGISTRATION 11 A.M. — 1 P.M.  
TROPHIES AWARDED AT 3 P.M.

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FOR DETAILS



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The Friendly Sons of St. Patrick of Central Iowa are a merry band of gentlemen that enjoys gathering together to commune and celebrate our Irish heritage. We are also a benevolent organization. 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."

## *Irish History*

1171 - Diarmaid MacMurrough, king of Leinster, dies in Ferns, Co. Wexford; Strongbow is his (disputed) successor (MacMurrough's remaining legitimate son, Connor, has been executed while a hostage of Rory O'Connor)

1316 - Records indicate that around this date, Robert Bruce has himself crowned king of Ireland near Dundalk

1697 - The Bishops' Banishment Act passed on 25 September, 1696, requires most Catholic clergy to leave the kingdom by this date, and bans Catholic clergy from entering it - the Act will never be efficiently enforced

1823 - Oliver Harty, Baron de Pierrebouurg, of Co. Limerick, Lieutenant-General in Napoleon's army, retires

1836 - The Ancient Order of Hibernians in America is founded in New York City

1838 - Charles Owen O'Connor, politician, is born in Dublin

1858 - Birth of Edith Oenonne Somerville, novelist most famous for *Some Experiences of An Irish R.M.* written in collaboration with her cousin Violet Martin (also known as Martin Ross); in 1903, she becomes the first female Master of Foxhounds in Corfu

1916 - The U-20, a German U-boat commanded by Captain Schweiger, sinks the *Centurion* off the south-east Irish coast; the next day, the U-20 sinks the *Lusitania*

1946 - Birth in Belfast of John Watson, former Formula 1 racing driver

1954 - Soccer great, Sammy McIlroy, is born

1964 - Birth of actress Roma Downey in Co. Derry

1998 - Taoiseach, Bertie Ahern, urges Gerry Adams, to get the IRA to accept that there would have to be arms decommissioning if progress in implementing the Good Friday agreement was to be made

2001 - Limerick is tops for pub grub after one of the city's trendiest bars picks up the coveted Club Orange/Licensing World Pub Lunch award. In a business worth an estimated £1million a day, the Thomas Street premises, *Auburs*, beat off stiff competition from 11 monthly winners to become Ireland's leading purveyor of pub lunches

2001 - Sinn Féin's Martin McGuinness confirms publicly for the first time that he was the IRA's second-in-command in Derry on Bloody Sunday. The admission prompts a swift call from the Ulster Unionists for Sinn Féin President Gerry Adams to come clean about his IRA past



Are you excited for the 18<sup>th</sup> annual Iowa Irish Fest? The Fest takes place in downtown Waterloo, August 2 – 4. One of the most anticipated parts of the Fest is the live music! With an extensive list of Irish musicians and bands to entertain guests all weekend, the Fest is the place to be this August! Musicians from all over the world travel to Iowa to be part of Iowa Irish Fest!

See you August 2-4 in downtown Waterloo!

### \*NEW TO IOWA IRISH FEST



Make sure to check out the 2024 Iowa Irish Fest Spotify playlist by scanning the QR code to the left or by clicking the button below!

[Spotify Playlist](#)

