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of the Carolina's



## Carolina's Shillelagh Quarterly Newsletter – July 2025!



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*Brother Shillelagh's,*

*First, it was an honor and a privilege to serve as your president the last three years. We have come a long way since our first meeting at **Southside Patty's** on July 27, 2022. We started with 37 charter members and are now approaching 230 members. If that is not a testament to the charter of this organization then I do not know what is. I would like to thank the folks at the **VFW** for welcoming us and providing a home for us for the last three years. Know that the board is actively seeking a place to call home.*

*Congratulations to our incoming **President Paul Mueller** and the rest of the board. Paul has a long history with the Jersey Shore Chapter and has been on the board since inception. Paul has great knowledge of all facets of the club and will excel in his new role.*

*We have several events forthcoming with our **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Anniversary Party** which will be held at the Reed Center in Market Commons. We will be conducting our **Sash exchange** and announcing **The Irishman of the Year** and **Shillelagh's of the year**. There will be a DJ as well as the **Coastal Carolina Shields Pipes & Drums** performing for us. For tickets contact either **Paul Mueller** or **Dan Dyer**. Tickets are \$60.00 pp.*

*The following morning, we will be hosting our **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Golf Tournament** which is sold out. **Drew Chambers** has done an excellent job putting this event together and it keeps growing. A big thank-you to **Brother Joe Carolan**, owner and operator of **Casa Mia** located in Surfside for being our **Platinum Sponsor**. Joe is catering this event and if you ever eaten there you know it is going to be spectacular. Anyone interested in a hole sponsor reach out to Drew as there are only a few flags left.*

*I would like to also thank the **Coastal Carolina Shields Pipes & Drums** for always answering the call when needed for our events. You guys are awesome, know that your help is greatly appreciated.*

*We have made significant progress with our **FSOS Carolina Foundation**. A big thanks **Al Brown** and **Pete Ganzer** for their work on securing our 5013C status. We should have everything completed by this fall.*

*The club will be hosting our **4<sup>th</sup> Annual ½ Way to St. Patrick's Day Irish Fest** on Saturday Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>. Vendor application's will be available on our website starting July 1. Anyone interested in being on the committee please reach out to me. We will also be doing our **Super 50/50 raffle** which will be drawn at the festival. This event gets bigger and bigger every year and with membership's help it will again be a big success.*

*Again, thank you for having the faith in me to guide this organization for the last 3 years. It has been a great honor.*

*Slainte'*

*Gary Friedhoff*

*President FSOS,*

*Carolina Chapter*



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Recap...

**April 27 – Annual Spring Tide Community Clean-up.** Held at Morse Park, this was the third year the club has been involved in this event and we had a great turn out again this year. **Thanks to All Who Participated!**



**May 7 – FSOS Social Happy Hour with the Pelican's.** This was our 2<sup>nd</sup> group outing to the Myrtle Beach Pelicans Stadium. We had a great turnout with **89 members, family, and friends in attendance.** While the weather was not ideal and the game was delayed, it did not hamper our spirits or fun! Everyone enjoyed the burgers, hot dogs, salad, chips, cookies, and brownies. Thanks to everyone who attended and a special thanks to **Ernie Schriefer & Don Stratton** for managing this event!



**May 3 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Shillelagh Club Live Release Flounder Tournament** – Was a great success with over 70 entrants. A total of 21 fish were weighed in.

1<sup>st</sup> place went to **Russell Heafner** at 7.77 lb.

2<sup>nd</sup> place went to **Greg Holshouser** at 5.32 lb.

3<sup>rd</sup> place went to **Capt. Dan Connolly** at 4.09 lb.

**Greg Wurzburger** was our Shillelagh winner with a 1.83 lb. fish. Congratulations to the winners and all participants! A special thanks to **Bill Mayfield** and **Kris Reynolds** of DNR for running our weight station. We raised **\$6,765** minus the payouts! Mark your calendars for next year's tournament scheduled for **May 9, 2026!**



**June 14 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Shillelagh Club Halfway to Christmas Toy Drive.** This year was another huge success. Thanks to all who participated with special thanks to **Billy Cobb, James Notarfrancesco, and their committee – Brian Benevento, Bob Fagan, Santa Greg, Ray Perry (DJ) and Stephanie Warren of the Miracle League.** **Rick Richter** went above and beyond after winning the 50/50 by donating it all back to the **Miracle League - Thanks Rick!**





# Upcoming Events...

**Friday, July 25 – FSOS 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary Cocktail Party.** Scan the QR Code for more details. For tickets contact either **Paul Mueller** at 732-887-7594 or **Dan Dyer** at 513-478-7818.

Come **Celebrate** Our 3rd Year Anniversary of The **Friendly Sons of the Shillelagh Carolina Chapter** **Cocktail Party** Irishman & Shillelagh's of the Year & Sash Exchange

AT THE  
Reed Center  
800 Gabreski Lane  
Myrtle Beach, SC 29577

MUSIC BY DJ LOUIE / BUFFET / OPEN BAR INCLUDES: BEER WINE SELTZERS & BYOB / \$60.00 PER PERSON  
Performance by Coastal Carolina Shields Pipes & Drums

**FRIDAY JULY 25 DOORS OPEN AT 6 PM**

Scan QR code to pay or may check out to FSOS Carolina's. Contact Paul Mueller for more information at 732-887-7594

**Saturday, July 26 – FSOS 3rd Annual Golf Tournament.** Our Golf Tournament is **Sold Out** and we now have a waiting list. We are looking for hole sponsorships which are \$150 and you get to keep the pin flag which is embroidered with your name or business name. This is a great keepsake for the man cave etc. Any questions, please contact **Drew Chambers** at 973-600-6116. Keep in mind the proceeds from this event goes to our Building Fund!!!!

**Shillelagh Club GOLF Tournament 2025**

Includes: Gift bag, breakfast, hotdogs at the turn, Tito's Bloody Mary Bar Lunch afterwards at the Beaver Bar catered by Cassa Mia, Great Prize Table & 50/50's

WILLBROOK PLANTATION

Food Prepared by Casa Mia's our platinum sponsor

**JULY 26**  
Saturday | Registration 8AM / Captains Choice

**Cassa Mia's**

**\$125 | \$500**  
One Player | Foursome

Proceeds go to the FSOS Building Fund

**Saturday, Sept. 13, 2025 – FSOS 4<sup>th</sup> Annual ½ way to St. Patrick's Day Festival.** Anyone interested in being on the committee please reach out to **Gary Friedhoff** at **732-865-3669**. This event gets bigger and bigger every year and with membership's help it will again be a big success.

**The Shillelagh Club**  
Presents  
**4th Annual 1/2 WAY TO ST. PATRICK'S DAY IRISH FESTIVAL**

To be held at **THE BEAVER BAR**

**Saturday, Sept. 13, 11 AM to 5 PM**  
LIVE MUSIC / VENDORS / FOOD / FAMILY FUN  
**\$UPER 50/50 RAFFLE**

**Sunday Nov. 16th, 2025 – Annual Quint Shillelagh Golf Outing.** Scan the QR Code to Register.

**The Friendly Sons of the Shillelagh of the Carolina's**  
presents  
**ANNUAL QUINT SHILLELAGH GOLF OUTING**

**LEGENDS**

**Sunday, November 16, 2025**  
**Legends Golf Course - Myrtle Beach, SC**  
**150.00 per Golfer - \$600.00 Foursome**

Lodging available at the course with pub in walking distance call Legends at 1-800-299-6187 ext. 2300

7:30 AM to 9:40 AM Tee Times - Captain choice  
Scan code to Register and Pay when paying on line please indicate Shirt size



## Upcoming Meetings...

*Tuesday, July 1 – Social Happy Hour at Smuggler Den*

*Tuesday, July 15 – FSOS Member Meeting at VFW Hall*

*Tuesday, August 5 – Social Happy Hour – Gordon Biersch in Market Common*

*Tuesday, August 19 – FSOS Member Meeting at VFW Hall*

*Tuesday, September 2 – Social Happy Hour – TBD*

*Tuesday, September 16 – FSOS Member Meeting at VFW Hall*



## New Members...

### Welcome To Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter New Members, And Thank You to Their Sponsors!

#### New Members

Ken Cameron  
 Andrew Evangelista  
 Steve Gaffney  
 William Hammond  
 Daniel Kildare  
 Barry Kuhn  
 Tim McHale  
 Clarke Respass

#### Sponsors

Dual Member  
 Gerry Purcell  
 Dual Member  
 Mike Devins  
 Transfer  
 Mike Devins  
 Mike Devins  
 Frank Rutkowski

#### New Members

Kevin Cassie  
 Spencer Flynn  
 Jack Gregory  
 Mark Heller  
 Jay Killion  
 Michael Krasevic  
 Robert Moran  
 Todd Small

#### Sponsors

Jim Notarfrancesco  
 Drew Chambers  
 Rob Conroy  
 Joe Pietrofere  
 Dan Adamczyk  
 Rick Raudabaugh  
 Joe Pietrofere  
 Jim Dougherty

**In the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of 2025 Our Membership Grew By 16  
 Total Membership Is Now 210!**



# Membership Housekeeping...

**Our official uniform consists of the Shillelagh Shirt, Khaki Shorts or Pants, & Hat**

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. While you are representing our club, locally and elsewhere, we do ask that you do so in a respectful and dignified manner.

**Shillelagh Uniforms and 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)**

Shirts



Uniforms

Hats



We also have some new gear available!

Hats \$25



Koozies \$5



## Membership Dues

The annual membership fees are due in 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 or by mail 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)**



## Shenanigans...

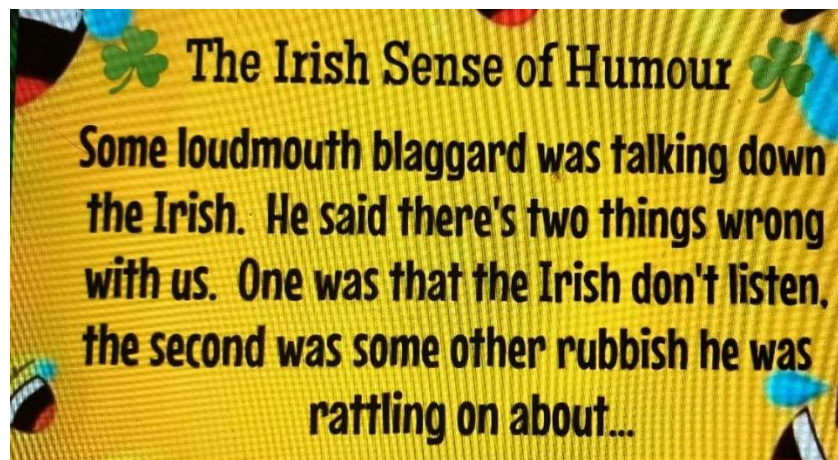
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### History:



*Submitted by: Don Stratton*

### Humor:



*Submitted by: Don Stratton*

Now accepting submissions for History & Humor at: [fsoscarolina@gmail.com](mailto:fsoscarolina@gmail.com)

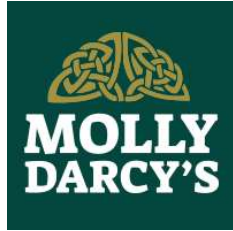


# Businesses That Support Our Club...



In Murrells Inlet, SC 843-651-3424

Southside Patty's



Molly Darcy's



O'Keefe's Irish Pub



Lads Sports Bar & Grill



Casa Mia's



Bovine's



GoodFellas



VFW Post 1024



MURRELLS INLET, SC

The Beaver Bar



On the 1/2 Shell



Hot Fish Club



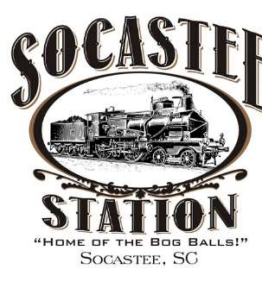
Surfside Charlies



Marlin Quay Marina



Southern Pizza Company



Socastee Station



810 Entertainment



2 Palms Massage & Esthetics

2 Palms Massage



JerriBob's



Gator Zone



The Southern Chicken



Doyle's Pub & Grub



## Socastee Automotive

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