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Milwaukee Irish Fest Boasts More Than 100 Artists on 16 Stages

There's no question that Milwaukee Irish Fest is the premier destination for Irish and Irish-American music in all of North America. New in 2010, is a special daily collection of musicians showcasing the Legends of Irish Folk reunions. Various artists will appear together to blend their interpretations of the iconic Irish folk singers. The Legends of Irish Folk combines with a Northern Ireland Showcase to provide daily entertainment lineups of the best musicians and bands in the Irish genre. Milwaukee Irish Fest will, of course, welcome back the best in Celtic rock bands as well as other longtime festival favorites. Accomplished musicians Mick Moloney, Robbie O'Connell, Evans & Doherty, *Schooner Fare*, Tommy Sands, Tom Sweeney, Seamus Kennedy, the Makem and Spain Brothers, Eugene Byrne, The Black Brothers and more will highlight the Legends lineup!

Make sure you don't miss your favorite act by checking out the daily entertainment lineup at [www.IrishFest.com].

Hours and Admission Specials

There's many ways to enjoy everything Irish Fest has to offer without having to dip into your savings account. Irish Fest has always been an affordable, family friendly festival and there's lots of ways to 'save your green' in 2010!

- THURSDAY, AUGUST 19
5 to 10 p.m. Grand Hooley,
Admission \$5. Free admission with donation of school supplies (markers, notebooks, backpacks, etc.) for children served by Hope House.
- FRIDAY, AUGUST 20

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4 p.m. to midnight.

Admission \$15 adults; \$10 seniors 60+ (Main Gate only) Kids 12 & under free; Free admission from 4 – 5:30 p.m.

• SATURDAY, AUGUST 21

Noon to midnight.

Admission \$15 adults; \$10 seniors 60+ (Main Gate only). Kids 12 & under free.

• SUNDAY, AUGUST 22

11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Admission \$15 adults; \$10 seniors 60+ (Main Gate only); Kids 12 & under free.

Donate nonperishable food items PRIOR to the Liturgy for Peace & Justice for admission to the festival free of charge AFTER the mass.

College Day: \$3 discount off admission 2 to 7 p.m. with valid college student ID (Main Gate only)

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2010 Irish Fest Showcases Northern Ireland

Northern Ireland will be featured at this year's Irish Fest through a special 'Northern Ireland Showcase.' The showcase, spread throughout the festival grounds, will highlight the culture, heritage, and music that have helped shape this country steeped in history. Northern Ireland will be represented at several of the must-see venues at Irish Fest 2010, including the Moore Street Market, The Cultural Exhibit Pavilion, Hedge School and numerous musical stages.

The Moore Street Market will house many of the finest artisans and craftspeople from Northern Ireland. Visitors will find student artists from Southeastern Regional College in Downpatrick, GAA retro jerseys, jewelers and fabric artists. Paintings of Ireland and Irish people from artist Martin Driscoll will also be on display at the Moore Street Market.

Of course, the Showcase will feature many additional musicians as well. Tom-my Sands, Tom Sweeney and Seamus Kennedy, all natives of Northern Ireland, will be playing at the Celtic Roots Stage which will be the main showcase stage for Northern Ireland artists. *McPeake* will launch their new album 'These Days' at Irish Fest, bringing their blend of traditional, acoustic and folk music to Milwaukee. The exciting sound of *Different Drums of Ireland* returns with their rich symbolism of the Lambeg and bodhran



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drums representing the traditions of Northern Ireland. Len Graham and Brian Hart are both accomplished singers and will combine their talents at the festival. Another festival newcomer, Kieran Goss, is well-known for his folk, pop and alternative music and will be making his U.S. debut at the festival. Kintra's masterful blend of Irish and Scottish sounds is a must see while *Bracken* promises to put on a great live show as well.

The Cultural Pavilion will feature the history and culture of Northern Ireland and will include exhibits on *Narnia*, from the C.S. Lewis series of books based in County Down; a replica of the *Titanic*'s hull, housing an exhibit from Belfast; Stormont, an exhibition on Northern Ireland's parliament.

Located in the Gaeltacht Tent will be *Aisling Ghéa* from Belfast, Ireland's only professional theatre company working full-time to deliver great performances through the medium of Irish language. The group will be performing, 'Stones in his Pockets.'

The Hedge School will offer a series of lectures by leading authorities in Irish history, literature, language, and culture. Among them will be Sandy Smith, from the C. S. Lewis Foundation in Belfast, Dr. Tim Campbell, from the St. Patrick Centre in Downpatrick, and singer-songwriter Tom Sweeney, from Omagh. Singer-songwriter Tommy Sands, from Newry, will host a discussion on the role of the artist in the peace process.

Returning to the Hurling Area is the very popular hurley maker, Philip Doyle. Be sure to stop by the hurly hitting cage, where you can try your skills in the ancient Irish sport. The *Bangor Drama Club* will return to the Theatre Pavilion, along with several other theatre companies from Northern Ireland.

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Volunteers Needed At Irish Fest

We will need volunteers at the Milwaukee Irish Fest in our sales and cultural tent areas. Our sales area will be open Thursday night, from 5 p.m. as well as Friday, Saturday and Sunday. In the Cultural tent information area we will be open Friday at 4 p.m. until 11 p.m., Saturday, noon to 11 p.m. and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. We need people for four hour shifts. We will give people participant passes, as well as food tickets. Contact Kris Pluskota [dkplus@tds.net] for the Sales area. Contact Denis Donohoe at (262) 309-0723 or [djvdonohoe@sbcglobal.net] for the Cultural information area.

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Milwaukee President's Message

Greetings, I trust your summer is going well.

It was a fun and casual evening at the July general meeting/installation pot luck dinner. Thanks to the Honorable Judge Daniel Konkol for presiding over the installation ceremony. Also to Mary Culver and Matt Waters for assembling and producing the Club's yearly video roundup. The board is up and running and eager to serve you. If you have any ideas or concerns on how to make the Club better or what you like about the Club please share them with a board member.

A big thanks to Pete and Dawn Fleming and all of their volunteers who did a great job on the luau on July 17. With the sunny skies above and the warm breezes below blowing through the Sacred Heart picnic grounds, to the gentle strains of hula music, one could truly believe that they were on the sandy beaches of Hawaii. Nobody does fun better than the Flemings. And nobody does raffle baskets better than the Flemings and Kathy Donovan.

Can you believe it? It's Irish Fest time again. Is there not a member of the Shamrock Club that is not seen on the grounds volunteering in one capacity or another? If you're not, your help is needed for a few hours at the sales booth or in the cultural tent. Sign up at the August general meeting.

Speaking of the August meeting, please join us as Jane Anderson, executive director of Milwaukee Irish Fest will update the club to what's new in this, the 30th anniversary and what favorites will be returning such as the *Green Fields of America*, *Cherish the Ladies*, *Gaelic Storm*, *Red Hot Chili Pipers*, *Schooner Fare* and *La Bottine Souriante*. Something for everybody.

Make your reservations now for the 50th Anniversary / Honoree Diner Dance September 25 at the Humphrey Masonic Temple in downtown Milwaukee. Great food, great drink, dancing to the band "Our House", surprises and many memories to be shared. The cost is \$75 per person and can be mailed to my residence at 2432 N LeFeber Ave., Wauwatosa 53213 or pay John Fisher at the next meeting.

The 50th Anniversary Committee has worked long and hard in making this year a success. We faced some unexpected hurdles, we tried some things that worked and some that didn't but we had fun trying. So thanks to the committee members Tom Blaha, Del Canon, Mary Culver, Mary Mose, Julie Smith and Malkin Wallace, Also Fran Paul, Cate Harris, Sharon Murphy, Ken Tehan and Maricolette Walsh.

Lastly, on a personal note, as I begin my term as president I thank

you, the members, for your past help and value your future support.

And wave and shout to the Shamrock Club Color Guard Pipes and Drums when you see them pass by.

Till next time.

– **Josh Walton, President** [joshwalton1@yahoo.com]

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Wisconsin Shamrock Club State Advisory Board Meeting

**Next Meeting: August 21
The Irish Pub, Milwaukee**

The Wisconsin Shamrock Club State Advisory Board met at the Riverwood Family Restaurant in Darlington on May 22, 2010. Members present were John Delmore (South Central), Harry and Pat McCarthy (Dane County) and Tiffany and Jason Donahoe (LaFayette County).

President John Delmore called the meeting to order. The minutes from the November 7 meeting were reviewed and approved – the February meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather. The treasurer has \$60 held in the Dane County Shamrock Club account.

LaFayette participated in the Milwaukee St Pat's Day Parade with their float. They had an absolutely wonderful time. South Central had seven applications for the Marguerite I. Murray scholarship this year. Last year they had one application. This is a \$1000 scholarship for a student studying in the special needs field. Dane County celebrated their 35th anniversary along with their St. Pat's Dinner. Past Irish Persons of the Year were honored as well as many of their charter members. It was a great celebration and reunion for many!

To check out the various club's events, please see their websites. You may get to them all through the Milwaukee website:
[<http://shamrockclubwis.com/page11.html>]

ASSIGNMENT TO ALL CLUBS: The Board discussed changing the frequency and the location of our meetings and we need input from each of the clubs. Please give us your thoughts on the following:

1. Frequency of meetings. Currently we meet once every quarter. Our suggestion is that we eliminate the meeting for the first quarter of the year, January – March. This would eliminate travel for

meetings during these winter months.

2. Location of meetings: Currently we have been scheduling meetings in the club locations with the August meeting always in Milwaukee during Irish Fest. The problem we have is that some meetings require members to travel from one end of the state to the other which is a very long drive for folks and as a result at some of the meetings, we are not getting much representation.

Our suggestion is to continue to meet in Milwaukee in August during Irish Fest and the other two meetings if #1 is accepted, would be held in the central part of the state, Madison, Wisconsin Dells, Reedsburg, etc. It seems that when the meetings are held in the central part of the state and in Milwaukee during Irish Fest, we tend to get a much better attendance.

Please e-mail us at [pmmc carthy@ charter.net] and give us your input on these two concerns. During the August meeting, we will further discuss and try to finalize any changes.

Next meeting: We would like to hold the meeting in Milwaukee during Irish Fest on Saturday, August 21 in the morning, about 10. Note to Brian Witt: Please let us know if you will need help with the state board's display at Irish Fest. If so, please send a sign up sheet so we can sign up ahead for specific times. Also, please let us know if you need any more of the club's business cards for the display. We do not know what supply remains.

Our thanks go to Jason and Tiffany for hosting our meeting. It was a beautiful drive to Darlington and the food was delicious. Hope to see you at the next meeting in Milwaukee. Details will follow at a later time.

Respectfully submitted,

**– Pat McCarthy, Secretary
June 20, 2010**

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Donate to the Shamrock Club

The Shamrock Club is a 501(C) (3) corporation. If you donate to us, you can write this off on your taxes. Donate to our Scholarship fund, our general fund, or to the parade. Thank you!

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Shamrock Club of Wisconsin's 50th Anniversary Dinner Dance

September 25, 2010

Humphrey Scottish Rite
790 North Van Buren Street, Milwaukee

Schedule:

- 5:30–6:30 p.m. registration and cocktails
- 6:30–7 p.m. Shamrock Club Color Guard, Pipes and Drums performs
- 7 p.m. dinner; band music and dancing after dinner

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Celtic Soccer Goes Undefeated in Spring; Advance to Four-Team Playoff For League Title

The Celtic Soccer Club won three more games in June, finishing the Spring Campaign undefeated.

“We were tough to handle all year long,” said a gleaming Al Moss. “When it came down to it, we had more heart. Well, looks like a little more skill, too.”

They also had a lot of goals to go along with that heart and skill. The Celtic Soccer Club have scored 33 goals in only eight games so far this spring, an average of just over four goals per game. However, Tim Devlin credits solid defense and seamless team chemistry as the real keys to their success.

“I’ve been playing on this team for a lot of years,” said the older statesman Devlin. “But I’ve never played with a group of guys that just click together the way we do. We all know one another, but more importantly, we all trust one another. That’s a big deal in this game.”

That trust was evident in Celtic’s first game on June 5th against the reckless Caribbean Kickers. Each time the two teams have met this season, both sides left bruised and battered. This game was no different, resulting in a 3-2 Celtic victory and one green player visiting the hospital to be treated for a concussion.

Nick Hammel, Mohamed Elsayed and Mike Kroeger all scored goals for Celtic. However, after the game thoughts and prayers

were with Ryan Schuettpelz. Late in the second half, Schuettpelz took a violent elbow to the head from a competing Kickers player. Celtic needed to shake the bittersweet day off their backs because they had another game against Polonia the very next day.

“It was tough,” said Steve Krall. “We knew we’d miss Ryan in the middle, but these guys came together and really played hard. We won that game for Ryan.”

Win they did, tallying six goals and dominating the home team, Polonia. Trevor Hess led off the scoring early, but he was soon followed by Brendan Murphey and Aaron Abert, each netting beautiful crosses from Scott Baldwin to give the men in green a 3-0 lead at the half. The second half had the same result as the first with Cem Vurusaner, Mike Mallett, Brandon Chapman and Abdallah Elsayed all scoring to put the game out of reach.

Celtic wrapped up their stellar Spring Season with a June 13th matchup against USA Palermo Due. Fittingly, the regular season finished the same way it started, with a Celtic victory as they easily handled Palermo, 5-3.

The green barrage of goals came from a variety of players, none more surprised than defender Dan Koth. “I’ve always wanted to score but can never get a good chance!” elated Koth. “I’ll probably drink a beer or two to celebrate this one.”

Kroger, Hess, and Mallett were the usual suspects on the score sheet, while Andy Rawlskey also netted a goal in the victory.

Next up: playoffs – July 10 at Polonia Soccer Park and guess who Celtic plays in the semifinals? Yep, the Caribbean Kickers?

Go Green!

– **Joel Carstedt**

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Membership News

I would like to welcome the following new Milwaukee Members joining in July: Linda Coyle & Mark Dreyer, Joan McGovern & Matt Tendler, and Jim Ricksecker & Molly Duffy. The Milwaukee Chapter as of July 8 has 363 Members with 183 Family and 180 single memberships. Statewide our Membership totals 592 Members.

– **Denis Donohoe, Membership Chair**

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Milwaukee Area Feiseanna

There will be two Feiseanna in Milwaukee in August. The Milwaukee Feis and the McMEnamin Academy Feis will take place August 14 and 15 at the UWM Union. The Milwaukee Feis and the McMEnamin Academy Feis will take place August 14 and 15 at the UWM Union, 2200 E. Kenwood Blvd. The Milwaukee Feis is in its 21st year. This is the inaugural year for the McMEnamin Feis. Stop in for some wonderful Irish dance.

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Milwaukee Hurling Club

It has been a great season so far for the Griffins. Going into week seven, the Shamrock Club is 5-1, and in command of the Jameson Division. We have a great mix of rookies and vets on the team, which gives us a very good balance. We had our first loss on June 27, a one point decision to The Tracks, 17-16.

Join us in August for the last league matches. We have the very early match on August 1, 9:30 a.m. against County Clare. The playoffs start on August 8, with youth matches at 9:30 a.m., and Coed at 11 a.m. On August 15, the playoffs continue. It is also the MHC's picnic. Everyone is welcome. *Whiskey of the Damned* and the *Garlic Mustard Pickers* will be performing. We will also be back at Milwaukee Irish Fest. Stop down and meet hurley maker Philip Doyle, from Co. Wexford. And on August 29, the MHC finals take place at noon.

And, if you are in the mood to travel, join us at Gaelic Park Labor Day weekend for the NACB Hurling matches.

Matches are at Brown Deer Park. [<http://hurling.net>]

– **Brian Leonard, co-coach**

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October 1980: Irish Fest 1981. Ed Ward has submitted a

preliminary proposal to the Shamrock Club Board of Directors for an Irish Fest to be held on August 22 and 23, 1981 on the Summerfest grounds. The festival would run from noon to midnight on Saturday, August 22, and from noon to 10 p.m. Sunday, August 23. Irish music, dancing, games, special shows, fireworks, and rides for children would be included in the festivities. Several special promotional events are also under discussion. In October, Ward will present a more detailed proposal to the board, including cost projections. Anyone interested in working on the festival should call Ed Ward at 351-0452.

August 1981: Irish Fest Schedule Announced. Among the acts were John Gary, De Dannan, Gael Winds/Geary Irish Dancers, Kevin Burke and Micheal O'Domnaill, Noel Rice and John McGreevey, Carmel Quinn, Joe Feeney, Red Clay Ramblers, Green Fields of America, Blarney, Lugh Nasa, Jerry Mahoney, Irish O'Leary, Mary Ann Miller.

Advance tickets: \$2.50. Gate sales: \$3. Senior Citizens and children 7-12: \$1. Tom and Maggie Blaha were selling 5000 presale for the festival.

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Color Guard News & Notes

Hi Everyone! As summer goes, time speeds to August and sadly, summer's end is almost upon us.

The band has had a great summer. Easy, just the right amount of parades and events. Not too many, not too little. As of press time, we're getting ready for impending Irish Fest in just a few weeks. That means putting finishing touches on songs and working on our performance drill, taking the uniform to be cleaned and shining the shoes! As of right now, we don't have a slated time for our performance, but watch Irish Fest schedule to see where we'll be, and come check us out. Also in August, we'll be marching in the MuskegoFest Parade on August 29.

We continue to practice down at the lakefront on Tuesdays from 6:30 p.m.–8:30 p.m. We are lucky to have five, count 'em, five *new pipers* learning the trade. Welcome to Kathy, Laura, Liam, Holly and Connor to the best (and possibly most frustrating) thing you'll ever do! We're glad to have you with us. Also, speaking of not so new pipers, Fireman Bob Lannon has just celebrated his first year on the pipes. Congrats Bob, a huge accomplishment! I'm going to check on the status of the others next month and report any more anniversaries back to you all.

Since Sean kindly wrote the article last month, I forgot to mention

a huge *thank you* to SCCPD and the Shamrock Club for allowing members of our group to enjoy the Midwest School of Pipes and Drums back in June, held at St. John's Northwestern Military Academy in Delafield. Myself, Neil McCafferty, Matt Waters and JJ Garsombke were all there on scholarships on behalf of the Shamrock Club.

Neil and I were in a class with the fabulous, world famous and entertaining Ken Eller. We learned a great deal being part of what they call the "senior" class. (hehe... maybe they were all seniors but me... I digress...) Matt Waters got his first taste of what bass drummers in a pipe band really do compliments of Andrew Hoinacki, and JJ got to reunite with the forever awesome John Fisher from Canada. The week was fun and informative and was beneficial in making new friendships and trading ideas with bands from around the country. These scholarships are a big deal to each and every member that receives them, and allows each attendee to "pay it forward" and bring that knowledge back to the group.

We look forward to the return of our pipe major, Dan McCormack from his month long sojourn to Australia. We've been working hard while he's been gone. Let's hope he notices...

I'll keep this one short this month again. I've got to get back to revising my resume and sending them out. It's been waaaay too long since I've worked a real job. Wish me luck.

Until next month my friends,

– Noel Tylla, 7th year piper

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Join the Shamrock Club

You can enjoy your Irish roots, or love of Ireland's culture, all year long with a membership in the Shamrock Club of Wisconsin. We really would like you to help us in our celebration of Irish life. You will be a part of one of the most historied and distinguished Irish organizations in this country. But we don't want to rest on our laurels. After a half century, we are just getting started. And we really want you to help us make the next half even better. Join. You know you have been putting it off. So now is the time to take the step – for the first time, or again.

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 and New Dublin chapters at the \$20/\$25 rate. Other chapters have higher dues structures and must be contacted separately.

Mail to: Denis Donohoe
Milwaukee Membership Chair
Shamrock Club of Wisconsin
2133 W. Wisconsin Avenue
Milwaukee, WI 53233

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August Repast

As summer winds down and the fall is beginning, let's get together to share stories of summer doings, Irish Fest, and plans for the fall. What better way to do this than getting together to share a meal? certainly an Irish tradition. At the August 5 meeting the Shamrock Club will provide fried chicken. Please bring part of your bountiful harvest from the garden (or the farmers' markets): veggies, salads, casseroles, etc. And, of course we always look forward to the yummy deserts: make 'em with chocolate, apples, strawberries or whatever you choose and we'll be happy! Bring you appetite and be ready for our 6:15 social. The formal meeting will start at 7 as usual. Questions or suggestions?? Call Veronica at (414) 228-8621.

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By-Laws Review

The Shamrock Club will be holding its bi-annual review of the bylaws. If you have any suggestions, or would like to join the by-law committee, please contact Tom McAleese at [mcaleese@wi.rr.com], or call me at (414) 536-5306.

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Members' Doings

Shamrock Club members David Delgado and Holly Kolanko welcomed Monica Ann Delgado in July. She is the granddaughter of Shamrock Club members Victor Delgado and Pat McGovern and Bill and Chris Kolanko.

Cathy and Chuck Ward celebrated the wedding of their daughter, Bridget, to Paul Crawford, in July. She is the granddaughter of Ray and Muriel Crowley.

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Sunshine Club

Mary Ann Stephens was recently hospitalized. Please keep her in your thoughts.

If you have any news for the Sunshine Club, please call us at (414) 344-0688. We have a new email address. Please note: [slainte41-shamrock27@yahoo.com].

– **Maggie and Tom Blaha**