



The Edmonton *Blarney*



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President's Pen

Happy New Year,



Once again it is my pleasure to wish you all a healthy and prosperous 2023.

We had a great year in 2022 with a very hardworking Executive who kept the fires lit in very difficult times and kept the wolf from the door.

Onwards and upwards are our plans for the new year with 3 months of activity before the AGM in March when a new Executive will take the reins for twelve months. Hopefully we will have a lot of "new faces" wanting to volunteer for a position on the 23/24 Executive as we have signed up a lot of new members in 2022.

Always remember if you want to volunteer or help out at any time just give us a call or send us a note and we will find a suitable task for you.

To paraphrase a famous man, "ask not what your Club can do for you but what you can do for your Club".

If you have any issues or concerns don't hesitate to call me or send me an Email.

Tom Morris

Irish Sports & Social Society 60th Anniversary

On November 26, 2022 we celebrated 60 years as the Irish Sports & Society Society. Many past and current members joined us for this milestone anniversary dinner and dance.

A great time was had by all as we gave speeches, presented awards and took many photos as you will see below and more inside.



Past Presidents

Back Row: Martin Doyle, Eamon McKee (Ambassador), Peter Nolan, Julianne O'Loughlin, Tom Morris
Front Row: Bill Morris, Bryan Bundred, Tommy Cummins, Sean Gay.



Awards

Larry Lyons receives an Honorary membership and **Doodie Cahill** is presented a Retirement plaque.

Pictured to the right is **Colm O'Carroll** at the podium saying a few words.



2022/23 Executive

Back Row: Rory Brady, Alan Hanratty, Jenny McKearney, Pat Van Meer, Shane Callaghan
Front Row: Leanne Darling, Janet Wilde, Tom Morris, Sinead Brady
Missing: Anita Nixon, Melanie Regan.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, EVENTS & NOTICES

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MEMBERSHIPS

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2023 Memberships will be on sale at the close of the Annual General Meeting - March 26, 2023.

Valid from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023

Membership Types

Single - Single person 18 years to 64 years of age.

Family - A couple 18 to 64 years; or a couple 18 to 64 years with children under 18 years; or a single parent with children under 18 years of age.

Senior Single - A single person 65+ years of age.

Senior Family - A couple where one or both persons are 65+ years of age.

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

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 information and updates 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.

Have you moved? Update your address with us.

Questions? Contact Pat Van Meer 780-887-9776 or Email: irish199@gmail.com

IN THE KITCHEN

Janet Wilde 780-566-2191
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Wed. - CLOSED -
Thurs. 4 pm - 9 pm
Fri. 4 pm - 8 pm
Sat. 4 pm - 8 pm
Sun. - CLOSED -

Enjoy Roy's weekly specials!

Menu prices are updated effective January 1, 2023 in alignment with increased food costs.

Also, just a reminder that all outside food is not permitted in the club, with the exception of birthday cakes for Members.

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

Centre Hours

Wednesday 4 pm - 9 pm
Thursday 4 pm - 11 pm
Friday 4 pm - 12 am
Saturday 3 pm - 2 am
Sunday 3 pm - 8 pm

(Closed on holidays)

Note: Closing hours are subject to patron volume occupancy

BEREVEMENTS

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

Marlene Makar - Elton Makar's Mom

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.

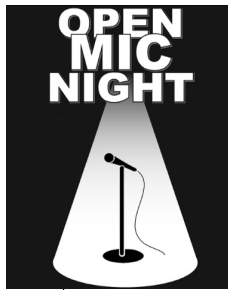
GOOD LUCK EVERYONE!

ENTERTAINMENT

JANUARY

- Fri. 6 Open Mic Night
- Sat. 7 Drop-in Darts
- Fri. 13 --- Open ---
- Sat. 14 --- Open ---
- Fri. 20 Open Mic Night
- Sat. 21 Drop-in Darts
- Fri. 27 --- Open ---
- Sat. 28 Irish Club's Got Talent Show ... see info Pg. 4

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OPEN MIC NIGHT

Fridays @ 7:00 pm

Hosted by *Martin Doyle*

January 6th
January 20th

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.



Drop-in DARTS

Join us every second Saturday at 6 pm on the following dates:

January 7th & January 21st

Children's Christmas Party Photos

(December 11, 2022)



MEMBERS GAMES NIGHTS Results



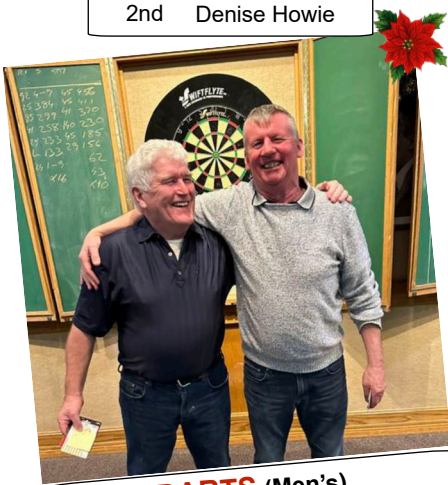
DARTS (Ladies)

- 1st Pat Van Meer
- 2nd Denise Howie



POKER

- 1st place Patrick Doyle
- 2nd place Richard Ross
- 3rd place Tommy Regan



DARTS (Men's)

- 1st place Ray Hamilton
- 2nd Place Shaun Harley



25s

- 1st place Martin Doyle
- 2nd place Tom Morris
- 3rd place Tommy Regan



Edmonton Irish Sports and Social Society



**UNLEASH YOUR
INCREDIBLE TALENT**

JANUARY 28TH | 6PM

EDMONTON IRISH CLUB

**ALL ACTS WELCOME
ADULT AND YOUTH CATEGORIES
PRIZES FOR 1ST, 2ND & 3RD PLACE**

CONTACT US FOR FURTHER DETAILS!

IRISHCLUBSPORTS@GMAIL.COM





A.G.M.

Notification of Annual General Meeting

DATE: Sunday, March 26, 2023
TIME: 1:00 PM
PLACE: Irish Centre

Elections take place at the meeting.

The following is a brief description of each executive position:

All Executive positions must be able to familiarize themselves with the By-Laws and Roberts Parliamentary rules; attend and contribute to the monthly meetings; be committed to the position; be comfortable in communicating (both written & verbal); be able and willing to volunteer and help out when needed; work well with others; and be respectful of each other.

The Irish Sports & Social Society By-Laws (in Article 5) outline the duties for each of the Executive positions.

The following highlights some of the skills/tasks necessary for each position, however it does not include all

President - be able to ... have an overall view and understanding of the Club; represent the Club at various events when needed; attend and conduct Club meetings; ensure law and order is kept at the meetings; sign the minutes of the meeting after their adoption; counter-sign all cheques; schedule appointments and organize work that is necessary for the proper functioning of the Club; manage the security and alarm system; fill the role of the bar liaison (work closely with the bar lead on work schedules; monitor bar prices; oversee bar orders; resolve issues, etc.); and provide a monthly bar report to the Executive committee.

Vice President - be able to ... assist the President; fill in for the President when he/she is absent; sign cheques; fill the role of the

kitchen liaison (work closely with the kitchen & janitorial staff on work schedules, monitor food prices, order food & supplies, help resolve issues, etc.); and provide a monthly kitchen report to the Executive committee.

Secretary - be able to ... record and prepare meeting minutes & agenda; receive & read any correspondence; prepare and send letters as needed; file all incoming and outgoing correspondence; use excel, word and email; prepare for mail outs (mailing labels, stamps, envelopes, etc.); keep the membership listing current; keep a current email distribution listing of members; prepare, present to the Executive committee and file with the minutes a membership report; ensure the President signs the minutes after their adoption; and receive and file copies of the monthly reports with the minutes.

Treasurer - be able to ... work well with money; prepare and make weekly bank deposits; keep all bills and invoices current; prepare payroll; prepare and submit grant applications; organize the casino (includes preparing reconciliation of casino funds to AGLC); sign cheques; and provide financial statements and account balances at the monthly meetings; and provide the secretary with a copy of the statements for filing.

Social Convener - be able to ... organize all social activities throughout the year (includes Club events such as St. Patrick's Day, Family Picnic, Halloween party, Kiddies Christmas party, New Year's Eve, etc.); order tickets for social events; seek out and book entertainment; schedule Club rentals; oversee all social events; organize and be responsible for any sub committees for social events; be responsible for any money collected from social events; prepare a financial statement following each social event; advertise social events using posters, Facebook, web site, etc.; report monthly to the Executive Committee on social events; and provide the secretary with a copy of the monthly Social report for filing with the minutes.

Sports Convener - be able to ... organize all sports activities throughout the year (this

includes GAA games & breakfast, golf tournament, UFC fights, etc.); work with providers (Premium Sports) to schedule sporting events; promote local sporting events such as hockey & football; prepare & post schedule for local sporting events; oversee all sporting events; organize and be responsible for any sub committees for sporting events; be responsible for any money collected from sporting events; prepare a financial statement following each sporting event; advertise sporting events using posters, Facebook, web site, etc.; report monthly to the Executive Committee on sports activities; and provide the secretary with a copy of the monthly Sports report for filing with the minutes.

Cultural Convener - be able to ... organize all cultural activities throughout the year (this includes Heritage Days, Rose of Tralee, FEIS, etc.); provide assistance to the Social Convener with St. Patrick's Day celebrations; work with the local dance schools for use of the stages and the trailer for the FEIS; be the main contact with the Heritage Festival Committee; prepare applications, order forms, etc. needed for Heritage Days; organize volunteers for Heritage Days; schedule meetings and work with the Rose of Tralee committee; oversee all cultural events; organize and be responsible for any sub committees for cultural events; be responsible for any money collected from cultural events; prepare a financial statement following each cultural event; advertise cultural events using posters, Facebook, web site, etc.); report monthly to the Executive Committee on cultural events; and provide the secretary with a copy of the monthly Cultural report for filing with the minutes.

Trustee - be able to .. read and comprehend financial reports; ensure all monies received is deposited; examine and audit the accounts and books at least once a year; examine the minutes of all meetings and Club activities; and report and advise on all matters relating to the dishonest administration of the Club.

Member at Large - be able to ... provide help where needed; and perform duties as the Executive committee may direct.

2022 Mike McDonnell Scholarship

Congratulations to the 2022 scholarship recipients.
 Allow me to introduce them to you ...



Charles Howie

I currently study at the Royal Military College of Canada (RMC), where I am an Officer Cadet in the Canadian Army and specialize in electrical engineering. I enjoy the challenge of not only achieving, however surpassing the standards expected of me in the four-pillar program.

Once I graduate from RMC next year, I will be a signals officer in the Canadian Army...



Michelle Van Meer

I am looking forward to completing my education at MC College, here in Edmonton, to begin a career in the beauty industry, using my knowledge of make-up artistry and hair styling.

I would like to own a Halloween themed hair salon one day.



Teagan Makar

I am currently studying at the University of Alberta, here in Edmonton, in the faculty of Kinesiology. I am pursuing a combined Bachelor of Kinesiology and Education, majoring in Kinesiology and minoring in Health Education.

After I have completed my program, I hope to pursue a job teaching anatomy and return to school to pursue physiotherapy.



Irish Sports & Social Society 60th Anniversary Photos

(November 26, 2022)

