



The Blarney

UPCOMING:

Monthly Meeting:

June 9th 6:30 P.M.

The Mickle Center

Menu: Grilled Chicken Breasts,
Baked Beans, Pasta Salad, Garlic
Bread, and Dessert

Next Meeting:

General meeting July 14th

Mickle Center

6:30 P.M.

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JUNE (MEITHEAMH) 2025

Those who do not golf, do not get it. There is something refreshing to be out in the fresh air, (sometimes smokey air,) looking out on the field. It's a place where you lose yourself, and you find yourself.

Where we constantly look for that one special swing, all we have to do is get out of its way and let it happen. Yes sir, Gent's, it's that time of year again, our annual foray of the Leprechaun Open! This year's event is again at the fabled Toad Valley Golf Course, on June 14th, with a shotgun start of 8:30 A.M. Golf Chair T-Bone says he's getting all the finishing touches put in place, you still have time to enter but, its running out. There are also still slots open for hole sponsors.

From now on the **front door is not to be propped open**, because of security reasons. We do plan to have someone monitor the door to let members in during the meeting.

We also have many other events on tap, please see the events page or the flyers in the Blarney.

Another item of note: The O'Donnell and Friends Open will be held on June 27th, their 32nd year! The O'Donnell & Friends Open, first established in 1994, has raised more than \$1.8 million dollars for Des Moines area causes. This is the largest fundraiser that O'Donnell & Friends Charities holds, and has been hosted at Toad Valley Golf course every year since its inception. For more information on how to become a sponsor at the Open, please email us at

info@odonnellcharities.org



Presidents Pint of View



Brothers,

As summer kicks into gear, we've got some great events coming up! First up, on June 14th, we'll be gathering for our annual Golf Tournament. I'm excited to play in my first one—it's always such a busy time of year, so having a day to enjoy good company and take a swing at that tiny white ball (maybe even a marshmallow or two, from what I hear) will be a welcome break.

Then, on July 12th, we're headed to Carl's Place for the Busch Light Carnival! Let's all come out, have a great time, and make some memories. And while we're celebrating, let's keep the momentum going and sell even more Three Little Pigs Raffle tickets!

Thank you all for your hard work and dedication to this club. The board and I could not make these events happen without all of your help. I look forward to seeing you at these great events and the next meeting.

President

Adam McCarty



F.S.O.S.P UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday June 14th – Annual Leprechaun Open

- Registration is now open \$80 per person
- 4-person best ball format
- 8:30 AM Shotgun start

Saturday September 14th – 3rd Annual FSOSP Car Show

- Charlies Filling Station – 305 Grand WDM
- DJ – FOOD – VENDORS – TROPHIES
- Registration 11 to 1
- Trophy presentation at 3

Saturday October 11th – Annual FSOSP Bags Tourney

- Sully's Pub time to be determined
- \$30 per team

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MONTHLY RAFFLE

\$25 PER TICKET

MAXIMUM 75 TICKETS TO BE SOLD

GRAND PRIZE \$1000 (must be present)

5 - \$100 winners

If the person chosen for the grand prize is not present then an additional 5 - \$100 winners will be drawn

DRAWING IS THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH

Carl's Place just down the hill from the Mickle Center

"Located just south of I-235 and slightly north of Western Gateway Park, Carl's Place has been Des Moines' favorite dive since 1962. And it's the only local bar that's totally, 100%, NO LIE -- on the way home from absolutely everywhere!"

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2025 ANNUAL LEPRECHAUN OPEN

4 PERSON BEST BALL



**URBANDALE
FOOD PANTRY**

**\$10 of every entry will
be donated directly to the
Urbandale food pantry**

**SATURDAY,
JUNE 14, 2025**

TOAD VALLEY GOLF COURSE

237 N.E. 80th St., Pleasant Hill

\$80
per player

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

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

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

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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CENTRAL IOWA PRESENT

HALFWAY TO ST. PAT'S DAY CHARITY CAR SHOW

SUNDAY SEPT. 14 2025



DJ.
FOOD.
TROPHIES.
VENDORS.

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

SPONSORED BY
FAREWAY.
MEAT & GROCERY

\$25 DAY-OF REGISTRATION • CASH OR VENMO

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

QUESTIONS? CONTACT SCOTT@FRIENDLYSONSIOWA.COM

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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."

2025 PARADE PHOTOS



Iowa Irish Fest is thrilled to share some exciting news about our Fest leadership. After 18 incredible years with the Iowa Irish Fest Committee—nearly 10 of those as Director—Chad Shipman will be stepping aside from his director duties to take on a new role focused on advisory and fundraising efforts. Chad's years of leadership and vision helped transform the Iowa Irish Fest into a top-tier Irish cultural celebration in the Midwest and one of America's premier Irish festivals. We're equally excited to welcome Agnes Kress as the new Director of the Iowa Irish Fest! Agnes has been an integral part of the team for several years, having served in many different committee roles and acted as Co-Director for the 2024 festival. Her commitment, organizational skill and passion for the Fest make her the perfect leader to guide us forward.

"With Agnes leading the charge and Chad continuing to support in new ways, we're confident the best is yet to come," said Rory Dolan, Sr., Cedar Valley Irish Cultural Association Board President.

Tickets for this event can be purchased through their web site:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/iowa-irish-fest-2025-tickets-1225632893979?aff=oddtcreator>

Are you ready for an adventure?

WE'RE GOING TO
Kansas City
Irish Fest!



Labor Day Weekend 2025

Saturday, August 30th — Sunday, August 31st

\$210 DOUBLE OCCUPANCY ROOM
PER PERSON

\$298 SINGLE OCCUPANCY ROOM

\$25
FOR NON-CARA MEMBERS

Price includes transportation, lodging & admission to the Kansas City Irish Fest for Saturday & Sunday.

\$50 deposit is due at booking, refunded if cancelled.

Depart from VGM

Stop in Ames

Stop in Des Moines

Stop TBD

GAMES ON THE BUS!



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REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JUNE 1, 2025

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Golf's Top Ten - -

1. An interesting thing about golf is that no matter how badly you play, it's always possible to get worse.
2. There are three ways to improve your golf game: take lessons, practice constantly... or start cheating.
3. I play in the low 80s. If it's any hotter than that, I won't play.
4. Golf: the only sport where you pay \$200 to get disappointed in scenic locations.
5. Golf is the only sport where you yell 'fore' before you hit, but apologize after. Maybe we should save time and just yell 'sorry' from the start.
6. Golf can best be defined as an endless series of tragedies obscured by the occasional miracle.
7. You should always try before you buy, especially when buying a putter. Never buy a putter until you've seen how well you can throw it.
8. The higher the handicap of the golfer, the more likely it is that he'll be telling you what you should be doing to fix your game.
9. Golf brings out the 3-year-old in us – we struggle to count past 5.
10. Golf is like taxes, you drive hard to get to the green, and end up in the hole.

Famous Quotes - -

"I have a tip that can take five strokes off anyone's game: It's called an eraser."
- *Arnold Palmer*

"While playing golf today I hit two good balls. I stepped on a rake." - *Henry Youngman*

"It took me seventeen years to get three thousand hits in baseball. It took one afternoon on the golf course." - *Hank Aaron*

"You've just got one problem. You stand too close to the ball after you've hit it." - *Sam Snead*

"If you are caught on a golf course during a storm and are afraid of lightning, hold up a 1-iron. Not even God can hit a 1-iron" - *Lee Trevino*

"Pressure is when you play \$5 a hole with only \$2 in your pocket." - *Lee Trevino*

"It's good sportsmanship to not pick up lost golf balls while they are still rolling." - *Mark Twain*

"I don't say my golf game is bad, but if I grew tomatoes they'd come up sliced." - *Arnold Palmer*