



June 2017 Club Newsletter

New Membership Cards

The “open door policy” at the Club is coming to an end. The Club has **purchased a new card reader** which goes into effect in the month of June. You can stop by the Club to pick up your replacement card between 4 pm and 8 pm on June 1—4, 16—18th and 22—25 we will be handing out cards. If you cannot make it to the Club and you would like to **help defray the costs of mailing** the card to you, please send us a self-addressed envelope to Sons of Erin Cape Cod, P.O. Box 403, South Yarmouth, MA 02664 and we can send your card to you. If you would like to volunteer to help hand out the cards, send an email to info@sonsoferincc.com.

Upcoming Nominations for Elections

Reminder of the **election** process for officers of SOECC. This year, there is a regular election to elect four at-large members of the **Board of Directors**. There is also a special election to fill the vacant positions of **President** and **Recording Secretary** for the remaining one year of those terms. The **official nomination day** is the **June** regular membership meeting. Names are to be submitted to the Nominating Chairperson at that meeting.

Elections take place on the day of the regular **July** membership meeting. Club members may vote between the hours of 10 am and 6 pm on that day, by showing their membership card and completing a secret ballot. All members are encouraged to take part in the election to make sure that SOECC remains a successful enterprise.

Web Master needed!

Do you know your way around web design? The Club is looking for someone to volunteer to update the website with upcoming events and to communicate with the Club members. You'll be trained on the specific features of the website, which is currently running Joomla. If you are interested, contact info@sonsoferincc.com.

Upcoming events

Watch the [website](#) calendar and upcoming newsletters for more information on these events.

June

Paint Nite is back **June 14th at 6 pm**. This is a wildly popular event all over the Cape and beyond. **Paint Nite** provides the tablecloths, aprons, canvases, paint, brushes, easels and two hours of instruction. Sign up and pay (cash or check) at the bar at the Club. Please make checks payable to “Sons of Erin”.

Cost: \$40 per person to cover the above named items and the instruction.

A beer tasting event sponsored by Hog Island Brewery will also be held on **June 14th**, starting at **5:30 pm**. And the kitchen will be open from 5:30 pm to 8 pm serving Pub food.

Plywood Ponies recap

On a beautiful afternoon, Club members flocked to the gates to place their bets on the Disney-themed ponies. There were minions, Nemo, Peter Pan, Tinkerbell and Olaf going down the stretch! And don't forget the Derby hats!



Golf Tournament recap

The players were blessed with sunny skies and warmer weather than previous years. Bayberry Hills was this year's host and the players were one the first golfers to play the re-designed back nine. Congratulations to Kathleen Murtaugh, Aaron Buckler, Dennis Aceto, and Clint Johnson for coming in first, Gus Healy, Mike Lynch, and Jim Curran for second place, and Susan Christiansen, Nancy Bartley, and Wendy Ohlson for Women's first place.



Did you know?

If you sit at the bar or at one of the bar top tables, there are hooks under the rail or table to hold your coats, purse, or back packs. Thanks to one of the very first members of the Club for pointing this out to Bob Bagge who quickly added the hooks!

Club Member Spotlight

Each month we spotlight a Club member. This month, we introduce you to the Kitchen Krew:



There are 15 members of The Sons of Erin who are always on the spot, but never in the spotlight. This article will start out as a spotlight on one of them, but will also focus much-deserved attention on the entire group: The Kitchen Krew.

Lisa Williams has been a member of SOECC since the early days, but became much more active in the club during the last five years. After retiring from her career as an engineer at Verizon, Lisa and her husband moved to the Cape from their home in Newton. Seeking to become more involved, Lisa offered to help roll silverware in the dining room. Little did she know that this was the first step in extraordinary involvement in the life of the food service. Next, when Katie Fitzsimmons, the dining manager, needed a waitress, Lisa stepped in to fill the bill every Saturday night. After that, Katie needed a fry cook on Friday nights, so Lisa again volunteered. Now, she arrives each Friday at 4:00, cuts the fish up, sets up the fryer, preps for dinner, and fries food constantly until the kitchen closes at 8:00. **All volunteer. Every Friday. Year-round.**



The members of the Kitchen Krew are an amazing resource to every member of the Sons of Erin. They all volunteer – **that means without pay, except for tips** – every weekend year-round to prepare and serve the delicious dinners available to club members and their guests. They work to keep their customers happy, efficiently serving as many as 180 diners on a busy evening. They see the Sons of Erin as one big family, and so they go above and beyond the call of duty,



covering for one another when needed, doing their best to meet individual requests and dietary needs, arriving early to prepare food and ensure the smooth running of the dining room. Behind the scenes are the three cooks: Katie Fitzsimmons who cooks on Friday and Saturday, Sharon Morgan who has an eleven-year tenure in the kitchen and who cooks on Thursdays, and Lisa who runs the fryer. In addition to her work at the stove, Katie manages all aspects of the service within strict budgetary constraints, and with the tricky inventory system needed for a part-time dining operation.

They are not seeking the spotlight, but here it is:

- The originals: Kathy Hegarty and Diane McClure who have been wait staff members since the club opened in the old building;
- The other wait staff: Penny Shaughnessy (also a Board member), Michelle Dolan, Mary Coughlin, Kathryn Murphy;
- The Sunday breakfast men: Ed Tierney and Bill Hurley (also a Board member);
- The 3 young men: Jason Zent, Conor Robertson, and David Dickey, who fill in as dishwashers, help cook, or sub for Lisa, despite holding 2 + other jobs each;
- The indispensable fill-ins: Dee Petit and Elaine Costigan;
- And the indomitable dishwasher, Charlie Kennedy who was in the Spotlight in last month's newsletter.

Although they don't want the spotlight, here are some things that all club members could consider to help these dedicated volunteers fulfill their responsibilities

- Consider not asking for separate checks, as this complicates their work life considerably;
- Educate your guests about club expectations and procedures;
- NEVER go into the kitchen, due to safety and liability concerns;

And most of all ***show appreciation by the way you interact with and provide a tip for your wait staff members.***

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.

SOECC Golf League

Meets Wednesday at Bass River with tee off time starting at **3:30 pm** until the end of August. The golf league is coed and they play nine holes in a best ball format. **Non-members are welcome!** Contact Jay Collett at mjicollett22@gmail.com for more information or show up at Bass River at 3:30 pm on Wednesday, weather permitting!

A second league goes from September – November. Contact Bob Clare at bc4813@yahoo.com for more information.

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.

Cribbage League

Come every 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.

Irish Ceili and Set Dance Classes

No dancing experience necessary!! Classes are held every Tuesday from 6 to 7 pm; cost is \$8 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

Tin Whistle classes for beginners are held every Tuesday from 5 to 6 pm. The whistle for the class is a “D” whistle, which is available at a number of locations on the Cape, as well as from the instructor. The multi-instrument class for intermediate or experienced players is also 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.

Chair Plaques

We would like to remind Members that they can purchase memorial dedication plaques to be put on the back of a chair in the dining room, library or function room for \$100.

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.

Club Merchandise

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.

Dining Room News

Current hours are 5:30 pm to 8 pm, Thursday through Saturday. Menu changes week to week. 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!

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 limited to 35 guests. Contact Katie Fitzsimmons at the Club to book the room.

Closing note

Ever tried. Ever failed. No matter. Try Again. Fail again. Fail better.—Samuel Beckett, “*Worstward Ho*”