



The Edmonton *Blarney*



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President's Pen



Well Folks it is that time of year again when the term of your Executive comes to a close on March 26th when we hold our Annual General Meeting (AGM).

As most of you know a new Executive will be elected at the AGM as all positions serve for a one-year term. All Executive positions are voluntary and remuneration for executive duties is not allowed under the Society's Act and the Bylaws of the Club.

If you feel that you have something to contribute, and you would like to get involved as a member of the Executive you are encouraged to let your name stand for a position for the 2023/24 term. Prior to the AGM you can put your name in to one of the Trustees, or at the AGM you can ask someone, a friend or family member, to nominate you from the floor.

Just remember that this is your Club, and some of the activities and ideas for the 2023/24 term will be decided at this meeting, so a good turnout will give the new Executive feedback from the membership on plans for the future of the Club.

I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of the Executive, to wish you all a very happy St. Patrick's Day.

If you have any concerns or issues feel free to contact me and I will try to address your concerns.

Tom Morris

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St. Patrick's Day Dinner & Dance

SATURDAY

MARCH 11, 2023

6:00 pm Roast Beef Dinner

Music by **Eric Martin**

Irish Dancers

7:00 pm Scoil Rince Mahoney

9:00 pm Knock O'Hogan

<u>Tickets:</u> Senior Memer	\$35.00
Member	\$40.00
Non-Member	\$45.00

Ticket sale deadline Friday March 3, 2023

\$10 cover charge in effect
at 10:00pm

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MEMBERSHIPS

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Effective 2023, a new membership type titled Single Parent Family has been added. Also, a modest increase to the membership fees has been implemented. Memberships are valid from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023

Membership Types

Single - Single person 18 to 64 years **\$35.00**

Family - A couple 18 to 64 years; or
- A couple 18 to 64 years with children under 18 years. **\$55.00**

Single Parent Family - A single parent with children under 18 yrs. **\$45.00**

Senior Single - A single person 65+ years **\$20.00**

Senior Family - A couple where one person is 65+ years. **\$30.00**

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 don't have your email address. A weekly email is sent out to our membership about upcoming events and weekly specials. If you have an email you are willing to share, please contact me at irish199@gmail.com, and I'll update our records.

Have you moved? Please help us keep our records current - contact me with any address changes.

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

IN THE KITCHEN

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Wed. 4 pm - 8 pm
Thurs. 4 pm - 9 pm
Fri. 4 pm - 8 pm
Sat. 3 pm - 9 pm
Sun. 3 pm - 7 pm

Roy will work Wednesday to Friday and keep on turning out those fabulous specials!

We are happy to announce we have a second cook, Keith Baril. Keith comes to us with lots of experience and will work Saturdays and Sundays. Welcome Keith!

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

EASTER Hours: Friday., April 7/23 Open
Saturday, April 8/23 Open
Sunday, April 9/23 Closed

BEREAVEMENTS

Our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of those who have recently passed away.

Tommy Cummins, Past President, and Honorary member

Lynn Larkin, wife of Pat Larkin

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 Sympathy

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 an illness.

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



2023 IRISH CLUB CASINO

Saturday, **April 29th** and
Sunday, **April 30th**

at *Yellowhead Casino*

Volunteers are greatly appreciated and are needed to work in all positions and time slots.

If you would like to volunteer please contact Rory Brady at rory@shamrockltd.com

ROSE of TRALEE

Western Rose

Selection Night Dinner

The date has been set!

Saturday

May 27, 2023

Mark your calendar and watch for more details in our next Blarney and online.

Please note this is a dinner event only - no dance.

Entertainment

MARCH

Fri. 3 Open Mic Night
 Fri. 10 ---- Open ----
 Sat. 11 St. Patrick's Dinner/Dance
 Fri. 17 St. Patrick's Day
 Sat. 18 St. Patrick's Day continues
 Fri. 24 Open Mic Night
 Sat. 25 Drop-in Darts
 Sun. 26 AGM
 Fri. 29 Open Mic Night

APRIL

Fri. 14 Open Mic Night
 Sat. 15 Drop-in Darts
 Fri. 28 Open Mic Night
 Sat. 29 Drop-in Darts
 " " CASINO
 Sun. 30 CASINO

MAY

Sat. 27 Rose of Tralee
 - Western Rose Selection



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 then 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!

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

FRIDAY
 MARCH 17, 2023

Door open at NOON

IRISH DANCERS will be performing throughout the day

1PM - 4 PM
 STAN GALLANT

5 PM - 8 P MM
 MARTIN DOYLE & FRANK BESSAI

9 PM - 1 AM
 AMIE WEYMES

We will have another structure outside on the patio to give us more space

TICKETS:

Members \$10.00
 Non-Members \$15.00

ON SALE NOW!!!



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Happy St. Patrick's Day



ST. PATRICK'S DAY continues

SATURDAY
 MARCH 18, 2023

Door open at NOON

1PM - 5 PM
 MARK McGARRIGLE



Drop-in DARTS

Join us every second Saturday at 6:00 pm on the following dates:

March 25th
 April 15th & April 29th

OPEN MIC NIGHT



Fridays @ 7:00 pm

Hosted by Martin & Frank

March 3rd
 March 31st
 April 14th
 April 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.



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

Elections take place at the meeting.

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; perform other duties as the Executive Committee may direct; and be respectful of each other.

The Irish Sports & Social Society outline the duties for each of the Executive positions.

ARTICLE NO. 5 **DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT**

Section No. 1

The President shall preside at all General Meetings of the Club and at all meetings of the Executive Committee, conducting same in an orderly manner in accordance with Parliamentary Procedure and in accordance with the By-laws of the Club.

Section No. 2

He shall preserve harmony at meetings and may, on the occurrence of violent disorder, dissolve the meeting by announcing its adjournment or suspend the meeting for a stated interval in order to give heated tempers time to cool.

Section No. 3

He shall sign minutes of meetings immediately after their adoption.

Section No. 4

He shall counter-sign all cheques in payment of authorized accounts and bills after such cheques have been prepared and signed by the Treasurer.

Section No. 5

He shall make appointments not otherwise provided for and transact such other business as may, of right, pertain to his office and which may be necessary for the proper functioning of the Club.

Section No. 6

He may remove from an appointed committee any member who is failing to perform his duties satisfactorily.

ARTICLE NO. 6 **DUTIES OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT**

Section No. 1

It shall be the duty of the Vice-President to render such assistance to the President as he may require and shall fill the office in case of the absence, death, removal, or resignation of the President for as long as necessary.

Section No. 2

He shall have authority to sign cheques in place of the President if the President is not readily available.

Section No. 3

He shall perform such other duties as the Executive Committee may direct.

ARTICLE NO. 7 **DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY**

Section No. 1

The Secretary shall keep a correct, full and impartial record of the proceedings of general, extraordinary interim and executive meetings.

Section No. 2

Upon the adoption of the minutes, he shall sign them and present them to the President for his signature.

Section No. 3

He shall read and preserve all important documents, papers and letters and conduct all official correspondence, retaining on file copies of all letters written and received by him.

Section No. 4

He shall keep custody of the seal of the Club and affix same to all official documents.

Section No. 5

He shall confirm by letter all important arrangements made on behalf of the Club by anyone authorized to do so.

Section No. 6

He shall keep an up-to-date listing of all members and prepare and mail out bulletins as required.

Section No. 7

Within the month (December) immediately following the club's anniversary month (November) he shall file with the company by a signed copy of the last audited financial statement and require filing fee, as required by Section 25 of the Societies Act.

Section No. 8

At the end of his term in office he shall turn over to his successor all papers, records and documents belonging to the Club.

ARTICLE NO. 8 **DUTIES OF THE TREASURER**

Section No. 1

The Treasurer shall receive all monies payable to the Club, issue receipts therefore and deposit same to the Club's account in such bank as the Executive Committee may direct.

Section No. 2

He shall keep proper accounts of all financial matters of the Club and report monthly to the Executive Committee on the state of finances.

Section No. 3

Disbursements from the funds of the Club shall be made, in the case of sums larger than \$20.00 by cheques except for payments for Club functions while said functions are in progress.

Section No. 4

A petty cash fund may be authorized by the Executive Committee for the payment of small sums but in no case may it be greater than \$50.00

Section No. 5

Cheques shall be prepared and signed by the Treasurer and counter signed which will be at least once a year. At time of examination, he shall furnish evidence from the Bank attesting amount on deposit.

Section No. 7

At the end of his term in office he shall turn over to his successor all properties and assets, including funds, books and records, belonging to the Club.

ARTICLE NO. 9 **DUTIES OF THE SOCIAL CONVENER**

Section No. 1

He shall organize and be responsible for all social activities subject to the approval of the Executive Committee.

Section No. 2

He shall make known to the Executive Committee his choice of selection of other members to serve on the Social Committee and he shall be responsible for any money he collects from social activities and deliver same to the Treasurer who will issue him with a receipt.

Section No. 4

He shall keep the Executive Committee closely informed on the performance of the social committee and all sub-committees in this category and on all tentative and immediate plans concerning same.

Section No. 5

Any sub-committee in the social area, e.g. picnic, shall be responsible to the Social Convener.

ARTICLE NO. 10 **DUTIES OF THE SPORTS CONVENER**

Section No. 1

He shall organize and be responsible for all sports activities subject to the approval of the Executive Committee.

Section No. 2

He shall make known to the Executive Committee his choice of selections of other members to serve on the Sports Committee and the Executive Committee shall give it due consideration when appointing members to that committee.

Section No. 3

He shall be responsible for any money he collects from Sports activities and deliver same to the Treasurer who will issue him with a receipt.

Section No. 4

He shall keep the Executive Committee closely informed on the performance of the Sports Committee and all sub-committees in this category and on all tentative and immediate plans concerning same.

Section No. 5

Any sub-committee connected with Sports, e.g. soccer, shall be responsible to the Sports Convener.

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**ARTICLE NO. 11
DUTIES OF THE CULTURAL CONVENER**

Section No. 1

He shall be responsible for promoting all aspects of our culture such as art, music, drama, language, and dancing subject to the approval of the Executive Committee.

Section No. 2

He shall make known to the Executive Committee his choice of selection of other members to serve on the Cultural Committee and the Executive Committee shall give it due consideration when appointing members to that committee.

Section No. 3

He shall be responsible for any money he collects from Cultural activities and deliver same to the Treasurer who will issue him with a receipt.

Section No. 4

He shall keep the Executive Committee closely informed on the performance of the Cultural Committee and all sub-committees in this category and on all tentative and immediate plans concerning same.

Section No. 5

He shall represent the Club on all Cultural and Heritage Boards where requested to do so. An incumbent from the Irish Sports and Social Society of such board shall complete this term.

Section No. 6

Any sub-committee connected with Culture, e.g. Feis, shall be responsible to the Cultural Convener.

ARTICLE NO. 12

DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section No. 1

The management, direction and administration of the business and finances of the Club between General Meetings shall be vested in the Executive Committee.

Section No. 2

For the purpose of providing continuity of effort and policy, retired members of the former Executive Committee shall be invited to attend the first meeting of the newly elected Executive Committee.

Section No. 3

As soon as possible after election, the Executive Committee shall call a combined meeting with all other committees to arrange the year's program.

Section No. 4

The Executive Committee shall be empowered to appoint subsidiary committees as may be required from time to time.

Section No. 5

The Executive Committee may temporarily fill a vacancy in any position pending ratification or new appointment at the next General Meeting.

Section No. 6

Each of the three Conveners shall confer with their various committees to have them work out a budget in advance for their year's activities.

Section No. 7

No remuneration shall be paid to an officer performing the duties of office as defined in the by-laws.

ARTICLE NO. 13

DUTIES OF THE TRUSTEES

Section No. 1

The trustee shall have the supervision of all funds and properties of the Club.

Section No. 2

It shall be their duty to see that the Treasurer deposits all monies received by him in the Bank designated.

Section No. 3

They shall see that the Treasurer is bonded. The bonding shall be done at the expense of the Club for an amount determined by the Executive Committee.

Section No. 4

The accounts and books of the Club shall be examined and audited by the Trustees at least once a year and their corrections ascertained and certified by the elected Trustees who shall make their report to the Executive Committee before the Annual General Meeting.

Section No. 5

If they require assistance in preparing the financial statement, the Trustees may engage the service of a qualified accountant.

Section No. 6

They shall examine the minutes of all meetings and the files of all Club activities.

Section No. 7

They shall also report and advise on all matters they may deem in the interest of the efficient honest administration of the Club.

Section No. 8

They shall have the power to examine all books of the Club at any time.

Section No. 9

They shall be the Nominating Committee for elections.

Section No. 10

They shall give instructions on the administration of the Reserve Fund, the Building Fund and any special assets; and ensure that any disbursements or additions are made only with their knowledge and approval.

Section No. 11

In the event of the Trustees' disapproval, the Executive must call a General Meeting to resolve the matter

NOTE: ARTICLE NO. 4 includes the elected position of Members at Large.

Members At Large - whose duties shall be as required by the Executive.

New Years Eve

Excitement was in the air as families and friends gathered at the Irish Centre on December 31, 2022 to celebrate and bring in 2023 with joy, laughter and dance.

Many thanks to our decorators for the lovely set-up; and to the kitchen/bar staff for the wonderful meal and drinks.

The Irish Club is a great place to come to and celebrate any event or celebration.

Pictured (Left to Right)
Sean & Sheila Smith; Tom & Margaret Morris; Bill & Mary Morris; Noel & Loni Reilly



Irish Sports & Social Society Talent Show 2023

Great night on Saturday January 28, 2023 at our Talent Show.

Congratulations to our winners:

1st place is Rob Errity; 2nd place is Adam Doyle, and a tie for 3rd place is Leanne Darling; and 40 Fiddles Short. The Under16 winners: 1st place is Harper; in 2nd place is Sarah; and 3rd place is Jillian.

Thanks to our hosts Alan Hanratty (MC) and Adam Doyle (Sound), and also to the volunteers, staff, and Executive members who worked behind the scenes.



March 2023

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
		1	2	3 Open Mic Night	4	5
6 CLOSED	7 CLOSED	8	9	10	11 St. Patrick's Dinner & Dance	12
13 CLOSED	14 CLOSED	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18 Mark McGarrigle	19
20 CLOSED	21 CLOSED	22	23	24	25 Drop-in Darts	26
27 CLOSED	28 CLOSED	29	30	31 Open Mic Night		



April 2023

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
					1	2
3 CLOSED	4 CLOSED	5	6	7 Good Friday	8	9 Easter Sunday CLOSED
10 CLOSED	11 CLOSED	12	13	14 Open Mic Night	15 Drop-in Darts	16
17 CLOSED	18 CLOSED	19	20	21	22	23
24 CLOSED	25 CLOSED	26	27	28 Open Mic Night	29 CASINO Drop-in Darts	30 CASINO

May 2023

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1 CLOSED	2 CLOSED	3	4	5	6	7
8 CLOSED	9 CLOSED	10	11	12	13	14
15 CLOSED	16 CLOSED	17	18	19	20	21

