



The Edmonton *Blarney*



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President's Pen

I hope everyone is enjoying the hot summer days and have been able to take a trip or two. Hopefully Covid is in the rearview mirror and we should have no more disruptions to our operations with closures, etc.

We had a very successful Heritage Days! Participation with a great group of volunteers at our Ireland Pavillion and a lot of hard work to "take our rightful place among the nations of the earth", (Robert Emmet). A big thank you to all involved.

Great to see so many people out and about and enjoying the food and drink at the Club. You may have noticed some price adjustments as the cost of supplies and utilities keep increasing but you can be assured that we will always give our members good value for their hard earned dollars. If you have visitors this summer, remember the Club is a good place to take them for a pint or some of our food specials.

We are in the process of organizing a function to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Irish Sports and Social Society being registered under the Societies Branch in 1962. Celebrations will take place on Saturday, November 26th, 2022 and more information will be available soon.

Stay safe everybody, enjoy the remainder of Summer and the beautiful Fall colours, and if you have any concerns feel free to call me at 587-337-3490

Sincerely,
Tom Morris



Edmonton Wolfe Tones

Internal league Finals

Saturday
September 10th, 2022

Time: 12:00 pm

Druid's Rugby Grounds

23360 TWP RD 524A
Sherwood Park, AB

Everyone that is available come on down and catch the action!

Support your local team and stay for the family BBQ.

If your kids have cleats bring them, we'd love to have a kids game at half time.



FAMILY HALLOWEEN PARTY

Satrday
October 29th

Save the date!

Get your costume ready and stay tuned for more information to follow.



What's on ...

- Sept. 3 Stephen Conneely Memorial Golf Tournament
- Sept. 10 Edmonton Wolfe Tones Internal League Finals
- Sept. 30 **Open Mic Night**
- Oct. 5 Calvin Vollrath in Concert
- Oct. 7 Sharon Shannon Trio
- Oct. 14 **Open Mic Night**
- Oct. 28 **Open Mic Night**
- Oct. 29 Family Halloween Party



Stephen Conneely Memorial

Golf Tournament



Saturday
September 3rd, 2022

Tee Time: 10:00 am

Edmonton Garrison Memorial Golf Club

Entry Fee: \$85.00/player
Includes: 18 holes of golf, golf cart, and donation to the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

Sign up your four (4) player team with full payment at the Irish Club

Join us after golf at the Irish Centre, 12546 -126 Street, Edmonton for door prizes, cold drinks, and great food.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, EVENTS & NOTICES

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Valid from April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023

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

Applications are available at the Club, or by Email irishc199@gmail.com or on our Website at EdmontonIrishClub.ca

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

Attention: Pat Van Meer
12546 126 Street NW,
Edmonton, AB T5L 0X3

Contact Information - Email Addresses

If you have received this Blarney by Canada post mail, it's because we do not have an email address for you. There are situations when we send updates and information about the Irish Centre by email. If you have an email you are willing to share with us, contact me at irishc199@gmail.com and I will update our records.

Questions? Contact Pat Van Meer at the number or email above.

IN THE KITCHEN

Janet Wilde 780-566-2191
Email: mojan@telus.net



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

Drop in for a bite to eat from our kitchen. Roys specials change weekly and usually sell out so get here early!

We have introduced discount prices on Specials for members only.

Check our Facebook page for weekly updates - kitchen, bar, sports and entertainment.

Suggestions or feedback? Contact Janet at her number or email above.

Centre Hours

Wednesday	4 pm - 11 pm
Thursday	4 pm - 11 pm
Friday	4 pm - 1 am
Saturday	3 pm - 2 am
Sunday	3 pm - 8 pm

(Closed on holidays)

Note: Closing hours are subject to patron volume occupancy

BEREA VEMENTS

Our deepest sympathies to the families & friends of those who have recently passed away.

James McDermid

James Harley, Shaun Harley's dad

Johnny McKearney, Jenny McKearney's dad

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.

With all that is going on in the world today,
know that our thoughts are with our members
and their families that are going through
a difficult time or coping with illness.

Prayers and well-wishes to those in the
hospital or under the weather,
you are in our thoughts.
Get well soon.



Come on down to the Club on Thursdays for a pint, great food, and get in on our **Chase the Ace** raffle.

Progressive Pot is updated weekly if the Ace of Clubs is not found on the Thursday night draw.

Tickets on sale until approximately 7:15 pm,
Draw will be made around 7:30 pm.

Some of the rules of the raffle are:

1. Tickets are \$2.00 each (there is no limit to the number of tickets an individual can purchase)
2. Tickets are on sale for a period of time on the date and then are cut off.
3. One ticket is drawn. The winner receives 20% of the total pot collected on that night, and picks an envelope from the board which contains a card (cards are in sealed envelopes).
4. If the Ace of Clubs is not selected, the pot carries forward to the next draw date.

PLEASE NOTE:

YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO BUY THE TICKETS ON THE NIGHT OF CHASE THE ACE and BE PRESENT WHEN THE WINNING TICKET IS DRAWN.

GOOD LUCK EVERYONE!

ENTERTAINMENT

DIRECTOR: MELANIE 780-233-7558



Friday, October 7, 2022
7:30 PM

Members **\$40.00**
Non-Members **\$50.00**

Banquet table (8 seats) **\$450.00**
(includes one red & one white bottle of wine) Full table purchases only.

Tickets must be purchased and paid for in person at the Irish Centre. No phone-in orders, no holds and no refunds.

OPEN MIC NIGHT



Fridays @ 7:00 pm

Hosted by *Martin Doyle & Frank Bessai*

September 30th

October 14th

October 28th

Drop in, bring your instrument, a song or two, or just sit and enjoy some Irish music and beyond. Bring a friend or more and join us for a family friendly open mic jam session.

Canada's Fiddling Sensation

CALVIN VOLLRATH

IN CONCERT



with Jeremy Rusu

Wednesday October 5, 2022 - 7:30pm

Irish Sports & Social Society

12546-126 ave Edmonton AB

\$25.00

Advance Tickets:

Donna Ingram 780-405-5727

or online at

www.calvinvollrath.com/tickets

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**servus
heritage festival**

The Irish pavilion had a wonderful and successful 2022 Heritage weekend on 30 & 31 July and 1 August at Hawrelak Park. Ireland was one of the original attendees at this festival 40 years ago and we were delighted to be there again this year.

It takes a village to run a pavilion for heritage days, from all the volunteers who make the food, pack the trucks with freezers, fridges, stoves, utensils, pots etc. to bring down to the tent, those who put up the stage, put down the flooring in the tent, run the tent during the full 3 days, shuttle drivers who ferry volunteers to and from the Irish Club to the park, to all the fabulous

dancers and teachers who perform 6-8 shows during the days, and those who are present at teardown, packing the truck, and bringing all back to the Irish club and putting away for another year and packing the stage back into the trailer.

We had Scoil Rince Mahoney dance for us on Saturday, Mattierin School of Irish Dance with the fabulous Wajjo African Drummers on the Sunday and Knock O'Hogan on the Monday. Thank you so much for dancing your hearts out especially in the extreme heat we had this year.

We probably had 100-130 volunteers in total, what a great turnout from everyone and we are humbly grateful to each and

every person who helped us this year. None of this event would be possible without you, thank you, thank you, from the bottom of our hearts and if you enjoyed it this year, I hope you come back and help us again next year!

The event has been at Hawrelak Park since its inception, but this will be the last for a few years as the park is closing for extensive renovations. We are looking forward to hearing where next years Heritage days will be held. Please enjoy some photos taken during the 3 days.

