



April 2018 Club Newsletter

Welcome

Winter has come but the big question is will it ever leave! Four Nor'easters in three weeks is too much, but fortunately for all of us, the Sons of Erin not only survived, but kept us entertained as well. Thanks to our events committee, chaired by Kathy Hegarty, the events were plentiful and most enjoyable.

Over the past couple of months, birthday night dinners were held on the last Thursday of the month and were enhanced by fun filled games of trivia hosted by DJ Patrick. These trivia rounds showed just how competitive some of our docile members really are! The Friday and Saturday night entertainment was as great as ever.

The Club never looked better than it did this year. The events committee outdid themselves in getting the Club into the right frame of mind to celebrate the holidays: Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Years, and St Patrick's day.

Speaking of St Patrick's Day, this year the SOECC could not have looked better, thanks to the team led by Susan Loughlin and Penny Shaughnessy. Our float this year, created by the hard work from Carol Mills, Marty and Barbara Cushing, Gus Healy and Dee Petit; it was awesome. 15 children got to ride on the float while 18 members walked behind it, cheering us on. Our Irish Man of the Year, Bill Hurley, and our Irish Woman of the Year, Kathy Hegarty, rode in style in an antique, totally renovated, Packard driven by its owner, and Board Member, Tom Hickey, and they were escorted by our Sergeant of Arms, Buzzy Barry. The kitchen staff, under the guidance of Katie, busted their butts serving over 75 pounds of corned beef. Mike's bar staff, in a long day of pouring, quenched the thirst of all members and guests. Overall, it was one of the club's most successful St Patrick's Parade days.

Trust me, Spring will come and the Sons will be welcoming it in. Please read your emails that come out so you will know all the fun happenings going on at the Club, then mark your calendar and come over to the Sons for a good time.

Craic Mhaith

Cairde Maithe

President, John Flaherty

Club Survey

In our February Newsletter, the BOD discussed our primary focus in the coming months will be to improve Club services so that we can engage members who want to join, renew, and participate in the Club while building a strong and growing core of active members, which in turn generates more events, bonding friendships, and increased volunteerism.

We are asking all our members to participate in completing an anonymous survey, which will be available on April 1st on our website ([Sons of Erin CC Survey](#)) or in paper form at the Club. We hope you can take a few minutes to complete this short survey because we need your feedback so that we can continue to build stronger member relationships as we strive to improve Club services for all of our members. Thank you in advance for your participation and Happy Spring to all!

SOECC Scholarships

Eligibility: All applicants must be the child, step-child, grandchild or step-grandchild of an active member of the SOECC. Applicants must be attending or be going to attend a 2 or 4 year college or 4 year university or some secondary work/study program that is comparable. Applications are available on the website and at the Club.

The full application is due by May 15th. Any applications received after May 15th will not be reviewed. Scholarship recipients will be notified by the Scholarship Chair in June 2018 and announced in the newsletter. Awards shall take place at our July membership meeting.

St. Patrick's Parade

Some photographic reminders of the St. Patrick's Day Parade weekend!





Pictures courtesy of Cindi Griffin (Yarmouth Chamber of Commerce), Gus Healey, and Peter Santos.

Cape Cod Times highlights video https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=269&v=XEXk8jLtiSU.

Upcoming events

- May – CPR training. Date and cost to be determined. You would need to pre-register at the Club for this event as the class size will be limited.
- May 2nd – Blood drive from 11 am to 5 pm. Stop by the Club and donate a “pint” to give someone the gift of life.
- May 5th – Cinco de Mayo party with Terry Brennan starting at 7:00 pm. Come in for a fine fiesta and wear your favorite sombrero!
- May 20th - The Plywood Ponies are back! Join us for a fun day of horseracing. The plywood ponies races start at 2 pm and end by 5 pm.
- May 27th - The Healy Brothers Invitational, Registration ends at 8:30 pm at the Sons of Erin on Friday the 26th. Weigh in is between 2 pm and 4 pm in the Sons of Erin parking lot on Sunday. Awards and food starts at 5 pm. Entry fee is \$20. No fishing experience is required. Every fee paid automatically assigns each entry for a possible prize. Contact Peter O'Sullivan or Gus Healy at the Sons of Erin Club for more information.

Kitchen help wanted!

We are in need of waitresses and kitchen staff. Do you have a child at least 16 years old looking for work? Do you have time on Friday and Saturdays to meet other members and serve up the dishes of the day? If you or someone you know is interested, contact Katie Fitzsimmons at the Club for details on these positions.

Keeping up with Club events

We recommend that you keep up-to-date with Club events by reading this newsletter but you can also visit our website (<http://sonsoferincc.org/>) or like our Facebook page (Sons-of Erin Cape-Cod).

Not receiving emails from us?

Email newsletters can be blocked or filtered to a spam folder. You may be unable to read certain email communications even if you have subscribed to receive them. To avoid these situations, add our email address (Info@sonsoferincc.com) to your contact's list or safe senders list.

Function Hall Rentals

To reserve the Function Room, you must sign a rental agreement, and a fee of \$100 and a \$50 security deposit are required for all rentals. If you need to use the kitchen to cook or heat food, you will be charged a \$50 non-refundable fee. The security deposit will be returned if the room is left in the same condition as it was found. The Function Room is not available on Friday nights and Saturday's are limited to 35 guests. Contact Katie Fitzsimmons at the Club to book the room.

Dining Room News

Current hours are 5:30 pm to 8 pm, Friday and Saturday. **A reminder that tables are to be cleared by Club members.**

You are entitled to a **free** birthday meal the last Thursday of your birthday month. On that same Thursday night, we will have Trivia with DJ Patrick!

Club Merchandise

We have restocked! Club Gear is in the case by the front door. If we don't have your size, color or clothing you're looking for orders can also be placed with Katie Fitzsimmons by leaving a note at the Club or contact Info@SonsofErincc.com.

Ongoing Events

Be sure to check our Calendar of Events page on the website as well as the bulletin boards at the Club updated information on scheduled entertainment.

Irish Language classes

The Irish language class is from 2 pm to 3 pm every Thursday at the Club. It is informal, led by ourselves, where we listen to language tapes, study Irish language books, and practice conversing in Irish.

Irish Ceili and Set Dance Classes

No dancing experience necessary!! Classes are held every Tuesday from 6 to 7 pm; cost is \$10 a week. Dancers should wear comfortable clothes and footwear. Singles and couples are welcome. You need not be a member of the SOE to join the dancing class.

Traditional Irish Music Classes

The multi-instrument class for intermediate or experienced players is held every Tuesday from 7 to 8 pm. This class is suitable for anyone who can play an instrument and wish to learn how to play traditional Irish tunes. Class members have the opportunity to play in a monthly session at the Club. Classes are \$10 a week and you need not be a member of the SOE to join the music classes. For more information on the music and dance classes, please contact Sean Murphy at 1-508-790-0438.

Cribbage League

Join us any Thursday from 6 to 9 pm to play cribbage. This is a social league and if you haven't played in a long time, we'll get you back up to speed in no time. Don't forget to bring a \$1 for the skunk jar! For more information, contact Dianne Duffy at soe_733@comcast.net.

Closing note

Glac bog an saol agus glacfaidh an saol bog tú

Take the world nice and easy, and the world will take you the same.