



The Edmonton

# Blarney



Official Newsletter of the Irish Sports & Social Society  
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## President's Pen

Greetings everyone,

Well, here we are at the tail end of the "best summer ever" and as most of you know it was not the best summer ever for the Irish Club, with cancellations of activities and events, and hours of operation changes, etc. We struggled on and did what we had to do to keep the doors open and the fire lit.

Unfortunately, we had to cancel some of the Club activities over the past year but that doesn't mean your Executive's work load was any easier. In fact, the workload was heavier than normal with day-to-day conditions changing so much, but they hung in there and should be commended for the way they stayed on-board and volunteered so much time to get us through the pandemic with the safety of members and staff being the number one priority.

Some of our December activities will look a bit different and hours of operation may change but the Club will be up and running as we try to celebrate the Christmas season, as best we can. It's really good to see people getting out and about again and supporting your Club.

We plan to have an **AGM** on Sunday, March 27, 2022 and we are cautiously optimistic that by then we will be able to have full capacity attendance and Covid will be in the rear-view mirror.

As we approach the end of this fiscal year, I can report that your Club is in good hands and should be able to weather the storm if we do have to face a 5th wave.

We look forward to a better 2022 and on behalf of the Irish Sports and Social Society Executive we wish you all a safe and Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

If anyone has questions or concerns feel free to call me at (587) 337-3490

Sincerely,

Tom Morris



Members Only

## Children's Christmas Party

Sunday

**December 19**

1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Magic Show 2 pm - 3 pm  
Balloon Maker 3 pm - 4 pm  
Santa arrives 4 pm

Free lunch for children 12 & under (chicken fingers + fries) at 1:30 pm

Adults can order from a limited menu after 2:00 pm



Members: Register your children (12 & under) at the Club bar  
**Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> - Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>**

## Members Game Nights

Members only events

Please arrive at least 15 minutes prior to event to sign-up.

**NOTE:** Darts - when you are at the line throwing or seated, actively eating or drinking, you don't need to wear a mask.



## OPEN MIC JAM SESSIONS

Upcoming dates:

- Friday, November 19th
- Friday, December 3rd
- Friday, December 17th



Come by the Club, whether you play an instrument, sing, or just want to listen, join us for an evening of family friendly music and song.

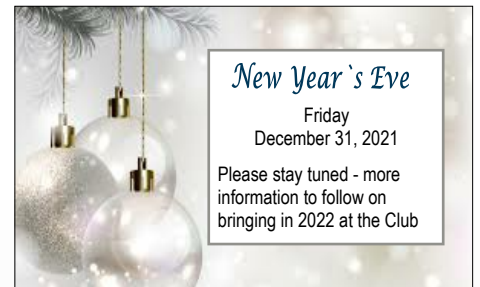
No cover and there is lots of food and drink available at the bar and kitchen.



**2021 GREY CUP Party**

Sunday  
**December 12th**

More info to follow, please check your Email for further information including kitchen and bar specials.



*New Year's Eve*

Friday  
December 31, 2021

Please stay tuned - more information to follow on bringing in 2022 at the Club



## Club Christmas Hours

Friday, December 24th	2 pm - 8 pm
Saturday, December 25th	<b>CLOSED</b>
Sunday, December 26th	<b>CLOSED</b>
Friday, December 31st	Info to follow
Saturday, January 1st	<b>CLOSED</b>



# ANNOUNCEMENTS, EVENTS & NOTICES



## MEMBERSHIPS

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Valid from April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022

Single	\$30.00
Family	\$45.00
Senior Single (65+)	\$15.00
Senior Family (65+)	\$22.50

Applications available at the Club, by Email ([irishc199@gmail.com](mailto:irishc199@gmail.com)) or on the website ([EdmontonIrishClub.ca](http://EdmontonIrishClub.ca))

Payments can be made in person (at the bar), or by mail, enclosing a cheque:

*Irish Sports & Social Society,*  
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### Contact Information - Email Addresses

If you receive this Blarney newsletter by Canada post mail, it's because we do not have an email address for you. There are occasions when we send updates and information about the Irish Centre by email. If you have an email that you are willing to share with us, please contact me and I will update our records.

## In the Kitchen

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Wed.	4 pm - 8 pm
Thurs.	4 pm - 9 pm
Fri.	4 pm - 8 pm
Sat.	4 pm - 8 pm
Sun.	4 pm - 7 pm

**NOTE:** Effective December 4<sup>th</sup> the kitchen will be open on Sundays from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

The kitchen is doing well, especially with our Fish & Chips with Mushy Peas. The menu has been revised to include Irish Stew with Soda Bread; Steak & Kidney Pie; and Buffalo Chicken Poutine.

We have another cook alternating with Amy. Richard used to work here a few years ago. Welcome Richard. We are happy with the way the kitchen is running.

For questions or constructive feedback contact information is above.

## Centre Hours

Wednesday	4 pm - 10 pm
Thursday	4 pm - 10 pm
Friday	4 pm - 10 pm
Saturday	3 pm - 10 pm
Sunday	3 pm - 8 pm

(Closed on holidays)

## Mike McDonnell Scholarship 2021



On behalf of the Mike McDonnell Scholarship Committee, I would like to congratulate the three successful recipients of this years Scholarship: Kasia Howie, Aquinnah McLean, and Charles Howie.

**Kasia** is pursuing her studies in a Bachelor of Science - Major in Biology, at the MacEwan University.

**Aquinnah** is pursuing her studies in a Bachelor of Science in Nursing, at the College of New Caledonia.

**Charles** is pursuing his studies in a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering, at the Royal Military College of Canada.

We wish each of these young students all the very best in their academic endeavours.



## Kitchen & Bar Specials

### November and December Specials

#### Wednesdays

Bacon Cheese Burger & fries	\$10.00
Pints of Smithwicks	\$5.00

#### Thursdays

1 LB Wings	\$9.00
All pints	\$5.50

#### Fridays

Fish & chips with mushy peas	\$12.00
6 oz glass of House wine	\$5.00

#### Saturdays

Steak Sandwich, choice of fries, salad or mashed potatoes, and garlic toast	\$15.00
Big rock traditional	\$6.00

#### Sundays

Guinness pint	\$6.00
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## BEREAVEMENTS

Our deepest sympathy to the families & friends of our members who have recently passed away.

**Gordon King**  
**Larry Lyons Jr.**  
**Patrick Fitzgerald**  
**Shane Devereux**

May the road rise up to meet you,  
may the wind always be at your back.  
May the sun shine warm upon your face  
and rains fall soft upon your fields.  
And until we meet again, may God  
hold you in the palm of His hand.

Prayers and well-wishes to members in the hospital or under the weather.

You are in our thoughts,  
get well soon.

## RAFFLES

### CONGRATULATIONS TO ...

James McLarny, online 50/50 raffle winner of \$2,255.00 ticket number 4281 (Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>)

Marina Rea, won the BBQ (Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>)

Wade Fleet, won a Guinness Fridge (Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>)



May love and laughter light your days,  
and warm your heart and home.

May good and faithful friends be yours,  
wherever you may roam.

May peace and plenty bless your world  
with joy that long endures.

May all life's passing seasons  
bring the best to you and yours!

Wishing all our members and their families a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

From the Irish Centre Executive and staff



### Family BBQ

Our Family BBQ on Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup> went well, even though it rained and festivities were moved indoors. Fun was had by all.

### SPORTS

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A lot has happened since the last Blarney!

On Sunday, August 22nd it was the final Hurling All Ireland Senior Championship. Limerick beat Cork 1-22 to 3-32.

Saturday, September 11th was the All Ireland Football Championship Final. We had a large crowd out for that one! Tyrone defeated Mayo by a score of 2-14 to 0-15.

Then the Annual Stephen Conneely Golf Tournament on September 18th at the Edmonton Garrison Memorial Golf Course. We had 32 golfers come out to enjoy the day and then to the Club to enjoy a lovely steak dinner. A great day was had by all!

Tournament winners - Evan Kane, Martin Doyle Jr., Mark Nicolas, and Jared Maclsaac with a score of 67.

Ladies: Long Drive - Ava Radke; Long Putt - Lone Reilly; Closest to the Pin - Ava Radke

Men's: Long Drive - Martin Doyle Jr.; Long Putt - Mike Coughlan; Closest to the Pin - Jared Maclsaac

Water hole - Heather Van Horn and Wade Fleet winning 2 sleeves of golf balls each.

A huge **THANK YOU** to the following for their generous donations:

- Noel Reilly - Myshak Cranes*
- Mel Regan - Guinness prizes*
- Tannis McElroy*
- Shamrock Construction*
- Bradson Promotional Group*
- Denise Howie & Ross Kane*

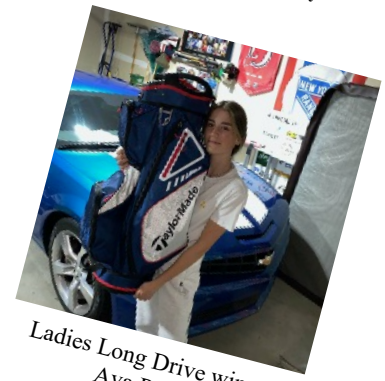
Upcoming events, Grey Cup and Christmas Games Nights, are on the front page of this Blarney.



Water Hole  
Heather Van Horn & Wade Fleet



Men's Long Drive  
Martin Doyle Jr.



Ladies Long Drive winner  
Ava Radke



Men's & Ladies Long Putt  
Lone Reilly & Mike Coughlan



Men's Closest to the Pin  
Jared Maclsaac





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## November 2021

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1 <b>CLOSED</b>	2 <b>CLOSED</b>	3	4	5	6	7
8 <b>CLOSED</b>	9 <b>CLOSED</b>	10	11 	12	13	14
15 <b>CLOSED</b>	16 <b>CLOSED</b>	17	18	19 Open Mic / Jam Session	20	21
22 <b>CLOSED</b>	23 <b>CLOSED</b>	24	25	26	27	28
29 <b>CLOSED</b>	30 <b>CLOSED</b>					

## December 2021

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
		1	2	3 Open Mic / Jam Session	4 Semi-private function	5 Members Only Games Night <b>Darts</b>
6 <b>CLOSED</b>	7 <b>CLOSED</b>	8	9	10 Members Only Games Night <b>Poker</b>	11 Semi-private Christmas Party	12 Grey Cup Party 
13 <b>CLOSED</b>	14 <b>CLOSED</b>	15	16	17 Open Mic / Jam Session	18 Members Only Games Night <b>25's</b>	19 Children's Christmas Party
20 <b>CLOSED</b>	21 <b>CLOSED</b>	22	23	24	25 Christmas Day 	26 Boxing Day 
27 <b>CLOSED</b>	28 <b>CLOSED</b>	29	30	31 