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## Inaugural Carolina's Shillelagh Quarterly Newsletter – April 2025!



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### **President's Message**

Brother Shillelaghs,

*It's been an incredible parade season as we celebrated our Irish heritage here in the Carolinas. We started the parade season with a social happy hour at Doyle's, which was well attended and a big thanks to Doyle and his staff for a job well done. James Hood on the strings providing the music. We had a little pregame in Windy Hill at The Knot Friday night before the kickoff party at Molly Darcy's, again a great showing with standing room only. Great job by Skyler Whitfield for providing our entertainment.*

*The next day, parade day was a little scary at first with all the mist and fog that rolled in. But what a day it turned out to be. We had over 100 strong march and I must say the membership did an outstanding job keeping in line. I was incredibly honored to lead the membership in the line of march, as this will be the last time I march as President of the Friendly Sons of the Shillelagh. A big thanks goes out to a few people that helped make this day a great success. First off, Bill Mayfield for handling the adult beverages, Tom Phillips for towing the trailer for our members that are unable to march and for all our other brothers who made the trip down from the Jersey Shore Chapter. We really do appreciate your support. Finally, thank you all for standing tall.*

*We have a lot of things coming up in the next month or so including our 3rd Annual Clean up at the marsh walk, which is great exposure for the club and helping our community, followed by our Flounder Tournament that kicks off on May 2nd with the captains meeting and the Tournament and awards dinner on May 3rd. We thank the Beaver Bar for all their support and for hosting the after party after the weigh in. We are in the mist to again host a summer party at a Pelican's Game sometime in May.*

*We will be hosting a Cocktail Party on Friday, July 25 to celebrate our 3rd year and to honor our Irishman of the Year and Shillelagh 's of the year as well as meeting our new President and executive board. Our annual Golf Tournament is scheduled for July 26, headed up by Drew Chambers and Kevin McGuire. This tournament fills quickly! Mark your calendar for Sept. 13 where we will be hosting our 4th Annual ½ Way to St. Patrick's Day Irish Festival. More info to follow as we get closer.*

*Our Chapter is hosting the Annual Quint Golf Outing this year at the Legends Golf Course in Myrtle Beach which is scheduled for Sunday, November 16. This should be a great time as we meet our fellow brothers from all the chapters in New Jersey.*

*This is our first Newsletter published and a big thank you to Dan Dyer for initiating this publication.*

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*Gary Friedhoff President*

*FSOS Carolina Chapter*



# 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Recap...

**February 1, 2025** - Georgetown County Polar Plunge for the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics held at the Oceanfront Litchfield Inn. Our FSOS Team, raised \$8,650 enabling us to achieve 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Fundraising for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Year in a Row!

**Congratulations to Everyone Who Participated!**



**February 22, 2025** – We raised just over \$30,000 for *St. Baldrick's Foundation*. **Billy Cobb** was instrumental in bringing this event to our club. Billy has done this event in the past and has been very successful in raising a lot of money. **Al Brown** jumped in feet first and gave Billy a hand putting this event together. Al also had experience with this event when he was with the Fire Department in Baltimore.

**WELL DONE FELLAS!!!!**



**March 15, 2025** - What a great week for the club with our 3rd March under our belt. **The club took 1st place** in the **North Myrtle Beach Parade**. The club got a lot of recognition on Saturday. A special thanks to **Austin Mueller** for leading us with his bagpipe as well as the boys from the Jersey Shore Chapter.

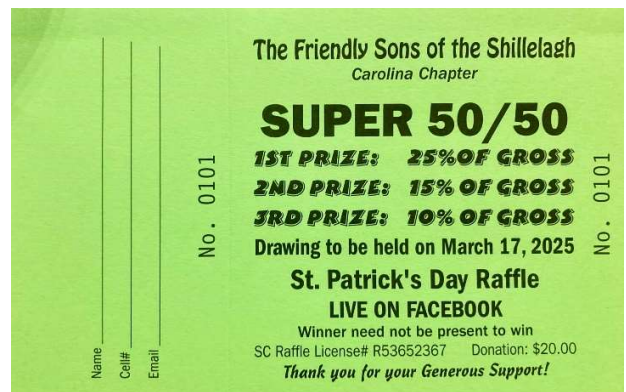
**JOB WELL DONE GENTLEMAN!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**



**March 17, 2025** - Our **Super 50/50 Raffle** was drawn at **O'Keefe's Irish Pub** and **Live on Facebook**. The pay out was **\$8,160.00**. A **Big Thanks to O'Keefe's Irish pub** for allowing us to set up our tent at their event. And a **Shout Out to Jim Gaffigan** for all his work on the Super 50/50 Raffles!

- 1st place John Collins - \$4,080.00**
- 2nd Place Bert Fox - \$2,448.00**
- 3rd Place Francis Trudeau - \$1,632.00**

**GREAT JOB GENTLEMEN!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**





## Upcoming Events...

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### ***April 27, 2025 – Annual Spring Tide Community Clean-up***

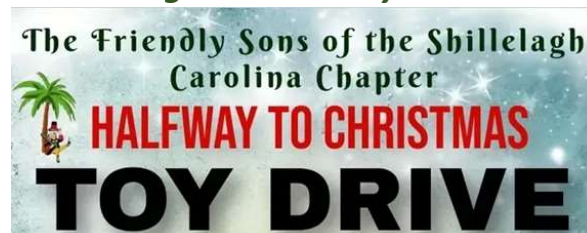
This is the third year the club has been involved in this event.  
We always have a great turn out as well as great time afterwards.  
Location is Morse Park starting at 10:00am.



### ***Saturday, May 3, 2025 – Shillelagh Club Flounder Tournament***



### ***June, 2025 – Shillelagh Club ½ Way to Christmas Toy Drive***



### ***Friday, July 25, 2025 – Awards & Sash Exchange Celebration***

### ***Saturday, July 26, 2025 – 3rd Annual Shillelagh Club Golf Tournament***

### ***Saturday, September 13, 2025 – ½ Way to St. Patrick's Day Irish Festival***

### ***Sunday Nov. 16th, 2025 – Annual Quint Shillelagh Golf Outing***



## Upcoming Meetings...

*Tuesday, April 15, 2025 – FSOS Member Meeting*

*Wednesday, May 7, 2025 – FSOS Social Happy Hour*

The poster features a blue background with a sunburst effect behind the text. At the top, there are colorful triangular bunting flags. On the left, there is a logo for 'Music Beach Pelicans' featuring a pelican and a baseball bat. On the right, there is a logo for 'Shillelagh Club' featuring a four-leaf clover with an American flag pattern. A QR code is located in the bottom left corner, and a circular callout box on the right contains details about the Beach Picnic Package. The event date and location are prominently displayed in the center.

**Shillelagh Club**  
**FAMILY PICNIC**  
**Wednesday Night May 7, 2025**  
**Pelican Stadium**

Tickets are the Beach Picnic Package which include; private picnic area with all you can eat buffet of cheeseburger, hamburger, hot dogs, baked beans, cole slaw, chips, cookies, lemonade, tea, water, personal bar & bartender \$38.00 pp

Tickets are available on line thru our website starting April 4 or scan our QR code

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*Tickets can be purchased on our website starting on April 4th*

*Any questions contact Erine Schriefer at 732-904-7587 or Don Stratton at 843-997-5097*

*Tuesday, May 20, 2025 – FSOS Member Meeting*

*Tuesday, June 3, 2025 – FSOS Social Happy Hour*

*Tuesday, June 17, 2025 – FSOS Member Meeting*



## New Members...

### Welcome To Our 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter New Members, And Thank You to Their Sponsors!

<u>New Members</u>	<u>Sponsors</u>	<u>New Members</u>	<u>Sponsors</u>
Michael Campbell	Kevin McGuire	William McMillen	Tom Browne
Thomas Carroll	Transfer	James McNally	Steve Roberts
Brian Dunwoody	Tommy Carroll	Salvatore Merkel	Ernie Schriefer
David Hutchinson	Dave Turner	William Merkel	Ernie Schriefer
Shane Hutchinson	Randy Hunt	Peter Murphy	Gary Friedhoff
Kyle Lindsay	Kevin McGuire	Robert Peppard	Gary Friedhoff
Patrick Lindsay	Kevin McGuire	Charles Phillips	Pete Ganzer
		Tom Smith	Bill Cobb

**In the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of 2025 Our Membership Grew By 15  
Total Membership Is Now 194!**



## Member Uniforms...

Our uniform consists of the Shillelagh Shirt, Khaki Shorts or Pants, & Hat – as shown below.



Full uniform is required for marching in parades, honor guard, memorial services, and other important events. During less formal occasions, just the Shirt is acceptable. Throughout the year at our events, there are various opportunities to purchase branded Shillelagh apparel. While you are representing our club, locally and elsewhere, we do ask that you do so in a respectful and dignified manner.

***Shillelagh apparel can be purchased by contacting the  
Keeper of the Shillelagh, Kevin Scully  
by phone at 732-766-3961 or via e-mail at [rotti-2@hotmail.com](mailto:rotti-2@hotmail.com)***



## Membership Housekeeping...

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### Membership Dues

The annual membership fees are due by July. This year's membership fee is \$50 by check or \$55 for online payments to cover processing fee. Payments can be made in person at any FSOS Meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at the VFW Hall in Murrells Inlet. You can also mail payments to:

*Friendly Sons of the Shillelagh  
P.O. Box 392  
Murrells Inlet, SC 29576*

If you have any questions, please contact  
*Don Stratton* at [drs295@sc.rr.com](mailto:drs295@sc.rr.com) or *Mike Devins* at [mfdevins@gmail.com](mailto:mfdevins@gmail.com)

### Members Website

Our **FSOS Website** is available to the **Public** at: <https://fsoscarolinas.com/>

From the **Public FSOS Website** there is a **Members Only** tab – but you need to [Sign-Up](#) to get access. Here is where you sign-up: <https://fsoscarolinas.com/m/create-account>

Here are a few items available from within the **Members Only** section:

- **Annual Membership Dues Payment Portal**
- **Online Donation Portal**
- **Shillelagh Club Members List**
- **Club Meeting Minutes**
- **New Membership Application**
- **FSOS By-Laws**

If you have any questions, please contact *Jim Evans* at [jimmycreekhaven@gmail.com](mailto:jimmycreekhaven@gmail.com)

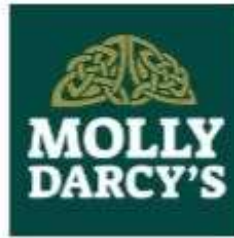
### Website Suggestions / Newsletter / Photo Submissions

The tech committee would love more content on our website, both members-only and public-facing material. We restarted with a clean slate, but do have all previous editions of our site. We are collecting memories, anecdotes, cultural notes and important club and Celtic history in general. We are also assembling photos for internal historical photo galleries, and/or to be displayed on our vestibule/menu TVs in between promotional items (to come).

We are happy to take your submissions directly at: [fsoscarolina@gmail.com](mailto:fsoscarolina@gmail.com)



## Businesses That Support Our Club...



Submit Business Cards to: [fsoscarolina@gmail.com](mailto:fsoscarolina@gmail.com)

Send a scan, photo, proof, or digital ad that will look good and fit in a typical business card space. Dimensions are generally 3.5" x 2"