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### The Burren

*by Joan Kapp Kreuser*

The 300 square kilometer area south of Galway in County Clare comprises one of the most unique areas in Ireland and is called the Burren, or in Gaelic, bhoireann, which means "a stony place." The name Burren sounds and looks like the word barren and that is how the Burren appears to the thousands of tourists that visit it yearly. To the educated eye, it is anything but. A Cromwellian general, Edward Ludlow, once said there was not a tree on which to hang a man, enough water to drown him, or enough soil to bury him in that area.



*(photo by Michael Charters)*

Composed of karstic limestone (the largest area of such in Western Europe) the Burren, in spite of its resemblance to the surface of the moon, is a

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veritable garden of various flowers and a delight to botanists the world over. Although rocky in appearance, the Burren does have soil enough to grow an impressive variety of plants. *Wild Plants of The Burren and the Aran Islands* by Charles Nelson is based on a reprint of a 29-page catalogue first published in 1895 and titled *The Burren*, a companion to the wildflowers of an Irish limestone wilderness. There is a beautiful Irish saying that one uses in spring when enjoying the first blooms of perhaps the gentian or mountain aven in this wilderness: May we be alive at this time next year. The various flowers that call the Burren home are not unique in themselves—but they grow copiously in the Burren and plants with wildly different habitats grow together there.

Among the teaming wildlife that call the Burren home are lizards, badgers, and bird life. Turloughs, or disappearing lakes, are found in limestone areas; they flood in autumn and are dry in late spring and summer. In the Burren, you need only a heavy rain to flood a turlough for a day or two, and it can dry up as quickly. Turloughs are home to frogs, newts, and sticklebacks that scurry down into cracks in the limestone when water is low. Also found are shrimp, snails, flatworms, and water fleas.

Beneath the surface of the Burren is a network of spectacular caves, tunnels, and streams—hundreds of them, and the area is a speleologist's (one who goes caving or potholing) dream.



*(photo by Tom FourWinds)*

Most famous of the Burren's dolmens is Poul nabrone (pictured above) which means, "the hole of the sorrows." The word dolmen translates to "stone table." Human life in the Burren dates back 6,000 years and dolmens are believed to be stone age ceremonial places or gravestones to heroic Celtic warriors and kings. Remains of both humans and animals have been found on the site. Besides dolmens, there are ringforts, souterrains, cairns, holy wells, medieval churches, tower houses, early Christian Hermitages, and stone rows to be found.

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## The Burren

by Kathy Mallon

*delicate and dainty  
rainbow blossoms  
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may be  
the garden of fairies  
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## **Rock County**

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- **JULY, AUGUST**– There will not be any monthly meetings.
- **AUGUST 15** – Club Picnic. New Location, directions below.

Our Club Picnic will be held at the home of David and Sally Churchill at 2347 South Emerald Grove Rd. 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. We just want everyone to come out and enjoy the evening. 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.

We have notified the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, that after 15 years in the Adopt-A-Highway program, we are giving up our section of Hwy 81 west of Beloit. As we are all getting older, fewer of us are able to get out there to do the job. When this program began, the Shamrock Club of Rock County was the eleventh organization to apply for a section of highway. We want to thank all of the members who have helped keep that highway clean for those 15 years.

Looking forward to seeing all members at the club picnic.

– **President Tom Kennedy**

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### **Northeast Wisconsin Shamrock Club**

Our next meeting is Monday night, July 17th at Bay Beach. Summer Picnic: Members will get information mailed to them. Otherwise, check the website for more information.

Congratulations to our newly elected club officers: Vice-president - Barb Basche; Sgt.-at-Arms - Leo Malone; Parliamentarian, Bob Flatley; Treasurer - Sue Whitney; Trustee - Pat Schneider.

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### **La Crosse News**

A new slate of officers and trustees was elected at the General Meeting on Wednesday, May 17. President: Tom O'Brien; Vice-President: Tom Nolan; Secretary: Sue Crothers; Treasurer: John Stubler; Sergeant at Arms: Jim Finn, Parliamentarian; Pam Smith, 3 Year Trustees: Debbie Kroner and Mary Erickson. Continuing in unelected positions will be Linda Pfaff: Membership Chair & State Board Representative; and, Jim Kroner; Blarney Publisher.

Feeling lucky? Remember we hold a cash drawing at each general meeting and if you are present when your name is drawn, you can win \$100.

Planning for the 2nd annual, 2006 edition of Irishfest La Crosse is in high gear. For up to date information about the fest, please visit the Irishfest La Crosse website. The address is: [<http://www.irishfestlax.org/>]. Our own Donna Finn is the head of volunteers for Irishfest. Last year, many Shamrock Club members devoted hours of service helping make Irishfest La Crosse a success. Irishfest, and Donna, both need our help again. Contact Donna at (608) 782-5936 to volunteer.

The 2nd Annual Irishfest La Crosse will run August 11-13 on La Crosse's Southside Fest Grounds. Entertainment includes Gaelic Storm, Seven Nations, Liam Clancy, Kissers, Nolan Brothers, Amadans, Larkin-Moran Brothers, 9 Yards, Bagpipers, Fiona Malloy, Erin Rogue, Seán McRactagan, Celtic Cross, Coulee Celtic, Nancy Hurrell, Celtic Harp, and more. Irish Dance shows will feature the Glencastle Irish Dancers of Milwaukee, the Flanagan Dancers, and the La Crosse Dance Studio. Also: Irish Market with specialized vendors featuring unique items from the Emerald Isle; Cultural Tent featuring music, lectures, demonstrations, Irish dance, storytelling, and more; Wee Folks Area with their very own stage featuring lessons on Irish

dance, sheep shearing, songs, storytelling, and various games and activities; The Tea Garden featuring homemade Irish foods; and rides in a horse-drawn Irish cart.

Irishfest-La Crosse is looking for Irish dogs to be on display during the fest. Owners will be invited to present their pets and also give an explanation of the history and background of their particular breed. Please contact Marian at (608) 787-5500 for more information.

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# Milwaukee President's Message

Well, here I am again, succeeding another very popular and successful president. The Club has been through many changes since last I was in this office. Some were good, some were not, and through it all, the Shamrock Club has survived.

I see hope in the future for the Club. We are still around, and we are still vibrant, even if the vibrancy has toned down a bit. Our average member age is 45, we have many young members, and we have a renewed and strong flank in our Color Guard. However, if you come to the meetings, you see the regulars, older members, many retired. And that is good. They hold together the Club. Younger members have lives outside of the Shamrock Club, and their children have all sorts of needs that don't allow attendance at our meetings.

We aren't the only Irish show in town any more. Irish Fest has overtaken us as the face of the Irish in Milwaukee. The dance schools are no longer under our blanket, and many of the parents in those schools don't know the history of the schools and the Club. There are more Irish bands in Milwaukee, and in Wisconsin, than there were in the entire Midwest when we were born as an organization. A weekend in October, or May, has more going on than the entire month of March in 1985. And there are the sports, the Currach Club and the Hurling Club, that most of us didn't realize existed when we joined.

But we are representatives of the Irish, at Irish Fest, and at the Holiday Folk Fair. Our March events, the birthday party, the Mass, Parade, and Post Parade Party, allow us to present a show of Irish life and culture. Our annual Easter Rising Mass has turned into a stand-alone event, with large attendance, and a time for longtime members to finally get together with old friends. Our Color Guard Pipes and Drums represent us across the country and the globe, giving a refreshing face to our group. We sponsor a team in the Milwaukee Hurling Club. And our members work at every Irish event in greater numbers as a group than any other Irish organization.

Just because a person can't attend meetings doesn't diminish the importance of their membership. Without members, we will wither away. People contribute as they can, as advertisers, advisors, or selling tickets to Folk Fair.

Showing that you are members of the Shamrock Club will also help us out. Just being a member allows us to continue our social, charitable, and cultural mission. And giving a membership as a present can also be a great way to show your colors.

After 46 years, we are still here. All ethnic groups in the area have the same problems we have, trying to get volunteers, trying to get people to meetings, trying to keep interest alive. But we have done a better job than many, and we will continue to work at making things interesting, more Irish, more lively.

I look forward to working with the new board. Our new Vice-president, Pete Fleming, seems to have invented enthusiasm. We have a very good group of people in place for the coming year, and with any luck, we will be successful.

Thank you for the vote of confidence. Now, come down to the picnic, on July 29, and work at Milwaukee Irish Fest in August. And don't forget to come to the Installation Dinner, July 13, at Aliota's.

This will be an interesting year for us all.

– **Brian Witt**

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## **Milwaukee Past President's Message**

I'm taking this opportunity to thank all the members for their support in the past two years as my two one-year terms have completed, and the new President is installed. For those of you who kindly took the time to read the messages I wrote each month, and commented on the content, I appreciate that you did. To all of you who have volunteered in any capacity, thank you.

Many thanks to our Shamrock Club Color Guard Pipe and Drums, for the many times they have come to our meetings to begin and end them in such a respectful way, I thank you. For treating our honorees to a grand entrance at our March meeting, and for the many parades they go to representing not only the Club, but all people of Irish heritage, I thank you. You will continue to grow, and improve.

For the persons chairing the committees, planning the events, my thanks. To the many people that stepped up to take our parade to new heights, my thanks. This parade remains the gift to the city that it should be.

Thanks to the people that stepped in to become interim officers, and board members, you made it all possible, and then went on to make us proud, thanks to you all.

If you have been at our picnic in the past, you'll be back this year. Thanks to all that have made this possible. So many great events from our members, so give yourselves a pat on the back

As I continue on the Board of Directors, we want to grow our organization, but keep the Club as the place where your entire family is welcome, and wants to join us. If you're unable to attend meetings and are only able to support us with your dues, thank you, your spirit is a gift.

Please note I am not mentioning names, you know who they are, they're the proud descendants of the Irish immigrants that came here to America, and were instilled with the pride that continues to this day. Continue to honor your ancestors as you have, and step forward to assist where you are able. This Club has been the force behind many groups now formed, and we should consider this a legacy for the next generation.

I'll still look for you at the next meeting.

– **Julie Smith, Past President**

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### **Milwaukee Bylaw Committee Changes**

If you have any changes which you want to suggest to the Bylaws committee, please send them to Ed Mikush at The Shamrock Club, 2133 West Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53233. They can also be emailed to [bmikush@execpc.com]. The complete set of bylaws were published in the June Reflections. They can also be downloaded from the Shamrock Club web site at [[http://shamrockclubwis.com/page10\\_files/July04bylaws.pdf](http://shamrockclubwis.com/page10_files/July04bylaws.pdf)]. Changes to the bylaws are revisited every two years. The next time the Club will revisit this issue is 2008.

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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], or email the Shamrock Club at [info@shamrockclubwis.com]. To volunteer for the Cultural Tent contact Kris Carrig via e-mail at [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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## Installation Dinner 2006

**Thursday July 13, 2006**

Alioto's (Mayfair Rd. and Burleigh St.)

Cocktails (Cash Bar) 6:00 pm

Dinner 6:30 pm

Ceremony / Swearing in of Officers 8:00 pm

Dinner Choice: Beef Tips over Noodles or Chicken Normandy

Cost: \$18 Per person

Reservation Deadline: June 30, 2006

### Installation Dinner Reservation Form

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

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

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of people attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Price: \$18 @ TOTAL: \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity of each dinner choice:

\_\_\_\_\_ Beef Tips over Noodles

\_\_\_\_\_ Chicken Normandy

Make checks payable to the  
Shamrock Club of Wisconsin and mail to:

Tom and Julie Smith  
1107 South 26th Street  
Milwaukee, WI 53204

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## Glencastle Dancers To Walk the Komen 3 Day

Glencastle Dancers are challenging all the other Irish Dance schools to put together a walking team for the Breast Cancer 3 Day Walk in Chicago,

September 8–10. For more information, go to: [www.the3day.com]. If you don't have someone to walk with, come and join us.

Glencastle had a team last year and it was an incredible experience.

If you don't want to walk, all the funds collected for the Treble Reel at the Badger State Feis competitions go to the Breast Cancer 3-Day.

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## **Member News**

Liam O'Neill, son of member Cynthia Nazario, recently completed his deputy belt in Tae Kwon Do. He also recently made his First Holy Communion at St Jospahat's Basilica.

Shamrock Club members Peter and Mary Cobb welcomed their seventh child, Sarah, into the world recently. Peter and son Nathan are both pipers for the Shamrock Club Color Guard Pipes and Drums. Nathan was also a part of the Piping School at Alverno that was held in June.

Milwaukee chapter members, Sharon and Kamala Murphy, are going to walk the Susan G. Komen Three Day Walk to Chicago, from September 8-10. They are doing it as a fundraiser for breast cancer research. For more information, contact Sharon at [smurphy@wi.rr.com]. The website for the walk is [http://www.the3day.org/].

Joe Hughes has been named to the the ICHC Board. Joe Hughes' son Joseph Jr. and wife are expecting their first child.

### **New President and Director of ICHC named**

Club member Karen Predergast has been elected President of the Irish Cultural and Heritage Center Board. She succeeds Shamrock Club member and longtime ICHC president Tom Wiseman.

Kristine Carrig Pluskota, the Shamrock Club's Irish Rose for 2006, has been named the new director of the Irish Cultural and Heritage Center. Kris is well known for her hard work and dedication. She has run almost every event of the Shamrock Club's Milwaukee chapter in recent years. Kris will be succeeding the Milwaukee chapter's Irishman of the Year, John Maher, as director. John served as director for the past decade. John will be finishing up his studies in mortuary science. Congratulations to Kris and the best wishes for her future success.

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# State Advisory Meeting

The next state advisory committee meeting for the Shamrock Club of Wisconsin is scheduled for Saturday, August 19 in Milwaukee. More specific information as to time and place will appear in the August Emerald Reflections. For more information, Cate Harris, [cateh6@sbcglobal.net].

The Advisory State Board meetings are in place with some bylaws:

1. Elected a chairman and secretary
2. Meet four times a year.

The last meeting was in May in La Crosse.

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## Volunteers Needed for Milwaukee Area Feises

Noreen Barclay will be operating the Shamrock Club sales booth at the Badger State Feis on July 15, and the Cream City Feis, on July 16, both at the Midwest Airlines Center, 4th and Wisconsin. If you can work for a couple of hours or so, it would be a great help. Last year's sales from the feises helped our bottom line. Call 262-695-8563, or email her at [nabarclay@earthlink.net].

Each of these dance competitions attract thousands of dancers. It is a good way to let the Irish community know about the Shamrock Club. Many of the dancers competing at the feises are members of the Shamrock Club.

To volunteer to work at the Badger State Feis, contact Sharon Murphy at [smurphy@wi.rr.com]. To volunteer for the Cream City Feis, contact Lupe Alba at [creamcitychair@kinsellaacademy.com].

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## Milwaukee Irish Fest Invites You

Milwaukee Irish Fest, the world's largest Irish festival, has something in common with you – love for everything Irish! We would like to invite you and Shamrock Club members to join us on the trip of a lifetime and experience Celtic Cruisin' with Milwaukee Irish Fest.

- Celtic Cruisin' with Milwaukee Irish Fest is sailing with Norwegian Cruise Lines from Historic New Orleans; February 18 - 25, 2007.
- Ports of call include: Costa Maya and Cozumel, Mexico, Belize City, Belize and Santo Tomas Castillo, Guatemala.
- Enjoy fine, Irish entertainment including: Danny Doyle, Grada, Schooner Fare, Green Fields of America, Seamus Kennedy, Seven Nations and Malachy McCourt.
- Guests will enjoy Irish workshops including dancing and music sessions.
- Cruise prices from \$1,295 for an outside cabin and based on double occupancy. Cost includes cruise, all meals and entertainment, transfers and port taxes.

For more information or to book your cruise, please visit [<http://www.irishfest.com/>], or contact Fox World Travel at 1-800-463-6946.

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## **Color Guard News & Notes**

Fireworks, Festivals, Barbecues... Is it July already? The group has been very busy. June started out with a most gorgeous day at the Milwaukee Highland games. A big thank you to Celtic Nations Pipes and Drums for circling up with us at the end of the parade – the new members thought it was quite the rush playing with almost 40 pipers. We look forward to the 4th of July weekend where you'll see us in Thiensville, Hartland, Oak Creek and a new favorite, Cudahy. We're also back at South Shore Water Frolics this year, in lovely Bay View on July 15. Always a blast in our books, right, Craig?

Keep track of our progress at [[www.sccgpd.org](http://www.sccgpd.org)]. The pictures from Savannah are up for your viewing pleasure.

By the time this hits the press, Irish Fest is only a month away! The color guard will soon begin practicing under the excellent direction of Karen and Mart; while the pipers are putting the finishing touches on tunes we started on last September. Look for even more new pipers by August. We continue to grow at an amazing rate and are continually on the lookout for new members. Join us! In my "old age", after many years away from the drum corps scene, I find it wonderful to be part of a musical/marching group again. I know you would, too.

Speaking of the Fest, a dear friend of mine, Mr. Thomas Grotrian, recently of Edinburgh, Scotland and now living in Nova Scotia, will be arriving on the shores of Irish Fest that lovely weekend to promote The Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo. Quite a mouthful for quite the show. Held every July in Halifax, it features 2000 international and Canadian performers and draws over 80,000 people annually. If you've ever heard of the Edinburgh Military Tattoo, you know that this type of event is not to be missed. Their web site is

[www.nstattoo.ca]. This event was just given the title “royal” by the Queen herself on her 80th birthday, no less. Quite the accolade.

Stop in at the fest to say a hullo to Thomas. At the young age of 32, he was responsible for organizing last year’s Pipefest in Edinburgh that broke the world record of over 10,000 pipers on parade as well as New York’s Tartan Week annual event as well as many other massed pipe band events around the world. A piper himself, you’ll find him funny and quite humble for a man with his resume’. He so looks forward to being in our great city and seeing our renowned Midwestern hospitality.

And lastly, a big huzzah to our fearless leader, Rich Pfeiffer. He’s seen the band through thin times and thick and has stuck with us when it seemed he shouldn’t. I overheard him say last weekend he was extremely proud of turnout of the band. A huge pat on the back to all. We thank him for his encouragement, faith, support and enthusiasm.

Until August, my Celtic pretties...

– Noel Tylla, 3rd year piper and  
not-so-much guest columnist anymore

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### **Sunshine Club**

Condolences to the family of Tom Mulvanny, who recently passed away after a long fight with cancer.

Jim O’Connell, longtime member of the Shamrock Club, died in early June.

Gretta Comiskey recently underwent surgery again. She is recovering well and quickly.

Joe Donovan, the Sunshine Club director, was also under the weather.

Jane Maher is recovering from pneumonia.

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### **Milwaukee Shamrock Club Picnic**

*A Day of Food, Fun and Frolic*

Sacred Heart Church grounds: 49th and Wells Streets

**JULY 29, 2006 • noon. til 6 p.m.**

Beverages • Hamburgers • Hot Dogs •  
Veggie Burgers and Sausages

Music by the Tinker Boys and Atlantic Wave

Piping by the Shamrock Club Color Guard Pipes and Drums and the  
Milwaukee Fire and Police Pipe Band

Irish Dance Exhibitions • Join in sessions with local musicians

Pin the Tail on the Leprechaun, Kid Games

**For Information call: (414) 687-2049**

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## **Milwaukee Hurling News**

The Milwaukee Hurling Club competes each Sunday at Brown Deer Park, on Brown Deer Road. The Shamrock Club Griffins play in the adult league. Dan McCaullife and John Larson, captains of the Griffins, have been giving monthly updates at the Shamrock Club meetings.

The roster includes: Renne Anzivino; Murtaza Bootwala; Michael Connolly; Michael Hanley; Michael Jaeger; Nate Jamison; Jason Kenney; John Kenney; Mike Larsen (C); Dan McAuliffe (C) Kevin Moore; James Moser; Brandon Olson; Greg Schmidt; Jim Schnieker; Jonas Schuster; Aaron Stehling; Steven Stehling; Christina Treiber; Jason Wunsch. Remember to stop by and cheer on the Griffins.

The Shamrock Club Griffins are riding high on the standings, alone in first place after the first two contests. Contests are at Brown Deer Park. Enter off Range Line Road.

Upcoming contests are as follows:

- July 9 – 11 a.m. – McBob's vs. Shamrock Club
- July 16 – 2 p.m. – Shamrock Club vs. Wolski's
- July 23 – 12:30 p.m. – Packy's vs. Shamrock Club
- July 30 – 12:30 p.m. – Ale House vs. Shamrock Club
- August 6 – 3 p.m. – County Clare vs. Shamrock Club

Semifinals will be held August 13 at 12:30 and 2 p.m. The finals will be Sunday, August 27, at 2 p.m.

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# Merrill Park Benefit Picnic

The Merrill Park 6th Annual Benefit Picnic will take place on Sunday, July 16, at Sacred Heart Church, 49th and Wells Street, from 11 a.m. to dusk. Mass will be celebrated by AOH chaplain Father William Kelly. There will be a silent auction, food, children's games, celebrity bartenders, music by Jackson Dordel Band, and Irish music by Ceol Cairde and dancing performances by Cashel Dennehy.

Contact Joe Bennett at (262) 241-5852. Proceeds will be going to the Merrill Park Supportive Fund at Froedert Hospital.

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## RTE New Items

### **Kiwis fight back to beat brave Irish**

New Zealand staged a second-half fightback to deny Ireland's Rugby team their first-ever win over the All Blacks in Hamilton. The Irish opened up a 23-15 lead and were still ahead with nine minutes remaining but three Luke McAlister penalties clawed the hosts back in front and a Troy Flavell try settled it late on.

Tries from Brian O'Driscoll and Andrew Trimble had given the Irish real hope of a first success over the All Blacks in 101 years of competition. Ireland made a dreadful start as Doug Howlett crossed for a New Zealand try in the first minute. McAlister missed the conversion and a penalty shot soon after and Ireland responded with O'Gara going over after 11 minutes. O'Gara converted and then put Ireland 10-5 ahead but a successful McAlister penalty reduced their advantage. O'Gara added two more penalties to give the tourists a 16-8 lead at the break but New Zealand started the second half as strongly as they did the first. Mils Muliaina rounded off a fine move with his side's second try but again Ireland were unbowed with O'Gara setting up Trimble for a converted try.

New Zealand, however, were not to be denied with two penalties around the hour-mark from McAlister bringing them right back into it. He added another in the 71st minute to put the All Blacks back ahead and they made sure of the win with Flavell's try after Muliaina intercepted a Paul O'Connell pass.

### **Hanafin praises Christian Brothers**

The Minister for Education, Mary Hanafin, has praised the contribution of the Christian Brothers to Irish education, saying they had given tremendous service. She was speaking after the Brothers confirmed that they would be handing over their 29 primary schools and 109 secondary schools to a charitable trust run by lay people. The Edmund Rice Schools Trust will have responsibility for the schools, while the Christian Brothers will continue to provide backup advice to schools through an education office. Minister

Hanafin said she was anxious that the Christian Brothers schools continue to have the same ethos and that the quality of the education continued. She added that the department will be working with the trustees to ensure this.

A spokesperson for the National Parents Council described it as a time of great change for education. He said the Christian Brothers had done some fantastic work over the years, although he acknowledged that much hurt had also been caused by members of their congregation.

### **Galway Marine Institute headquarters open**

The Taoiseach, Bertie Ahern, opened the Marine Institute's new headquarters at Oranmore on the shores of Galway Bay June 9. The institute says the €50 million investment is the biggest ever made by the State in maritime research and will yield major economic dividends for the country. The new headquarters is to lead the way in the implementation of Sea Change, the new marine knowledge, research and innovation strategy for the country until 2013. The strategy is being drawn up at present and will be announced shortly as part of the Government's national science plan. The strategy is intended to develop the international market for seafood, to use marine technology for exploring renewable energies in the sea and the possibilities of discovering new medicines and compounds from marine animals and plants.

The Marine Institute's Chief Executive, Dr Peter Heffernan, is upbeat about the future. His organisation now has two research vessels based in Galway and he says Ireland is poised to unlock the potential of its marine resources, with facilities worthy of our status as an island nation poised at the gateway to the Atlantic.

### **McDowell welcomes land law reform bill**

The Minister for Justice, Michael McDowell, has described the proposed new land and conveyancing legislation as the single most comprehensive and far reaching land law reform since the foundation of the State. Speaking at the publication of the Land and Conveyancing Law Reform Bill 2006, Mr McDowell said the new legislation would modernise and streamline land and conveyancing laws. The Bill is designed to repeal up to 150 pre-1922 statutes, in whole or in part, and replace them with provisions more suited to modern conditions. Some of the statutes date as far back as the 13th Century. It will remove references in current legislation to feudal tenure and 'Crown lands'.

### **Almost two million at work**

Figures from the Central Statistics Office show that the number of people at work in the economy reached just under two million in the first quarter of this year, an increase of 89,800 on the same period a year earlier. The number of people unemployed increased by 6,000 to 88,200, with the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate standing at 4.4%, unchanged from the previous three months. Foreign workers accounted for almost 50,000 of the 90,000 increase in employment over the year, but they also accounted for 5,000 of the increase in unemployment. The CSO describes these figures as 'tentative', however.

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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

[Click here for sign-up sheet in Acrobat format.](#)

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## Time to Join The Shamrock Club?

Are you ready to become a part of the oldest Irish membership organization in Wisconsin? Do you want to make a difference in the world, and in the Irish community of Wisconsin? And, if you are a current member, do you know anyone who has expressed interest in joining the Shamrock Club? If you aren't a member, join today. If you are, and want to give a gift of membership, please do so. We have made it easy for you. Just clip the following application form, or make a copy, if you wish to preserve your issue of Reflections, and send it in. You, or the recipient of your gift, will have the knowledge that they are becoming a part of Wisconsin's Irish history, while blazing new pathways into the future.

Join today. For the first time, or for the fifth time. We are always happy to have you as a part of us.

**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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## **New Members**

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

Milwaukee – Mike and Tess Dolton; Russell and Karen Fink; Robert B. Hamill; Virginia Hersch and Mitchel Haycock; Gregory Long; Kerry Jo Pfeiffer; Noel Tylla.

- Milwaukee Family Memberships: 233.
- Milwaukee Single Memberships: 252.

– **Tom Smith**

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