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## Milwaukee Irish Fest Entertainment Line-up Joins Old And New Elements In 2006

If there's one thing Irish Fest attendees can look forward to each year, it's being able to listen to their traditional favorites while at the same time discovering something up and coming. This year's 26th annual Irish Fest raises the bar even higher, offering an unprecedented variety of Irish and pan-Celtic music.

This year's lineup features the best in music from Ireland, the United States, Canada, and beyond. From the innovative sounds of Micheal O'Suilleabhain and Mel Mercier to the ballads of Tommy Makem, to the Nova Scotia Kitchen Party, and old favorites Gaelic Storm and the Irish Rovers, to the folk rock of Richard Thompson, there is a diverse and wide choice for people attending this year's edition.

Some Irish Fest favorites returning for 2006 include:

- The Bridies, one of Ireland's most popular contemporary bands, featuring former Lord of the Dance fiddlers Brenda Curtin and Maire Egan.
- The very successful and popular, Gaelic Storm, showcasing a unique brand of high-energy Celtic music with a new CD.
- Irish Rovers are back at Irish Fest for the first time since 2000.
- Tom Sweeney, who wrote and sang the Milwaukee Irish Fest's 25th anniversary song, returns bringing traditional Irish and children's music.
- Danny Doyle will bring the ballads, history and stories of Ireland to Irish Fest once again.
- Tommy Makem will be joining the Makem and Spain Brothers and will delight with traditional and folk Irish music.

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• Ragus, the Aran Island dance and music revue, will be returning after receiving rave reviews in its Milwaukee debut in 2004.

Canada is in the spotlight this year, with a variety of sounds and styles to offer attendees. Le Vent du Nord, Quagmyre and Enter The Haggis will delight. The Cape Breton artists of Nova Scotia who are part of this year's Nova Scotia Showcase will perform on the Celtic Roots Stage. Nova Scotia entertainers scheduled to perform include Beoloch, J.P. Cormier, Buddy MacDonald, Jerry Holland, The Cottars, Dave Gunning, Mary Jane Lamond and Dave MacIsaac. They will give individual performances each day of the Fest and a variety of the performers will participate nightly in a Nova Scotia Kitchen Party.

Coming out of Quebec is a versatile folk band of four individuals spanning two generations and eight instruments. Le Vent du Nord fuses together traditional music and a subtle, modern style. Quagmyre combines musical virtuosity with energetic step-dancing and mixes original tracks with traditional Celtic sounds. ETH's sound is a fusion of Celtic, bluegrass and rock, with elements of Latin, blues, and funk.

Of course, Irish Fest wouldn't be the same unless it introduced the very best new music coming straight out of Ireland. Two of the hottest new traditional Irish music bands—Grada and the David Munnely Band—are sure to have people dancing in the aisles. Grada has garnered notice since their start in 2001, and bring a wide range of influences to their music, from traditional to folk, rock and jazz. David Munnely critically acclaimed as one of the best new button accordionists, and the David Munnely Band, brings new depth to traditional style music, drawing inspiration from the Irish American Dance Hall scene of the Roaring 20s. Other new musical acts to the festival this year include:

- The Fuchsia Band from Cork, Ireland, mixes folk and traditional music with stories and comedy.
- Sythian, from Washington D.C., combines Russian, Irish and other rhythms together for a traditional dance beat.
- Blackthorn, a folk ensemble from southeast Michigan.
- Dave Rowe, son of the late Tom Rowe of Schooner Fare, follows in his father's footsteps with The Dave Rowe Trio, an energetic, neo-Celtic, newgrass band from Maine.
- Irish composer and musical icon Michael O'Suilleabhain rejoins Mel Mercier, the distinguished bodhran and bones musicians will make their Irish Fest debut this year.
- Richard Thompson, founder of Fairport Convention, and longtime musical pioneer.

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### **Authentic Culture Is the Emerald of Irish Fest**

At Milwaukee Irish Fest, guests have been experiencing Irish culture for 25 years. This year, Irish Fest brings special entertainment from Nova Scotia and new exhibits to the Cultural Village, straight from Ireland. Cape Breton music, rich cultural exhibits, and fine Irish authors are the gems of this year's Milwaukee Irish Fest, August 17-20 at Henry Maier Festival Park on the Lakefront.

“Milwaukee Irish Fest's worldwide reputation is based on the premise that people can experience all Ireland has to offer at a single location, over the course of a weekend,” said Jane Anderson, executive director of Irish Fest. “We spend all year identifying the best in Irish culture and music and then work to bring it to Milwaukee to ensure that there is something for everyone.”

The Literary Corner is an area of Irish Fest devoted to the celebration of Irish literature and literary figures. Several authors will be presented at the Autograph Tree this year; Malachy McCourt, a New York Times bestselling author, and actor; Tom Sweeney, featuring his Children's Song Book; David M. Quinn, author of *It May be Forever: An Irish Rebel on the American Frontier*; Larry McCaffrey, noted film archivist; and Tommy Graham, editor of *History Ireland Magazine*.

More Than 40 Shades of Green: The Diverse Landscape of Ireland is one of the showcase displays at the Cultural Exhibits Tent, featuring the unique flora from distinct areas of Ireland. The Burren Centre in Kilfenora, County Clare, will highlight the rugged limestone desert of the Burren in Counties Clare and Galway. Northern Ireland is represented by exhibits of plants and flowers from the Ulster Botanic Gardens, part of the Ulster Museum in Belfast. The National Botanic Gardens, from Glasnevin, Dublin will present many rare and beautiful plants that make the Irish landscape unique to all of Europe.

Other displays that are featured are The National Stud, located in Tully, County Kildare, which will highlight Eastern Ireland's lush foliage, and is also the breeding ground for many champion Irish racehorses. The Stud also houses the Japanese Gardens, which is the largest Oriental garden in Europe and St. Fiachra's Garden, which was created as a Millennium project and aimed to capture Ireland in its rawest state – rock and water.

The Volta Theater hosts a selection of Irish films including John Fitzgerald's, *The Emerald Diamond*, a movie about Ireland's national baseball team. John Fitzgerald, an Irish American film maker from New York, tried to join the team, but instead came away from the experience with a story. And Prehistoric Music Ireland will feature a wide variety of instruments from the dawn of Ireland's history to the Middle Ages. Traditional Aran knitter Mary O'Flaherty and Clare Island weaver Beth Moran will be the featured artisans at the Cultural Exhibits Tent this year.

The Genealogy Pavilion in the Cultural Village is a great way to connect with your Irish roots at Irish Fest this year. Visit the Genealogy Tent where local experts and volunteers from the Irish Emigration Library will help trace family heritage. Dwight Radford, genealogist, will be available to answer questions.

The Theatre Tent will feature Malachy McCourt doing a one-man show of his life. Sister Bernie's Bingo Bash is also returning, the interactive one-hour take on the church bingo parlors. Milwaukee Irish Arts, the Shapeshifters and Gaelic Park Players of Chicago, as well as other groups, will be making this a memorable year for live Irish drama and comedy on the lakefront.

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## **Irish Fest Summer School Turns Twenty in 2006**

From Sunday, August 13 through Friday, August 18, 2006 at the UW Milwaukee campus, there will be a unique Irish experience taking place. It is the Milwaukee Irish Fest Summer School, where a week of Irish language, music, dance, and culture can be learned from some of the best instructors in the world. On the Cultural side, there is the Irish Language Genealogy, Contemporary Irish Theatre, Ancient Irish Music, Turning Points in Irish History, and The Legendary Chief O'Neill Recordings.

Music will be taught in Button Accordion by David Munnely; Cape Breton Style Fiddle, with respected fiddler Jerry Holland; Flute, with Kieran Munnely; Donegal Style Fiddle by Caoimhin Mac Aoidh, and Harp from international recording artist Kim Robertson. There are more classes in music, and this is just the tip of the musical iceberg.

Children's classes in Step Dance, Ceili Dance, music, Celtic Art, Irish Language, Irish Drama, Knitting, and Sean nos Song and Storytelling can be found. The Children's Friday Sampler features Song, the Kid's Hooley, and Straw Weaving. Arts and crafts include Weaving, Aran Knitting, Calligraphy and Illumination, and Celtic Design I and II. The Friday Sampler features talks by Malachy McCourt, Christine Hamlin's "Celts on the Move: Genetic Trails Trace Early Celtic Migrations." Irish Language by Liam O'Cuinneagain, Straw Weaving, from Mary Roffers, and Tin Whistle, from Milwaukee musician Asher Gray.

A highlight of the summer school will be the session cruise on Wednesday night. Join the Summer School on the Iroquois for a great night of Irish music. There will be buses from the UWM campus, both to and from the cruise. Join people at the Ardor Pub afterwards for a night of dancing and music. There will be a new home for the sessions each night. Carini's La Conca D'Oro, 3468 N. Oakland Avenue, will be open for the music and sessions, as well as the gathering place for Summer School participants, and those who want a jump on the Irish Fest fun. It is about three blocks from the UWM campus. Special appetizers will be available after 10 p.m. each night.

The Summer School will have a special reception at the Irish Fest Center on Sunday, August 13, at about 7 p.m. Meet the instructors and fellow classmates. The Irish Fest Center is at 1532 Wauwatosa Avenue, Milwaukee.

For more information on the Summer School, please call the UWM Liaison Barb Breed-Heidt at 262-227-6538, or e-mail her at [joheidt@uwm.edu](mailto:joheidt@uwm.edu).

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## **Volunteers Needed At Irish Fest**

We will need volunteers to work the Sales and the Cultural Tent booths at Milwaukee Irish Fest, August 17-20. The Cultural Tent is open August 18-20. If you wish to work, you will get admission to the festival for a four hour shift. If you are coming from out of town, and would still like to help out, contact Noreen Barclay at (262) 695-8563; [[nabarclay@earthlink.net](mailto:nabarclay@earthlink.net)], or email the Shamrock Club at [[info@shamrockclubwis.com](mailto:info@shamrockclubwis.com)]. To volunteer for the Cultural Tent contact Kris Carrig via e-mail at [[dkplus@tds.net](mailto:dkplus@tds.net)].

The Shamrock Club's sales tent is moving in 2006. We will have a new location, on the western, or outer edge of the Grafton Street Marketplace. This is due to the rebuilding of the Miller Oasis.

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## **Irish Fest Welcomes Family Fun**

It's an age-old dilemma parents face each summer: How can I keep my child busy with an activity they enjoy, will learn from and bring us all together? Milwaukee Irish Fest offers a variety of family-oriented, fun and safe activities that will bring out the Irish in everyone!

"With more than 4,000 volunteers, Milwaukee Irish Fest has no shortage of parents with wonderful ideas on how to appeal to families," said Mary Pat Russell, area coordinator of the Children's Area at Irish Fest. "Children love to explore, learn, laugh and have fun, and we take pride in creating an

environment that accomplishes all of that in a manner that is safe and appeals to parents, as well.”

The Children’s Area and Castle McFest is a one-stop shop for children 12 and under, with a creative and clean craft table where they can make a variety of crafts, such as wooden sailboats, puppets and beaded jewelry. Other must-see activities are the Lego Tent, jugglers, musicians, puppeteers, storytellers and a caricature artist.

Don’t forget to stop and play a game of miniature golf at Lilliput, located in the Castle McFest area. Other fun games for children include the Shamrock Bean Bag Toss and Paddy’s Pot of Gold, where they can fish for prizes.

One of the fastest-growing attractions for families, the Celtic Canines give families the opportunity to meet and learn more about dogs native to Ireland. See the pups in action every hour as they show off their talents.

Your time at Irish Fest wouldn’t be complete without stopping by the Irish Shops at the Moore Street Market and the Grafton and Lilliput marketplaces. These shops feature Irish woolens and weaves, jewelry, artwork and Aran sweaters. In fact, your time spent at Irish Fest might be enough to inspire a stop at Travel Ireland to plan your Ireland get-away!

Tickets for Irish Fest can be purchased upon admission or prior at participating Milwaukee area Pink ‘n Save locations. Hours are Thursday August 17, 5 p.m. – 10 p.m., Friday August 18, 4 p.m. – midnight, Saturday, August 19, noon–midnight and Sunday August 20, 11 a.m. – 10 p.m. For more information please contact Milwaukee Irish Fest (414) 476-3378 or [irishfest.com].

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### **State Advisory Meeting**

The next state advisory committee meeting for the Shamrock Club of Wisconsin will take place at Milwaukee Irish Fest on the grounds Sunday, August 20 at 12:30 p.m. The exact location will be announced later this month. For more information, Cate Harris, [cateh6@sbcglobal.net].

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### **Milwaukee President’s Message**

Hello again.

Quiz time. What is the common connector to these words? Shanty. Galore. Smashing. Slogan. Buddy. Banshee. Sultry. Slew. See below.

Well, it is another August, and another Irish Fest is upon us, from August 17-20, which includes a special preview night on Thursday. August looks like March for all the buzz of activity going on about town. There are bands galore in various venues, the likes of Brother, Different Drums of Ireland, The Bridies, Gaelic Storm, and the Young Dubliners all adding to the sounds of our Irish summer. Dancing at Lughnasa will occur a few days after Lughnasa, when the Milwaukee Feis, the grand daddy of the Milwaukee feisiana, takes place at UWM's Union August 12.

We are having our August meeting on the 3rd at 7 p.m. at the ICHC. Jane Anderson, executive director at Milwaukee Irish Fest, will give a rundown on the highlights of the 2006 festival, the music, the culture, and the special guests. No president this year, but Minister Eamon O'Cuiv will return again. He is the grandson of Eamon De Valera.

The Irish Fest Summer School turns 20 this year. There are classes in the Irish language, history, weaving, knitting and dancing and art. The Summer School takes place on the UWM campus from August 13 to 18. If you have never attended, maybe this is the year you might want to become a part of it.

The Shamrock Club's Milwaukee chapter will again be a part of the festival. We will have our sales booth in the Grafton Street area, in a new location, and the Shamrock Club information booth will again be a part of the Cultural Tent. We need volunteers to staff both locations. If you volunteer, you get free admission to the festival, and we feed you, for doing a four hour shift. If you are from one of the other chapters, and would like to work, look for our article on how to volunteer. Kris Carrig Pluskota and Noreen Barclay would love to have you.

The Shamrock Club is proud to announce the donation of \$2000 to the Irish Fest Cultural Village's Gaeltacht area. The Gaeltacht is one aspect of the festival which has given the Milwaukee fest much prominence in Ireland, because of the dedication the festival has given to the spreading of the Irish language. Ta se` an Gaelige? Do you have Irish? Many more people do, because of the support of the Shamrock Club over these many years.

The Shamrock Club has a special relationship with Irish Fest. During the first two years of the festival's existence, it used the Shamrock Club's raffle license. So, if you were one of those people who tried for that bundle of gold the first year, it was another donation of the Shamrock Club to Irish Fest. And if you look at the festival, you will see Shamrock Club members as coordinators, key volunteers, volunteers in general, and even the president and founder of the festival, Ed Ward. The Shamrock Club Board includes an area supervisor, Julie Smith, a coordinator, myself, key volunteers Tom Smith, Ed Mikush, Marianne Fisher and Pat Fitzgibbons, and the rest of the board is working during the week and weekend at the festival.

Which leads us to why you should get a friend or family member to join the Shamrock Club. This organization matters to this city and state. We are a part of the Irish life here, and our importance is great, even if it isn't noticed by the vast population. If the Shamrock Club didn't exist, much of the Irish cultural life in this city wouldn't have, either. Has our time come and gone? Our time came, and it is still here. We need new blood. Get a new member, or reel in the old one that got away. We will take the old blood, as well. If someone

signs up at Irish Fest, there are all sorts of premiums to be had. No discounts this year, but, let them come down and join, and get an beag muc. Not a real one, but that, and more, are available to new members.

Speaking of members who are parts of other Irish organizations in the area: Congratulations to Kris Pluskota on being named director of the Irish Cultural and Heritage Center. Kris is our 2006 Irish Rose. She replaces the man who sat as the 2006 Irishman of the Year, John Maher. Also, the new president is Shamrock Club member Karen Prendergast, replacing longtime ICHC president and Shamrock Club member, and advertiser, Tom Wiseman. Congratulations to the ladies, and thank yous to the gentlemen for their service.

Thank yous as well to the Flemings, Pete and Dawn, for the work they did on the picnic. It was a wonderful event, and a success to boot. The new location, at Sacred Heart Church, made it a great day. Our installation dinner was a grand affair, as well.

The budget was approved at the June board meeting. We aren't in the hole, and we are doing fairly well, considering we lost our major fundraiser in the Bradley Center.

The Color Guard Pipes and Drums will be out and about in August. They will provide some of the more stirring moments during the Mass on Sunday at Irish Fest. And how about those Shamrock Club Griffins? We are happy and proud to have them playing in our name in the Milwaukee Hurling Club. Now if they can only take the finals on August 27.

The Club Golf Outing will take place August 27. See the ad for details on how to sign up for the most relaxing day of golf in your year, as well as a veritable banquet. The fun takes place at the Edgewater Golf Club, 1762 W. Cedar Creek Road, Grafton.

Answer. They are all Gaelic words, taken into English. A shanty is a small house, galore comes from go leor, plenty, smashing is 's math sin, that's good. Slogan was a war cry. Banshee means female faerie. Slew comes from multitude. And sultry is from sultan, meaning heavy. And buddy? From Boudicca, the Iceni warrior queen who led her Celtic people in revolt against the Romans.

Have a great August. See you at Irish Fest, if not before.

– Brian Witt,  
[info@shamrockclubwis.com](mailto:info@shamrockclubwis.com)

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## Green Bay News

The Shamrock Club of Green Bay and Northeastern Wisconsin will be resuming meetings in September. Our July picnic was a success. In September, we will have our Halfway to St Patrick's Day celebration at our

September 18 meeting. In October, we will have the annual Shamrock Club Vacation Auction. Bring your vacation mementos that you want to give to be auctioned off. It is always a good time.

Member Joan Kreuz had the lead article on the state newsletter in July. It was a story on the Burren, and included a poem by Green Bay's Kathy Mallon.

We meet at 7 p.m. on the 3rd Monday of the month, September – May, at the Holiday Inn Downtown, Green Bay. To learn more about the Shamrock Club of Green Bay & Northeast Wisconsin contact Kate Sabel at [peteleads@aol.com] or visit [<http://www.shamrockclubofgreenbay.com>].

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### **LaCrosse News**

The Shamrock Club of La Crosse is looking forward to its involvement with the 2nd annual La Crosse Irish Fest. The festival will be held August 11–13 at the Southside Fair Grounds, and features Liam Clancey, the Larkin and Moran Brothers, Erin Rogue, Gaelic Storm, and the Kissers. Local bands include Coulee Celtic, Nine Yards and the Amadans. The Glencastle Irish Dancers from Milwaukee will also be performing.

The next few months will be quite occupied. We have meetings on August 16 and September 20 at Cedar Creek Country Club. On September 17, we will be in the Applefest Parade, September 30 in the Oktoberfest Parade, on October 4 in the Oktoberfest Heritage Night, and October 5, in a Torchlight Parade

For more information, go to our website at [<http://shamrockclublax.org>].

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### **Rock County**

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- **AUGUST** – No monthly meeting
- **AUGUST 15** – Club Picnic, 5 p.m. New Location, directions below.
- **SEPTEMBER 19** – Regular monthly meeting at Janesville Senior Center, 69 South Water St., 7 p.m.

Our Club Picnic will be held at the home of David and Sally Churchill at 2347 South Emerald Grove Rd. Take Hwy. 14 east out of Janesville to South Emerald Grove Road. Turn right, the Churchill home is the first house past Cecilia's Golf Course.

This is not a Potluck picnic, the club is furnishing the food and beverages. All you have to bring is your own table service. We will eat at 6 p.m. but if everyone will come early, it will give us all a chance to visit before we eat.

Looking forward to seeing all members at the club picnic and at our September meeting.

– **President Tom Kennedy**

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### **Member News**

Congratulations to the Glencastle Irish Dancers for their placements at the North American National Dance Competition held in San Diego. The 8 hand ceili national champions are the Adult Team, finishing 7th was the Under 13 team, and finishing 20th was the Under 16 Team. This is the first time Glencastle had teams entered nationally and did themselves proud with competition from Canada, Ireland, England, Scotland, and Australia.

Erin Canon placed 33rd in the solo competition as a Trinity dancer. Maeve Smith from the Kennelly School of California won an 8th place finish in the Under 8 girls ceili.

Caitlin and Sean Ward are travelling to Ireland with the Irish Fest Choir. They are the children of Cathy and Ed Ward. They performed at the 2005 Shamrock Club Christmas party, as well.

Corey Fleming, son of Pete and Dawn Fleming, graduated last December Sum-ma Cum Laude in Business Management from UW Milwaukee. He recently completed an internship at Walt Disney World, and was asked to stay on by Disney. However, he declined the job offer.

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### **Sunshine Club**

Muriel and Ray Crowley were both hospitalized lately, due to illnesses.

Barry Stapleton recently had surgery, and is currently recuperating.

The family of Jim O'Connell sent thanks for the remembrances the Shamrock Club sent in his name. They also expressed thanks for the Honor Guard who stood at his casket.

Our condolences to the Eugene Spenner family. Father to Kathy Donovan, Eugene recently passed away.

Dawn Fleming had surgery and would be cheered by a card or your prayers.

Please call me if you have any news of Club members, Joseph Donovan, Sunshine Chair, 414-(259-8040).

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# Would you like to join the Shamrock Club?

Welcome to the Irish Fest edition of the Shamrock Club's newsletter, Emerald Reflections. This can be yours each month, delivered to your home, with a membership in the Shamrock Club. We are the largest Irish-American membership organization in the State of Wisconsin, having started in 1960.

If you are just discovering us, we are the people who put on the downtown St Patrick's Day parade each year, along with our annual Mass in Honor of St Patrick and our Post Parade Party. We represent the Irish at the annual Holiday Folk Fair in November. Our Color Guard Pipes and Drums have carried the colors of Wisconsin's Irish across the State of Wisconsin, in New York City, Savannah, San Antonio, New Orleans, Chicago, and Dublin, Ireland.

We give away scholarships to qualifying college students, as well as scholarships to an annual piping school. We help Irish Fest in their cultural mission with an annual donation to the festival's Cultural Village.

We have been a part of the fabric of the Irish community in Milwaukee and Wisconsin for almost half a century, and are going strong, and intend grow stronger. But we need new members to stay strong.

We have chapters in Green Bay, Dane County, LaFayette County, South Central Wisconsin, Rock County, La Crosse, the Fox Cities, and New Dublin/New London. Come join our celebration of Irish-American life. Join the Shamrock Club of Wisconsin.

### **Yes, I want to join the Shamrock Club of Wisconsin!!**

Family \$25     Single \$20

New     Rejoin

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

**Note: This membership form for the Shamrock Club is for Milwaukee, Rock County and New Dublin chapters at the \$20/\$25 rate. Other chapters have higher dues structures and must be contacted seperately.**

Mail to: Milwaukee Membership Chair

Tom Smith  
1107 S. 26th Street  
Milwaukee, WI 53204

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## Color Guard News and Notes

Approximately 10 days and counting until the swirl o' the skirts, the birl o' the pipes, and a wee taste o' the Mead. Irish Fest is here! We've waited all year for this week to arrive, as it takes a long time to get the band prepared. New music must be memorized (this we started last September), uniform pieces inventoried, polished and repaired; Color Guard drill moves memorized, bagpipes put through maintenance, new members outfitted. It's exhausting to even think about. Speaking of uniforms, watch for something new to make its debut at Irish Fest. It's a surprise, but one I know you'll like!

The group will again be marching in the daily parade held Thursday through Sunday, as well as our big performance on Sunday August 20. Watch for exact time and dates.

We are so proud of the numbers we'll be sporting during this festival. Heck, we've been marching large numbers all season. Congrats, Ladies and Gents!

It's hard to believe by the time August is over, our season slowly winds down. Catch us also in August at Sheboygan Brat Days and Muskego Fest. All current info on dates/times can be found on our website at [www.sccgpd.org](http://www.sccgpd.org).

- **Aug. 5:** Sheboygan Brat Days Parade; 9 a.m.
- **Aug. 18–20:** Milwaukee Irish Fest; Summerfest Grounds;
- **Aug. 27:** Muskego Fest Parade; 11 a.m.
- **Sept. 2:** St. Francis Labor Day Parade; K.K. & Howard Ave; 11 a.m.
- **Sept 4:** Wisconsin Highland Games; Waukesha Expo Center; 11 a.m.

In other news: ...Congrats to JJ Garsombke, drummer, on winning the Founder's Scholarship, which is awarded to the hardest working student at the Milwaukee School of Pipes and Drums. The award is based on voting by all of the students attending the school.

...Mart Rosewicz and Neil McCafferty are on the mend after their July injuries.

...I think little Cobb has grown another four inches this year. He's now taller than me.

...Watch for a Brewers game group outing in the works for September 9. More information soon.

...Welcome to new member, Malkin Vinson. We're glad you're with us and thanks for the baked goodies every parade. We'll keep you for sure!

...A quick kudos to Bill and Anna Sherry. Your excitement and enthusiasm are infectious. I've never met a couple so driven to a cause that they now call their own. Slainte!

...Thanks to all the new "band parents", banner carriers, and water bearers throughout the season. We always have someone new interested in what we're doing and wanting to be a part of it at every parade. I think we're going to have to start passing out business cards.

My picks for Irish Fest music? Check out the Young Dubliners, Reilly, Eider, and the Gleasons. And if you have any time left over after all that, come see me behind the bar Saturdays at O'Connor's Perfect Pint in West Allis. I may even play a tune 'fer ya.

And one more reminder...as I've stated in August, my friend, Thomas Grotrian, will be at Irish Fest promoting the Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo. Stop by, give him a warm welcome and learn about his wonderful event. And ladies, if you appreciate a cute Scotsman, bagpiper and all-around gentlemen, I've heard he's single! (wink, wink)

Until September, my Celtic compatriots,

**– Noel Tylla, 3rd year piper,  
and perhaps permanent columnist**

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## **Tinker Boys and Reilly**

See Shamrock Club member Michael Tierney, aka Tinker, as a solo act, or with his bands, the Tinker Boys, and Reilly during August. Michael will be playing every Wednesday night this August from 8:30-10:30, at Paddy's Pub, 2339 N. Murray, Milwaukee. He will be on the patio if the weather is good, inside if it's not. The complete list of dates for Paddy's is: August 2, 9, 23, 30.

The Tinker Boys will also be playing Wednesday, August 16 at Westown Association's Farmer's Market, at Zeidler Park, 4th and Michigan, from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., and the same day at The Milwaukee Ale House, 233 N. Water St., at 8 p.m.

Reilly will be performing August 1, at McBob's Pub Anniversary Bash at 8 p.m.; August 13 at Port Washington's Maritime Heritage Festival, from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. at Rotary Park, Port Washington; August 15, at Humboldt Park, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.; or August 19 at the Milwaukee Ale House, starting at 9:30 p.m.

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# **Shamrock Club of Wisconsin Annual Family Best Ball Golf and Dinner Outing**

**Sunday August 27, 2006**

Edgewater Golf Club, Grafton  
1762 W. Cedar Creek Road

(I-43 north to Hwy 60, west 1.7 miles to 12th Avenue, right 1.4 miles to Cedar Creek Road, left to course)

There will be Door Prizes, a Putting Contest, and other events too numerous to mention.

Golf will begin at 1 p.m.

Carts Included

Cocktail Hour: 4:30–5:30 \* Buffet Dinner: 5:30–7:00

AWARDS to be presented during dinner

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# **New Members**

NOTE: Please send your dues to your Membership Chairperson in your chapter. All names and addresses are listed in Emerald Reflections.

Milwaukee – Gayle Glaser; Elizabeth Syoh.

- April: 47 memberships up for renewal, 38 paid, 9 due.
- May: 33 for renewal, 27 paid, 6 due.
- June: 25 for renewal, 14 paid, 11 due.

- July: 25 for renewal, 8 paid, 17 due.

– **Tom Smith**

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