

# American Irish Club of West Citrus

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# HAPPY TO 1/2 WAY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Cead Mile Failte...Welcome back to a new season. On September 20th, at 12 noon we are celebrating "1/2 Way to St. Patrick's Day", along with our September membership meeting, in order to welcome everyone back from their summer vacation. Chef Milt Peters and his assistants will provide us a Corned Beef and Cabbage lunch. Entertainment, provided by Patrick Hagerman, will give us a great way to start off our 2011-2012 season. Lunch and entertainment will be \$10 this month. Maybe you ~~snowbirds~~; winter migrators will come back early to join us and get right into the mood for the next 8 months here at the American Irish Club. I hope you all had a safe and fun summer. I look forward to seeing you all in the upcoming months.

Bob

*"Spread your tiny wings and fly away  
And take the snow back with you  
Where it came from on that day*

...  
*So, little Snowbird, take me with you when you go  
To that land of gentle breezes where the peaceful waters  
flow..."*

from "Snowbird", made popular by Canadian singer [Anne Murray](#)



### 2011 Irish Show

Direct from Dublin, this year, Sean McGinness and the Dublin City Ramblers will perform for us on **March 10**.

The Dublin City Ramblers have thrilled audiences worldwide with their unique blend of Ballads, Folk, Humour, Wit and foot-tapping music. Their impressive career has spanned more than 35 years, with over 30 albums, top ten hits, several awards for best Ballad/Folk Group and, to top it all off, 8 Gold Albums. It is certainly no wonder that they are classed as Ireland's Number One Group!



### The Blarney Corner

What is John Tyndall famous for?

- a) He was first to discover why the sky is blue
- b) He set an Olympic record for the long jump
- c) He was the first non-Protestant Lord Mayor of Belfast
- d) He invented the Nickel-zinc battery **Answer on page 3**

### From the President's Desk



Hi Folks, Wow, where did the summer go? It seems as though you all just left and now your already starting to come back.

As for those of us who stayed back, we had a hot but nice summer. A new kitchen window was added in the cottage and a few other small projects.

The worse part of this summer is quite a few members and friends have come under the sick list or passed away. Yeah we are getting older and have to put up with what comes with age. I think hanging out with younger members helps so why don't we vote to throw out people over 80??? Just joking!!! Not much to tell you except that the club plans to have a welcome back, half way to St.Pat's get together party. Our Board meeting has been moved to the second Tuesday this month. So, we are glad to see you come back and hope this finds that you all enjoyed your summer!

Ron

*The rain drove us into the church - our refuge, our strength,  
our only dry place...Limerick gained a reputation for piety,  
but we knew it was only (to get in from) the rain.*

*From Angela's Ashes by Frank McCourt*

**The 2011 Club Raffle** is a drawing that will continue throughout the year. There will be a total of 12 prizes. A donation of \$25 for 1 ticket or \$80 for 4 gives you chances at winning a \$100 monthly prize, and your name gets returned to pool for a chance win multiple times. The sooner you purchase a raffle the more chances you have of winning. Our May winners were: **Dick & Margie Connell**. In June it was **Richard & Pat Patterson**, July was **Carolyn Michel & Abbie Riopel**, and in August **Barbara Stewart**. Congratulations all.



### Upcoming events

Game Night - 1st & 3rd Thursday  
Bunco - 2nd Friday.  
Half way to St. Patricks Day Party - Sept 20th.  
Bingo - Oct. 11

**Remember this month's meeting will be Tuesday, Sept 20<sup>th</sup> at 12pm**

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## AMERICAN IRISH CLUB MEETING SITE

The American Irish Club of West Citrus County meets on the **3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Ron Davis at (352) 527-2209. You can write to us at P.O. Box 760, Lecanto, FL 34460-0760.

Our website is <http://www.americanirishclub.com> check it out. You can Email us at [AICeditor@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:AICeditor@tampabay.rr.com).

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## 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. Thank you **Dick & Margie Connell**, for last month's donations.

## Golf League

The AIC Golf group plays at Seven Rivers Country Club in Crystal River, on the 2nd & 4th Thursday mornings at 8 a.m. Tee off is at 8:30 a.m.

Please call Dave Horsman at 602-881-8389, Russ Doring 795-4548, or Phil Griffith 746-0612 and let one of them know so we can plan the event and advise Seven Rivers. Looking forward to seeing you and your guests. Please watch posting's in the Club for any changes and a list of committee members and future dates.

Our annual tournament is being planned for April 2, 2011

## Cork domestic flights end as Ryanair axes Dublin route

Ryanair is scrapping its Cork-Dublin route, the only domestic flight left at Cork Airport. Officials at Cork and Dublin airports were just made aware of Ryanair's decision to close the route in 10 weeks' time.

Ryanair said last night that its decision to shut the route was due to the improved motorway between the two cities and also because of the high charges at the Dublin Airport Authority.

This news will come as a blow to businesspeople and the passengers who relied on the service as it was the only flight left between Ireland's two biggest cities.

She said that there was a drop in passenger numbers on the route in recent years but it added that its passenger and landing charges have not increased since 2004. "Cork Airport is aware that the Cork-Dublin route is a strategic link for the greater Cork region and will continue its endeavours to deliver a more appropriate, long-term sustainable solution to air connectivity between the two cities."

Ryanair started a Cork-Dublin route in 2005 with many flights daily. Its low fares eventually pushed other carriers off the route. Cork Airport chief executive, Pat Keohane, recently said domestic travel from the airport has fallen by 88% in the last four years. He said no airline would consider competing against Ryanair.

Mr Keohane said the motorway network had almost wiped out domestic air travel. Irish Rail is also offering low fares for passengers who book weeks in advance.

By Niamh Hennessy: Irish Examiner, August 23, 2011

*A Kerryman was playing Trivial Pursuit. It was his turn. He rolled the dice and landed on "Science & Nature." His question was, "If you are in a vacuum and someone calls your name, can you hear it?" He thought for a time and then asked, "Is it on or off?"*

## SEPTEMBER

### 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 Club Bingo

Join us for our new season of Bingo, beginning Oct 11th. Doors open at 11:30 a.m.. The first number is called at 12:45 p.m. A light lunch is available before the game for a nominal charge. Bring your family and friends for a fun time. New prizes, new games, and a new caller await us this season.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 Game Nite 4pm	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9 Bunco 12 noon	10
11	12	13 Board Meeting	14	15 Game Nite 4pm	16	17
18	19	20 1/2Way to St Pat's Day 12n	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

### American Irish Sunday Breakfast

Breakfast will begin again Sunday, Oct 9th from 8:00 a.m., until 11:00 a.m. Members and guests are encouraged to join us for eggs, pancakes, french toast, sausage, bacon, and potatoes. Join us for food, friendship and music. If you want to help contact Milt Peters or Jim O'Connor



### 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 we'll have them ready. Any other ingredients you purchase yourself will be reimbursed when you present your receipts. Don't be afraid. There will be plenty of assistance for you. Thanks to all our cooks.

Back issues of the AIC Newsletter are available on our website as well as pictures and more. Go to [www.americanirishclub.com](http://www.americanirishclub.com) to see. Thanks to Jimmie Barnes for maintaining our website

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### 'Irish Post' emigrant newspaper shuts down.

THE biggest-selling Irish community newspaper in Britain, the Irish Post, ceased trading and went into liquidation yesterday, with the loss of 12 full-time staff jobs.

The Aug 17th publication was the newspaper's final issue. Established in 1970 by Clare-born journalist Breandan Mac Lua and accountant Tony Beatty, the newspaper was considered critical in giving the Irish in Britain a voice and also helped to forge a sense of collective identity. The newspaper, which had a mission statement of "If it's Irish in Britain, we've got it covered", reported on local GAA and sport and news affecting the Irish diaspora in Britain as well as entertainment and gigs.

Mr Linehan, the company's chief executive of regional newspapers said the decision had been taken to close the newspaper with immediate effect as it was not making enough money and was therefore no longer profitable. "I would like to pay tribute to the hard work and commitment of the staff at the *Irish Post*. They have been part of our group for eight years and they have tried very hard to make the newspaper work," he said. "Regrettably, persistent trading losses and the current economic climate have made the title unsustainable."

*The Doctor was puzzled "I'm very sorry but I can't diagnose your trouble, Mahoney. I think it must be drink."  
"Don't worry about it Dr. Kelley, I'll come back when you're sober."*

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