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## Irish Fest 2007 Highlights Emerald Isle Favorites That Shine Like Diamonds

Milwaukee's emerald festival will shine this year with a focus on County Clare, Ireland's Banner County, its Women in Celtic Music Showcase and a once-in-a-lifetime visit from Ireland's own Archbishop Sean Brady. In its 27th year and still leaving crowds awestruck, Irish Fest, August 16-19, promises to be a truly magical event.

Special to the festival this year is the Cultural Village's feature on County Clare. The Village will showcase the region's strong culture through exhibits that will include: Follow the High King's Footsteps – an exhibition of Brian Boru, the last great high king of Ireland, who hails from County Clare; Circling the Heritage of County Clare – an exhibit of how emigration has affected the County; The Eagles Egg – an exhibition that discusses the Great Irish Famine.

Visitors who love St. Patrick's Day are in for a treat. New to the cultural area this year is a display on The Saint Patrick Centre which comes to Irish Fest straight from Down Patrick, Northern Ireland. Dr. Tim Campbell will bring an exciting series of interactive displays which tell the story of St. Patrick, Ireland's patron saint. Guests are encouraged to learn about St. Patrick's legacy and the impact of Ireland's missionaries while experiencing artwork and metalwork produced during this golden age.

Families that are looking for something new at the festival this year are encouraged to take a day-trip to Ireland through the Family Passport to Irish Fest. Pirate Paddy and the Family Passport will take kids on a journey through the grounds and give parents a fun way to entertain the entire family, navigate the grounds with ease and enjoy an authentic Irish experience along the way. Kids can lead their parents to destinations listed on the passport and collect colorful stamps at different areas at the fest including Greenwish Village, the Cultural Village and Celtic Canines along the Lakewalk. To begin their journey, families can pick up the Family Passport on Saturday and Sunday from Noon to 4 p.m. in the Children's Area.

Some Irish Fest favorites are back again in the Cultural Village this year

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including Project Kells. Project Kells is a game developed by Murray Heasman of Tailten Games, Clonakilty Cork. The game, inspired by the Book of Kells, will be played tournament-style, in the Cultural Exhibits Tent during the festival. Volunteers will be on hand to teach participants the game's strategy and its relation to the intricate drawings of the original Book of Kells.

A host of new entertainers and seasoned favorites will play the Irish Fest stages throughout the weekend. Bands who are new to the festival this year include, The Tossers, a south side Chicago band which mixes its love of traditional folk music with the fury of punk rock; The Larkin and Moran Brothers, a self-titled Celtic rat pack who play a hard-driving mix of traditional and original tunes in the vein of The Clancys, Pogues and Saw Doctors; and the Celtic Tenors, three beautifully trained voices who seamlessly meld Celtic, classical and pop styles.

Returning to the festival to delight audiences again will be popular Celtic rock band Gaelic Storm, celebrating its 10th anniversary. Gaelic Storm is an amalgamation of Irish, English and U.S.-born band members. The band, which is known for producing creative original music steeped in Irish tradition, will be celebrating their 10th Anniversary, appropriately titled: Storm Warning, at Irish Fest this year.

Also returning to the festival are: Scythian from Washington D.C, a traditional Celtic band with elements of folk and gypsy music in their sound; Canadian band, Enter The Haggis, who fuses Celtic rock, bluegrass and funk; and The Fuchsia Band from County Cork, Ireland, who specializes in traditional song, dance and storytelling.

Damien Dempsey, an Irish singer-songwriter popular for performances that encourage audience participation, is new to Irish Fest this year. Dempsey takes his love of traditional Irish music and incorporates the Sean-Nós style with the sounds of his music heroes – Bob Marley and Elvis Presley. These inspirations have given Dempsey's music a distinctive style and the sing-alongs that are the trademark of his gigs.

A centerpiece of Irish Fest entertainment will be the Celtic Women in Music Showcase. Playing the Celtic Roots Stage throughout the festival will be some of the top female names in Celtic music, including Aoife Clancy, daughter of Bobby Clancy of the iconic Clancy Brothers; fiddle virtuoso Liz Carroll; Eddi Reader, a honey-voiced vocalist from Glasgow; Ladies of Longford, an Ohio mother-daughter trio who render lovely adaptations of traditional folk songs; Liadan, an all-female Irish band that weaves old and new music into a colorful tapestry; and Cathie Ryan, one of the leading voices in Celtic music.

Topping off this celebration of Celtic women will be a performance by the all-female traditional Irish band, Cherish the Ladies. One of the most engaging ensembles in the history of Irish music, the band will play a special Sunday (August 19) reunion show on the Aer Lingus stage where they'll be joined by band alums Aiofe Clancy and Cathie Ryan.

This year, Ireland's famous Belleek Pottery will celebrate its 150th Anniversary with a shop in the Cultural Village and issue special limited-edition pieces, including a Milwaukee Irish Fest ornament that's sure to be a collector's item.

Guests who are looking for more hidden treasures will enjoy an authentic Irish shopping trip to the festival's Grafton Square, Lilliput area and Moore Street Marketplaces. Featured artists in the Moore Street Market hail from County Clare and include Gerry Ruane who will display handcrafted fused glass jewelry, Susan Minogue will present attractive wall plaques and figurines from resin and stonecast, while Tim Moloney will bring his well-known landscape and seascape paintings.

Irish Fest visitors yearning for spiritual fulfillment are invited to celebrate the Liturgy for Peace and Justice with Ireland's Archbishop Sean Brady on Sunday, August 19, at 9:30 a.m. in the Marcus Amphitheater. Milwaukee's Archbishop, Timothy Dolan, will concelebrate with Archbishop Brady, marking the mass as a very special first for Irish Fest.

But before the festival begins, enthusiasts are encouraged to enroll in the Irish Fest Summer School to learn about Irish music, history and culture. The Irish Fest Summer School will focus many of its classes on Clare County, and will host classes taught by entertainers featured in the Celtic Women in Music Showcase. An addition to the traditional Summer School curriculum is a Travel Ireland class that will give individuals tips on the best ways to prepare for and travel in Ireland including passport information, hotel stays, car rentals, weather information and how to take great photography. Those wishing to register can download the application at [irishfest.com]. For additional information, contact UW-M liaison Barb Breed-Heidt at (262) 227-6538, or e-mail her at [joheidt@uwm.edu].

Milwaukee Irish Fest is the world's largest celebration of Irish music and culture, showcasing more than 100 entertainers annually at the four-day, 16-stage event at the Henry W. Maier Festival Park on Lake Michigan. Passionately committed to igniting a love of Irish culture in all people, Milwaukee Irish Fest teaches Ireland's music, dance, drama, sports, culture, children's activities and genealogy at the festival and through yearlong programming.

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## **Gain Knowledge, Have Fun At Irish Fest Summer School**

*Courses Offer a Chance to Learn Irish History,  
Culture, Music, Crafts and More*

Want to learn more about all things Irish? The Milwaukee Irish Fest Summer School August 12-17 has what you need. This year the course offerings cover just about everything – from literature and history to weaving and Irish women – all conveniently located at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee campus.

These Summer School classes are an important part of the 27th Annual Irish Fest, which will take place August 16-19 at Henry Maier Festival Park on Milwaukee's Lakefront. World-renowned Irish musicians, artists, writers and officials will serve as instructors and bring to life the rich cultural traditions of Ireland for people of all ages. To register, visit [irishfest.com](http://irishfest.com) or call Barb Breed-Heidt at (262) 227-6538.

“This is a great opportunity for people to expand their knowledge of Ireland and experience the tremendous contributions the Irish have made to our world in a setting that is fun, stimulating and enjoyable,” said Jane Walrath, coordinator of the Irish Fest Summer School.

Featured classes this year will include Women in Celtic Music with musician and folklorist Mick Moloney as instructor; an advanced fiddle class with fiddle virtuoso Liz Carroll; and Celtic Women: Myths, Legends & History of Irish Women with instructors Dr. Nancy Walczyk, Dr. Christine Hamlin and Colleen Booker. Courses in tin whistle, piano accordion and sean-nos harmony will be taught by members of the Celtic band Liadan, which will be performing at Irish Fest.

Other Irish-themed courses will include Philip Brennan's class in the landscape and natural life of the Burren and County Clare, and Travel Potpourri, a Friday (August 20) Sampler lecture (from 9-10:30 a.m.) with Muiris O Rócháin, founder and director of the famed Willie Clancy School. Sean Farrell, Ireland's new Consul General, also will give a Friday Sampler talk on Contemporary Ireland. There will be classes in genealogy for beginners and novices, beginning, intermediate and advanced bodhran (the framedrum that forms the heartbeat of Irish music), a beginning Irish language class, a master guitar class, straw weaving, quilting and others.

In past years, Irish Fest Summer School instructors have included renowned musician, Tommy Makem and dancing master, Tony Ryan. Guest lecturers have included Eamon O Cuiv, Ireland's Minister of the Department of Community, Rural & Gaeltacht Affairs, Tommy Graham, editor of History Ireland magazine, and author/actor Malachy McCourt.

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# Wisconsin Shamrock Club State Advisory Board Meeting

May 5, 2007

The advisory Board met at Hanrahan's Pub & Grill in Green Bay on May 5, 2007, at noon. Members present were John Delmore (South Central), Harry and Pat McCarthy (Dane County), Cate Harris, Linda Tuescher, Noreen Barclay and Brian Witt (Milwaukee), Mike Trulley and Mary Morgan (Green Bay), Pat Warmbrunn (Appleton), and Dan Barrington (New Dublin).

President Cate Harris called the meeting to order at 1 p.m. The minutes from the February 10 meeting were reviewed and approved. The treasurer has \$200 held in the Dane County Shamrock Club account.

The board shared their best fund raising ideas. Included were used book sales, raffles, selling merchandise such as clothes and bears, and vacation auctions (auctioning various donations that members picked up or that you could pick up while on vacation),

### **Issues of concern mentioned:**

An ongoing concern of many clubs is how to get younger members.

- To help motivate members to come, some clubs use the monthly progressive drawing. Each month a dollar amount is allocated for this. All members' names are put in a drawing. The member whose name is drawn must be present to win. If the member is not present, the monthly amount is added to the next month's drawing.
- For new members, have a welcoming committee or introduce new members at club meetings.

### **Charitable ideas mentioned:**

- Adopt families at Christmas (committee works with social services to select families)
- Donate to charitable organizations
- Scholarships

### **Events:**

- The LaCrosse Irish Fest is scheduled for August 10–12, 2007. If interested in attending, visit the site at [[www.irishfestlax.org](http://www.irishfestlax.org)]. You may wish to get hotel reservations in early. The fest is held at the Southside Fest grounds in La Crosse.
- Milwaukee Irish Fest is scheduled for August 16-19, 2007. Visit their

website at [www.irishfest.com/]. The Fest is held at the Henry W. Maier Festival [Summerfest] Grounds, 200 N. Harbor Drive, Milwaukee, WI 53202.

- New London will sponsor a Half-Way Hooley on September 17. Their St. Pat's Parade is March 15, 2007.
- Ann O'Farrell, Irish author of *Norah's Children*, will be coming to Wisconsin for book reviews and signings. Currently, as of June 13, she will be in Baraboo on August 13; Madison on August 14; New London on August 15; Green Bay on August 16; and Irish Fest August 17-19. A detailed schedule will follow when available.

The next meeting is scheduled on Saturday, August 18, 10:30 a.m. at Irish Fest Grounds in Milwaukee. The specific location on the grounds will be announced at a later date. Election of officers will be on the agenda.

Our thanks to Mike Trulley for coordinating this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
– **Pat McCarthy, Secretary**  
June 13, 2007

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## **Rock County**

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- AUGUST 21 – Shamrock Club Picnic; rain or shine; 5:30 p.m.
- OCTOBER 16 – Regular Meeting; 7 p.m.

As in other years, we will have our annual Club Picnic on the third Tuesday of August. That is August 21. Again, this year it will be an air-conditioned picnic at the home of David and Sally Churchill at 2347 S. Emerald Grove Road. To get there, take Hwy 14 east out of Janesville to S. Emerald Grove Rd. Go south past Cecilia Golf Course. First house south of the golf course. Come out at 5:30 and we will eat at 6. The club will furnish the meat, beverages and tableware. Members bring a dish to pass and come to have a good time and visit with the other members.

Our next meeting will be on October 16 at 7 p.m. at the Janesville Senior Center. We haven't had a meeting for some time so we will have a lot of talk about. It would be nice if we could have a good turn out of members.

– **Tom Kennedy, Scribe**

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## Milwaukee President's Message

Lughnasa. This is the month of the hiring fairs, where many a spalpin fanach, or wandering worker, was hired to take in the harvests in the fields of Ireland, England and Scotland. The fairs became well known across the Celtic and formerly Celtic lands of Europe. The Lammas gatherings in England hearken back to their Icenic forbears, and the god who inspired them. Lugh was one of the most powerful of all the Celtic gods, a master of all he tried, and the mightiest of all warriors.

August is also the month of Milwaukee Irish Fest, the largest of all Irish festivals in the world. The Shamrock Club has been a part of the festival from the start, from our raffle license being used the first two years to having many of our board on the board of Irish Fest in the early years. We are proud of our part in the festival's development. We are also proud of continuing our role in Irish Fest, in the sales and cultural areas. If you can offer up some time, contact Noreen Barclay at [nabarclay@earthlink.net] or at (262) 695-8563. Our volunteer booth is being headed up by Kris Pluskota. Contact her at the ICHC at 414-345-8800, or [dkplus@tds.net].

Sometimes, like Lugh, we have been all things to many people and groups. We have been happy to have a presence and a part of so much of Irish Milwaukee and Wisconsin for so very long. This year we will again be a sponsor for Irish Fest, having donated \$2500 for the Gaeltacht area, up from \$2000 from 2006. But unlike Lugh, we need help to continue our work. Please think of ways you might be able to help out. All ideas are accepted.

We gave away three scholarships this year. Jamie Doppolt from Palatine, IL, a student at MIAD, Sharon Kelley, from Rochester, WI, and Laura Ihrcke, from Brookfield, both enrolled in the Celtic Studies program at UWM were our winners. Also, Kelly Quinlan and Nathan Cobb were our winners for the Ted Nestor Drumming and Piping Scholarship for 2007 for Milwaukee School of Piping.

Our August 2 meeting will feature Irish Fest Executive Director Jane Anderson, who will tell us about the exciting developments for 2007.

Our Golf outing is the last Sunday in August, the 26. Pat Fitzgibbons has been leading this event for the past few years. He promises the easiest day of golf of the year. Sign up. All are guaranteed door prizes. If you don't golf, come for dinner. The food will be wonderful.

We will also have a team walking and running the Hank Aaron Run/Walk on August 11. If you want to join us, call me at (414) 423-4383, or email me at [briangwitt@shamrockclubwis.com]. The events start early. We will be paying for \$4 of the \$19 entry fee, and the t-shirt will be emblazoned with our logo. Pat Fitzgibbons is also a member of that organization's board of directors.

The State Advisory Board will be meeting on August 18. Look for details as to the exact location.

Thanks to Tom and Julie Smith and Kathy Donovan for setting up the Officers Installation on July 12. It took place at Derry's Pub. Thanks also to Shamrock Club member Mr. Hegarty for hosting us that night. And the picnic – what an occasion. The Flemings did an amazing job coordinating the music, food, games and refreshments. The inexact count of how many attended will be in a future issue. It was in the mid-hundreds, however.

We will all celebrate our Irish heritage this month, in what is almost as chock filled with music, dance and language as March used to be. Pat yourselves on the back for helping to make this a reality. It is something we can all be proud that has happened in Milwaukee.

And dance during Lughansa. It is just a natural extension of our Irishness.

See you in September

– **Brian Witt**

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## **Shamrock Club Scholarship Winners**

The Shamrock Club is proud to announce that three scholarships have been awarded for 2007.

Jamie Doppolt from Palatine, Illinois, a student at MIAD is studying animation, and wants to use her award to gather more information about the landscape of Ireland. Sharon Kelley, from Rochester, Wisconsin, and Laura Ihrcke, from Brookfield, are both enrolled in the Celtic Studies program at UWM. Laura and Sharon both will be using their awards to study at the Oideas Gael Irish language school in Glencolmcille, Co. Donegal, Ireland. Sharon is in the process of writing a book about prominent Irish women. Congratulations to all three women. All three were awarded \$500.

Also, Kelly Quinlan and Nathan Cobb were our winners for the Ted Nestor Drumming and Piping Scholarship for 2007 for Milwaukee School of Piping. Kelly used her scholarship for drumming and Nathan for piping.

The scholarship money came from the annual Shamrock Club raffle. Thank you to all who participated by purchasing a ticket.

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## **Shamrock Club of Wisconsin Annual**



## **Family Best Ball Golf and Dinner Outing**

**Sunday August 26, 2007**

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 p Buffet Dinner: 5:30–7:00 p

AWARDS to be presented during dinner

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## **Irish Author To Visit New London (New Dublin)**

The Shamrock Club of New Dublin is happy to announce the August 15 visit of Irish author Ann O'Farrell, and would like to welcome you to share the experience. O'Farrell has written an Irish historical novel called *Norah's Children*. The story, set in rural Ireland in the 1920s, chronicles the lives of five young children after the death of their mother, and the subsequent mysterious abandonment by their father. It is a story of a sister's love, and her struggle to reunite the family.

There will be several opportunities to meet the author during the day and evening on August 15. At 1 p.m. O'Farrell will be reading excerpts from her book at the New London Public Library, located at 406 S. Pearl St. From 2–4 p.m., Ann will be meeting the public and selling autographed copies of her book at Familiar Grounds Coffee Shop, located at 406 N. Pearl St. From 5:30 – 7:30 p.m., Ann will be discussing her writing and selling autographed copies of her book at Antiques With Inn Bed and Breakfast, located at 1776 Division St.

O'Farrell is a graduate of Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland, where she studied drama and sociology, and later taught drama therapy. She and her husband, John, recently retired and emigrated from Ireland to Palm Harbor, Florida, where she is working on her second book about *Norah's children*, titled, *Michael*.

For more information, please contact Melissa Mulroy at (920) 982-4366 or e-mail her at [m\_mulroy@hotmail.com].

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# **South Central Shamrock Club June 3 Meeting Minutes**

Meeting called to order by President Bill Crowley. No review of minutes from the last meeting as it was determined that it was one of entertainment and no business was discussed. Today's meeting is for the purpose of election of officers. It was agreed that Bob Hanes would be retained as club treasurer for another term but will need to be nominated again. Membership Chairman and Parliamentarian are appointed by the new President-Elect and will be confirmed at the next meeting on Sept. 16. Three past presidents are on the Board of Directors. Tom Scanlon was nominated for club president by Bob Judkins and then elected by a voice vote by all present. Vice President was nominated by Dana Horkan-Gant and subsequently the group elected John Delmore as the new Vice President. Nomination for the secretary position was made by Dana Horkan-Gant and Luanne Krohn was elected to the position. Tom Scanlon, incoming president, appointed Bill Wilde and Dana Horkan-Gant as the Parliamentarian and Membership Chairman, respectively. As stated above, these two positions will need to be approved by the Board of Directors at their Sept. 16 meeting.

Report from Bob Hanes, read by Dana: The club made money on the St. Patrick's dinner. She is asking for ideas and suggestions for the Emerald Reflections newsletter.

The donation to the fire victims fund was mentioned by Don Ennis. It was determined that no official thank you note has been received but Tom Scanlon, who delivered a check to the family in Rock Springs, said they were most grateful. A discussion followed as to additional charitable organizations the club could support and it was suggested we donate a brick to the Reedsburg Relay for Life. Dana will look into the cost of this. It will be dedicated to all of our club members who have passed away due to cancer. It was also determined that we could donate to St. Clare's Hospital in Baraboo next year for their Healing Garden. A motion was made by John Delmore and seconded by Tom Scanlon to carry out this plan. The motion was passed by a voice vote of "ayes". It was also suggested that information about our group's charitable contributions be included in local newspapers as well as the club newsletter.

John Delmore suggested that all of our members, at following meetings, explain how and why our relatives came to America. We will get a big map and put pins in it to show the locations in Ireland from where our ancestors emigrated. The individual presentations do not have to be too lengthy; ten to fifteen minutes will be the rule.

John also explained how he has been attending the quarterly Wisconsin Shamrock Club's meetings; about four times a year they meet to discuss what is going on in each area for fundraising, entertainment, etc. One of the meetings is at Irish Fest in Milwaukee. One of the fund raisers other clubs do is to put in \$10 at each meeting and then submit each person's name that is present at that meeting. At the end of the meeting a name is drawn and that person receives the prize. It will cost the club \$100 each year. A motion was made by Jan Delmore to begin this at the September meeting and seconded by Kay Scanlon. The motion passed.

Past President Bill Crowley asked for a motion to adjourn. This was done by John Geohagan and seconded by Mark Cummings.

The next meeting will be at the Farm Kitchen, 4 p.m., on September 16, 2007.

– Respectfully submitted by **Luanne Krohn, Secretary**

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### **Celtic Women News**

Fiona Molloy has been added to the lineup for the upcoming Conference of Celtic Women in October. Fiona will serve as MC of the conference, and will be one of two featured singers at the Friday evening conference concert, along with Sheila Stewart, the Scottish traveller. This will be a blockbuster concert and is open to the public; tickets available at the door for the concert.

Fiona is a native of Derry and Donegal in Northern Ireland, making her home now in Wisconsin. She is a favorite entertainer, singer and guitarist, with a loyal following in the midwest, Florida and the eastern seaboard. She will appear at the Irish Fests in LaCrosse and Milwaukee this month.

The September Celtic Women First Friday Lecture Series will present Shay Kelley on Friday, Sept. 7, with "Notable Irish Women".

– **Jean Bills**

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### **Color Guard News and Notes**

By golly, it's August. And in just over three weeks it will be that time we all adore – IRISH FEST!

The band has been truly enjoying its summer, as early July proved to be the

utmost in perfect parade weather. Can't explain how sweet the pipes sound when it's 80 and dry.

My favorite parade in Bayview, South Shore Water Frolics is always a treat. Last year, we won best Musical unit in their parade. Stay tuned for this year's placement. We strive for 1st place! We also performed for the 1st time in Bailey's Harbor for their 4th of July Parade. Some of them caught the group last September in Sister Bay and invited us to play their festivities. It never goes without saying that this band is growing and reaching new heights. People are seeking us out like never before for their functions and there may come a time when we have to decline because there will be just too many requests. This, in spite of having to decline, is a good thing. They love us and the fun we have as a unit, don't you think?

Lots of news to announce, here goes:

- A Ms. Holly Pfeiffer, piper, will become a Mrs. Holly Heiden on August 25. Congratulations Holly. We all know the reception will be wild. Sorry I'm going to miss it!
- Welcome soon-to-be piper James. We convinced him on a recruiting session at Paddy's to join the ranks. Welcome, welcome to the SCCGPD. We're happy to have you!
- Our bass drummer extraordinaire, Rick has been on the mend as of late. Get well soon, Rick. In his stead, our newest snare drummer Patrick has stepped up to the occasion to play the big drum for parades and doing one fine job at it. Thanks, Patrick.
- Congratulations to Malkin, color guard, who will be sworn in on July 12 as Sergeant-at-Arms for the Shamrock Club.
- I've heard the Milwaukee School of Pipes and Drums concert was extremely well attended and more than fantastic. Congrats to those that went to the school, we're very very proud.
- Thank you to our new water bearers AJ and Clay. You do a big job keeping the band refreshed on those long parades. We appreciate you more than you know.
- I'll have some pictures to share of my time in Halifax in September for you all.

It was a time to surely remember and I sure hope some of my band mates come to the next Pipefest function. I've heard the next is in Japan!!

The season by now, is sadly halfway through, but coming to a peak in regards to what we work for all year. Irish Fest! The color guard, bless their hearts, have been working extremely hard for many weeks on their routine, and the musicians have been adding new music for the standstill performance. To date, you will probably see more than 20 pipers afield for this, and perhaps close to that count in color guard. We're always honored to lead off the parade through the grounds everyday. You can just feel the excitement.

Check the website [[www.irishfest.com](http://www.irishfest.com)] soon for performance times.

And again, it is still not too late to join. We need banner carriers, water

bearers, and color guard. No experience is necessary. Check out our website at [www.sccgpd.com] for all the latest info.

See you in September.

– Noel Tylla, 4th year piper

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### **Wisconsin Scottish Festival**

The Shamrock Club will again be exhibiting at the Wisconsin Scottish Games from August 31–September 2. The festival will be held at the Waukesha Expo Center. If you would like to volunteer, please call Brian Witt at (414) 423-4383. Wisconsin Scottish will again be presenting Highland games and dancing, pipe band competitions, as well as a number of stages of entertainment.

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### **Shamrock Club Members Play Out**

Want to hear some great Irish music? Stop in and listen to some of the best musicians in Milwaukee, and also enjoy the sounds of your fellow Shamrock Club members. Stop by and tell them you are members, too.

Kristina Paris and her band Ceol Cairde will be playing at the following venues: Milwaukee Irish Fest – August 17-18 at the Lakefront Dance Pavilion; August 23 at Three Pillars Arboretum, Menomonee Falls.

Bill and Lin O'Connor will be playing as a part of Theiss and O'Connor at the following venues: August 4 at Ozaukee County Fair; August 10 at Freeman Friday Night Live Series, Downtown Waukesha; August 18–19 at Milwaukee Irish Fest, The Snug; September 8 at Alpine Village: Dinner & Concert, Mequon; September 14 at Freeman Friday Night Live Series, Downtown Waukesha.

Michael Tierney will be playing with his bands Tinker Boys and Reilly at a number of places. Here are a few: Reilly August 4 -5 Maritime Heritage Festival, Port Washington; August 7 and 9 Wisconsin State Fair; August 15 Westown Farmer's Market, downtown Milwaukee; August 17 Paddy's Pub; August 18 Milwaukee Irish Fest, Rock Stage; September 21 House of Guinness. The Tinker Boys: August 5 Port Washington Maritime Heritage Festival; August 17 Irish Fest, Castle Garden Stage; August 24 Wells Street Tavern, Delafield.

Dave Stevens and the Gleasons will be playing at the following: August 4–5 Maritime Heritage Festival, Port Washington; August 9–11 Wisconsin State Fair; August 16 and 18 Milwaukee Irish Fest; September 15 Wells St. Tavern, Delafield; September 17 O'Connor's Perfect Pint; September 19 Westown Farmer's Market, downtown Milwaukee.

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### **Milwaukee Hurling Club**

The final weeks of the Hurling Club season are drawing near. The Shamrock Club Griffins have been ensconced in second place much of the season in the Harp Division, following the lead of the folks on the County Clare team. The week ten match on August 5 is the last before the start of playoffs. Playoffs will feature the top four teams in matches on August 12. The finals will take place on August 26 at Brown Deer Park. Stop by and see the fastest game on grass.

#### **Week 10 (8/5/07)**

Wolski's Falcons vs The Tracks Hounds  
McBob's Gael Winds vs Club Garabaldi Rebels  
County Clare Cats vs Shamrock Club Griffins  
Packy's Dublin Blues vs Ale House Marauders

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### **Sunshine Club**

Rick Pfeiffer, a drummer with the Color Guard Pipes and Drums, recently had surgery.

Mary Radaj, mother of Kathy Radaj, died recently.

If you have any information about members, please contact me, Joe Donovan, (414) 259-8040.

Cate Harris was recently hospitalized after having her knee replaced. Dell Stapleton recently had a stay in the hospital.

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## Members' Doings

Richard Stover recently celebrated his 60th birthday with a surprise party at Derry's, and he still looks not a day over 59.

Martin Dowling, son of Joe and Betty Dowling, was recently named to the post of development for traditional Irish music at Queen's College, Belfast. His position is in the university's School of Music and Sonic Arts.

Joe and Catherine Donovan visited family on the East Coast in July. Erin Canon competed in the North American Dance Championships. Ed Ward and Barry Stapleton took an Irish Fest Archives display to the Colorado Irish Festival in Littleton recently.

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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



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**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.**

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