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Annual Irish Show - March 3rd

Don't forget that tickets are on sale for this years Irish Show at **Curtis Peterson Auditorium on Saturday, March 3rd at 4pm.**

The show brings to the Irish living abroad, a taste of Ireland and memories of the "Old Country".

MUSIC - SONG - DANCE and COMEDY from Ireland, all with a liberal sprinkling of the Blarney.

Entertainers include **Michael Funge**, Michael is now living in Sanford, Florida having moved to the sun some 8 years ago. A talented musician and singer he is the musical director and all round music powerhouse; **Harriet Earis**, Harriet now lives on the edge of the Irish Sea in Mid Wales. Harriet was trained on the Concert Harp but her first love is the slightly smaller Celtic Harp; **Bernard McHugh**, is a man of many talents. He can hold a song and sell it to audiences worldwide. He is a first rate musician and one of the features of the show is his ability to create unique harmonies with Michael; **Sandie Hartford**, is 23 years old and was trained in one of the most competitive genre of dance in the world and has won many competitions and titles as she progressed through the ranks.

She started her own Dance Academy - The Claddagh School of Irish Dance - and she is now turning out Champions of her own.; **Barry Collins**, known as the Emerald Isle Comedian is in demand all over the world for his unique blend of Irish humor.

Tickets are \$15 general seating and & \$17 reserved seating

Get your friends, family, neighbors, organizations ready for our big yearly show. Call Carol-Lee at 352-257-1015 for information.

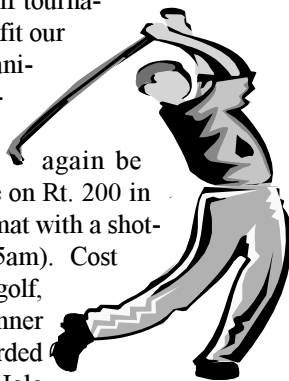


AMERICAN IRISH CLUB INVITATIONAL

Saturday, April 14, 2007

It's time to sign up for our annual golf tournament. This event is organized to benefit our scholarship program, the county organizations we support, and the club's renovation projects.

The tournament and dinner will again be held at the Spruce Creek Golf Course on Rt. 200 in Dunnellon. It will be a Best Ball Format with a shotgun start at 12:30pm (sign in at 11:15am). Cost will be \$55 per person which includes golf, cart, prizes, and dinner. Cost for dinner only will be \$25. Prizes will be awarded to men and women for longest drive (Hole #16), closest to the pin (Hole #6), and top low gross team. There will also be a "Pot of Gold" (Hole #17)—"Pot of Gold" participation is optional. Dinner will be served at approximately 6pm, so sign up with your families, friends, or individually. Please contact Russ Doring (795-4548), Tom Brownhill (344-1036), or Herb Duval (794-7465).



Ireland's smallest church is at Portbraden in Co. Antrim. Only ten feet long by six feet wide, the structure is dedicated to St. Gobhnan, the patron saint of builders. (huh?!)

From the President's Desk

My first comment is to thank Carol Hayes and Linda Stevens for helping with the Christmas decorations. I forgot to mention their names previously. (Sorry)

I know their names were mentioned on the February letter, but they should be thanked again for their fine meal, thanks go to Connie Taylor and Jeannette Kollar.

The meal that we had for the February meeting was delicious. The meal was prepared by Pat O'Connor, Carol Hayes and Trish Higgins. Pat Kennelly helped serve as well as Jeannine Davis. I think Jim O'Connor helped with the potato preparation.

The steel shed is being dismantled and will be sold for scrap to our local dealer.

Many people help in the club doing many things from cleaning to cooking. We have carpenters electricians, handy men and plain hard workers doing whatever is asked of them. It is time to thank Herb Duval, our Vice President, who does many things, such as Bingo, arranging dinners for members, works on the five year plan, has organized golf events and fixes lunches for the workers. His wife Joan is the silent partner and does many things for the club, she prepares banners, helps with bingo, works when we have breakfast and adds to the club because of her beautiful personality.

I thank our secretary, Madeline McCabe, for the many hours she

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Remember the next monthly meeting is March 20th

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AMERICAN IRISH CLUB MEETING SITE

The American Irish Club of West Citrus County meets on the **3rd Tuesday** of each month (except Jun, Jul, and Aug) at the American Irish Cultural Center, 4342 Homosassa Tr (CR 490), Lecanto, FL. (It is located across from Pope John Paul II RC School) For information, call the Club on Wednesdays at (352) 527-4890, or Jim Foye at (352) 527-0147. Email us at AICeditor@tampabay.rr.com. You can write to us at P.O. Box 760, Lecanto, FL 34460-0760. Our website is <http://www.americanirishclub.com> check it out.

If anyone would like to submit an article, photo, or other information for consideration, to be included in *your* newsletter, send it to AICeditor@tampabay.rr.com

SUPERBOWL 2007—THANK YOU NOTE!!!

Many thanks to all who attended, contributed, and worked to make this year's Superbowl event a huge success. It was great to see our clubhouse ("cottage") alive again with our members enjoying this special social occasion. My deep appreciation goes to the House Committee (Pat, Vern, Russ, Ruth, Wes, Roland) for cleaning and helping to set up the clubhouse; to those who prepared and brought in all those great appetizers and desserts; to Jim Hynes and his team for keeping everybody happy; to Ray Spratt for setting up and running the football pools; to Ron & Jeannine Davis for taking care of the coffee; to Larry & Linda Stephens for cooking, de-boning, and cutting the pork as well as cooking and serving the meal and cleaning up; to Pat Kennelly who stayed in the trenches until all the pots, pans, dishes, & silverware were clean; and especially to Joan who was involved in every phase of the evening from prepping to cooking to serving to cleaning to making & decorating the Superbowl XLI cake.

Congratulations to all the pool winners. This was truly a wonderful night for our American Irish Club. Thanks again.
Herb Duval

Work like you don't need the money.
Love like you've never been hurt.
Dance like nobody's watching.
Sing like nobody's listening.
Live like it's Heaven on Earth.

A woman goes to the post office to stock up on stamps. She says to the clerk, "May I have 50 stamps please? The clerk says, "What denomination?" The woman says, "God bless us, has it come to that? I'll have 18 Protestants, and 32 Catholics."

Bocce Ball

M'Bocce ball is being played on our new Bocce ball court. The attendance has had a slow start but each week we get a few more people. We look forward to more people as the weather warms up. Come join us on Fridays at 10:30 am. The current champs are the Hanlons and the Hollerans. Call Mary Spratt for info at 621-3895

Soup-A-Thon

Saturday, March 10, 2007.
Our annual Soup-a-Thon at the club is fast approaching. To make this event a success, we need your support. Please bring your family, neighbors, and friends to enjoy a fun time. We presently have 30 homemade soups on the menu along with fresh French bread, lemonade, iced tea, coffee, and dessert. Admission is \$6 per person or \$3 per person if you are donating a crockpot of soup. The Soup-a-Thon will run from 11:30am to 3:00pm (those who are bringing soup, please have it at the clubhouse by 11am). If you would like to bring a soup and have not yet signed up, or if you have any questions, please contact Herb or Joan Duval at 794-7465.



WHEN PLANNING YOUR FINANCIAL AFFAIRS, KEEP THE AMERICAN IRISH CLUB IN MIND. YOUR SUPPORT WILL HELP TO ENSURE OUR FUTURE

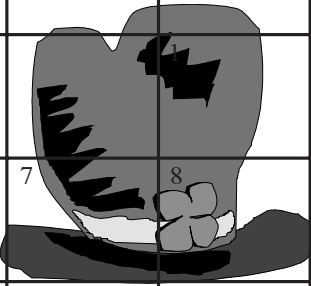
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Bring Your Aluminum Cans and Newspapers to the Clubhouse

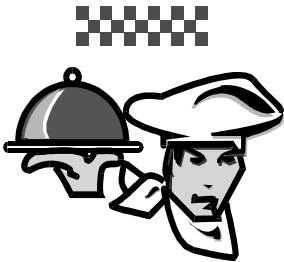
We save aluminum cans and dry newspapers for extra revenue. The bins are located off to the side of the clubhouse. We have made several hundred dollars by doing this. We thank the people who have saved, sorted and hauled the recycled items to the recycle center.

American Irish Bingo

The Bingo wheel spins on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. Doors open at 11:30 a.m.. The first number is called at 12:45 p.m. A lite lunch is available before the game for a nominal charge. Bring your family and friends for a fun time

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					2	3 Annual Irish Show 4 pm Curtis Peterson
4	5	6 Board Meeting	7	8	9	10 Soup a Thon 11:30 at the Club
11 Breakfast	12	13 Bingo	14 St Pat's Party at the Club	15	16 St Pat's Parade in the Villages	17 Happy St. Patrick's Day
18	19	20 Membership Meeting	21	22	23	24
25 Breakfast	26	27 Bingo	28	1	2	3

American Irish Sunday Breakfast



Breakfast is served on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month from 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. The cost is \$3.30 + tax. Members and guests are encouraged to join us for one of four entrees, including either eggs, pancakes, french toast, sausage, bacon, and potatoes.

Newsletter Booster Club

Costs for printing, paper, ink and postage are defrayed by the generosity of our booster club members. Please be as generous as possible and mail your donations to the club or give it to one of the officers. We need your support.

The following members have kindly contributed during the last month: **Joan Golway, Margaret Hupalo, Robert Conroy**

The American Irish Club will now offer the option, for you to receive the Newsletter by way of e-mail. If you would like to sign up and join a number of members already using this option, send an e-mail with your name and e-mail address to AICeditor@tampabay.rr.com
Back issues of the Newsletter are available on the website as well as pictures and more. Go to www.americanirishclub.com and be sure to sign the guest book.

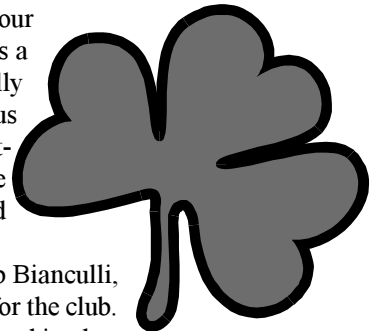
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spends preparing the minutes of our meetings. She is efficient and has a great personality as well. I really appreciate her hard work to keep us straight. She also has a silent partner, Jim McCabe, who helps in the kitchen cooking during Bingo and cooks at breakfast.

Next comes a few cheers for Bob Bianculli, who keeps the financial records for the club. This position is time consuming and it takes a person who can deal with many people. This is a difficult job. I know this because I did this job previously. Bob also prepares the monthly newsletter and we all agree he does a super job. Many thanks Bob for your effort. The people in the club appreciate your hard work.

God bless the American Irish Club and all the members. May your troubles be less and your blessings be more. And nothing but happiness come through your door.

Jim Foye



Do You Like To Cook?

There are many talented cooks in the club. Would some of you like to try a recipe out on the club? We need your help with cooking for the membership meetings. You would be supplied with both the food and the volunteers you need. Just advise the board what ingredients you need from our supplier and any other ingredients you purchase yourself will be reimbursed with receipts.

Don't be afraid. There will be lot's of assistance for you.
Thanks to last months cooks: Pat & Jim O'Connor, Trish & Ron Higgins, Carol & Frank Hayes and helpers.

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