



Irish Club of Regina - Executive 2018-19

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* Term ends at 2019 AGM

** Term ends at 2020 AGM

About us:

The Irish Club of Regina is a non-profit organization that is dedicated to promoting and supporting Irish culture within Regina and area. We currently support an Irish Dance group, a Gaelic Athletic Association football team, send out a quarterly newsletter, maintain a website, host a Mosaic Pavilion and organize or support other events, workshops and activities. To become a member, please contact us! Membership rates are \$15 for a single membership and \$20 for a family membership. Membership entitles you to receive our newsletter, emails about upcoming events and allows you to take part in our events.

Why become a member of the Irish Club of Regina?

If you enjoy Irish culture in any of its many forms, the Irish Club is the place to find it. Music, dance, literature, ceilis, sport, cooking and traditional Irish handwork are all workshops that we hope to be able to offer. We need interested active members in order to provide these events.



Past Events



Family Fun Bowl

Saturday, March 2nd, 2019
5:00 - 6:45 pm
Golden Mile Bowling Alley
3806 Albert Street



Those that attended had a good time with some fellowship with other Irish Club members and their families. Fun bowl with a regular game, fun game and bingo bowl was enjoyed by all. Pizza and pop following allowed for a few prizes for the kids to be given out and enjoy each other's company. A few photos were taken but difficult when you are in the GLOW Bowl mode.





Past Events



Quiz Night

The date for the Quiz night was set for **Thursday, May 23rd**, so an email notice went out to all members and will miss this newsletter.

Keep posted for another in the future.



Upcoming Events

Mosaic - A Festival of Cultures



Dates for 2019 - May 30, May 21st & June 1st.

We would encourage you to plan to attend this great Festival this year and support the other cultural pavilions around Regina on that weekend. Taste some great food and enjoy the music and dance of other cultures represented there.

Due to difficulty getting an affordable and suitable venue, there will not be an Irish Pavilion again this year. We have a tentative booking of the Caledonian Club for 2020 and hope to be able to have an Irish Pavilion at that time.

A decision about Mosaic 2020 will be made in September as the Callie will need a firm commitment in the fall for the facility. RMC has changed their application date to the first week in December, so there will not be enough time after our AGM for the new executive to meet and firm up plans.

We encourage all members to attend the AGM in November and to submit ideas, suggestions, and/or opinions to the ICR executive regarding Mosaic plans prior to that.



Upcoming Events (Cont'd)

ICR Annual Family BBQ

Please note change in date

Sunday, June 2nd, 2019 @ 4:30 pm



Seniors Centre Elphinstone
Elphinstone St and College Avenue

Come on out to our annual barbeque and enjoy some
good grilling, tasty treats, and fun games!!

Please bring a salad or dessert, all other food and drink
will be provided.

Please reply to Alice MacDougall at cleggett@myaccess.ca or
text 306-519-9559 with number attending by Wednesday, May
29th.

We received a request from the Regina Multicultural Council passing on a poster from the Regina Canada Day planning committee and asking us to share it with our members.

If you think you could help out with this event, please contact the planning committee at their website below.



REGINA CANADA DAY

JULY 1ST 2019 WASCANA PARK

www.reginacanadaday.ca



CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

PEOPLE POWER!



AMBASSADORS, SET-UP, TEAR-DOWN, PARKING AND
BEER GARDEN VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED.

SIGN UP

www.reginacanadaday.ca



We will contact you to confirm roles, times and responsibilities.

YOU MAKE CANADA DAY GREAT

Your volunteer time will make
the day a huge success!



Obituary of Maitias Diarmuid Casey



Matt was a loyal and long standing member of the Irish Club of Regina since the 1970s and his wife Eilish was a founding member of the club. Matt supported the club and attended many events when he wasn't delivering babies or tending to his patients.

He was a "native speaker" having spoken Irish before he learned English at school. His father grew up in a Gaeltacht area of west Cork.

He will be missed in our Irish Club community. Our sincere condolences go out to Eilish and their family.

CASEY, Maitias (Matt) Diarmuid

Matt, late of Regina, SK, passed away peacefully on Thursday, March 14, 2019 at the age of 75 years. He was predeceased by parents Dan and Chrissy; and sister Siún. Matt is survived by his wife Eilish; daughter Abigail (Kelly) of Lumsden; grandsons Reid and Ellis Mieiyyette; daughter Sinéad; nieces, Christina, Katie, Lucy and Niamh; and nephews, Martin and Paul. Born in Mitchelstown, Co. Cork, Ireland. He graduated from the medical school of the University College Cork at age 23. Matt then practiced medicine in West Cork, Norquay, SK and for almost forty years in Regina, SK. Anyone who knew Matt, knew his love for his family, for his patients and for fast cars and driving. The family would like to thank Dr. C. Geddes, Dr. N. Alibhai, and the nurses who cared for him during his final days. A Gathering to honour Matt was held at Memories Restaurant on Saturday, March 30, 2019. Family and friends so wishing, may make memorial donations in Matt's name, to the Mother and Baby Unit 2D, of the Regina General Hospital, 1440 14th Avenue, Regina, SK, S4P 0W5 or the Palliative Care Unit, Unit 3A, Pasqua Hospital, 4101 Dewdney Avenue, Regina, SK, S4T 1A5.

SLÁN MATT AGUS GO NEIRI AN BÓTHAR LEAT

Prairie Gael School of Irish Dance



We at Prairie Gael have been on our toes with a busy Spring!

From a packed St. Patrick's Day weekend, with over 17 performances in 3 days we really felt the Irish spirit across the city and greatly enjoyed sharing our love of all things Irish with everyone we encountered.

We've had dancers attend feiseanna every month with fabulous results - a HUGE congratulations to Jenah on winning her second Treble Jig trophy and advancing to Preliminary Championships at the Possak-Hamsphire Feis in March, well done!! Congratulations to Kailey B on winning first place in preliminary championships at the Feis in the West in April, halfway into Open for you!

We are extremely proud of our dancers who challenged grade exams and competed at the Brady Feis in Edmonton this May long weekend - your amazing results did us proud!! All of our dancers who challenged grade exams, from grade 1 through 8 passed! We had 19 dancers compete over the weekend which resulted in AMAZING results. Special shout-outs to:

Mariel B - winning two preliminary championship first places - onward and upward to open championships for you!!

Deirdra Bs - won first place overall in preliminary championships

Emily B - won first place in preliminary championships

Emily W - had an excellent showing with 3rd place her first time out in preliminary championships

Lily T - winning her first Treble Jig Trophy, halfway into preliminary championships for you!

Not to mention the umpteen trophies and fabulous placings from our dancers in Beginner through Prizewinner, many of you achieved multiple podium placings, and we are immensely proud of you all.

We performed for over a dozen senior's homes throughout March, April, and May. These performances are always a highlight for our dancers who delight in bringing their lively footwork to the residents.

With just over a month left in our regular dance season, we aren't letting up with our activities either! One feis remains (early June) in addition to our year end recital May 25th, and a few remaining performances.

Our annual recital is an amazing opportunity for our dancers to show off to their family and friends and demonstrate the fabulous results of their hard work throughout the year. Once again held at the Regina Performing Arts Centre, our Recital will begin at 6:30 pm, doors open at 5:30 pm. Tickets are \$5/person. If you are interested in tickets, please connect with emily@prairiegaeldance.com.

We will host an Open House Tuesday, June 4th between 7:00 - 8:00 pm. This is an amazing opportunity for anyone interested in Irish dance to meet our teachers, see our space, and learn all about our programming.

Our 2019/2020 schedule is now available and listed on prairiegaeldance.com/register-now.

Registration for our fall classes begins Saturday May 18, 2019.

If you or anyone you know are interested in Irish dance classes feel free to visit our website or contact us for more information: emily@prairiegaeldance.com, 306-530-5845, or www.prairiegaeldance.com/new-dancers.



St. Paddy's Day - Seniors Home



St. Paddy's stop at Leopold's Tavern



Lakeview United Church St. Patrick's Day Dinner



St. Paddy's stop at Lancaster Taphouse



St. Paddy's stop at Canadian Brewhouse



Strawberry Social - a favourite Annual Performance



Dancing at Mulberry Estates in Moose Jaw



Performing for the Residents at Riverbend Crossing



Victoria Park Personal Care Home



Wascana Rehab Centre performance



Emily wins first overall in Preliminary Championships!



Deirdra wins first overall in Preliminary Championships!



Mariel wins her second first in Preliminary Championships - Open here she comes!



Nikki - first Feis



Jenah wins her way into Preliminary Championships!



Isabelle



Feis in the West



Prairie Gael School
of Irish Dance



Kailey - 1st Feis in the
West



Feis in the West - resting

Some great placings at Brady Spring Feis



Day 1 - Brady Feis



Charleah



Ava Podium



Showing off our Trophies

Blakey School of Irish Dance



Since the February Newsletter, the Blakey team has been training hard for the busy feis season which has been going steady since the beginning of the year. The Possak Hampshire Feis on March 2nd and 3rd in Calgary was the next competition that the Blakey team attended. Only 3 Blakey Regina team members attended but there were still several podium placements and medals received.

St. Patrick's Day weekend started on Friday, March 15th with an early morning appearance in studio by our dancers at CTV Morning Live. There were 12 dancers who participated in this appearance which was great for such an early morning. The St. Patricks's Dance outs began on Saturday, March 16th with an appearance at Government House. The team then carried on to the Knotted Thistle where they spread out throughout the venue for all to see. Their "I don't sweat, I sparkle" t-shirts were a huge hit with this crowd. Our first ever appearance at Lancaster's was next on the crawl to finish out the first day of dance outs. St. Patrick's day started with an appearance at Green Falls Landing Retirement home for a large and enthusiastic crowd. The next appearance was to a packed house at Shannon's Pub with an authentic Irish feel. After a short break the team boarded a small bus that transported them to the remaining venues of the day. The next venue was the Revival Room where the girls entertained to a smaller but very appreciative crowd. We sincerely thank all those who made a contribution at this venue to our team as it went directly to the dancers. The final stop of the evening was at College Park I & II Retirement homes to great crowds at both locations and the team finished before 9pm. After a busy St. Pat's weekend, the dancers had a performance break until March 24th when they performed for the 4th year in a row at Spring Free from Racism.

The month of April started with a performance at Wintergreene Estates on April 1st. The Feis in the West was the next competition for the Blakey team in Edmonton on April 6th and 7th. The team had 5 members attend this feis at a new venue for this competition. There were again several podium placements and medals for the team members.

Additional prep for the May and June competitions began as guest TCRG Kimmy Cooper came to visit from our sister school, Blakey O'Brien Calgary. She brought great insight and our girls were privileged to work with such an experienced coach.

Our senior dancers were invited to participate with the Tilted Kilts at the Prairie Kitchen Party in support of the University of Regina Emergency Fund on May 10th at the Queensbury Centre. The dancers performed alongside the Tilted Kilts to live music and were able to have several of the attendees dance with them.

The Blakey Regina team will be busy in the next several months with competitions. Blakey Regina had 6 dancers attend the Brady Spring Feis in Edmonton May 17th-19th. There were several podium placements and medals for our dancers. Of special note: Sierra Davis Fiacco placed 4th in the U15 Open Championship, Ayva Purdue placed 1st in Slip Jig Trophy & 2nd in her Treble Jig Trophy and Alyssa Woolsey placed 2nd both days in her Preliminary Championship. The next competition is the Western Canadian Open which will be held in Calgary on June 8th and 9th.

The dancers will have a special instructor on the 1st June weekend when Mackenzie Mahler will be in Regina from our sister school Blakey O'Brien Calgary for the weekend. Mackenzie is the first Western Canadian female dancer to be World Irish Dance champion. As well, she is the present North American champion in her age category.

Blakey School of Irish Dance (cont'd)

As you are likely aware, there will be no Irish pavilion again this year, however the Blakey dancers will be dancing at the Scottish Pavilion on Saturday June 1st at 7:30 pm at the International Trade Centre. Come and check out their performance.

The Blakey Regina group will have the most dancers attending the North American Irish Dance Championships since Blakey Regina started in 2013. This year is also very special for these dancers as the championships will be held on Canadian soil from July 1st – 5th in Vancouver, B.C. The Regina dancers attending are: Megan Beach, Aobha MacLoone, Sierra Davis-Fiacco, Rakya Subramanian & Alyssa Woolsey. As well, Laura Schaan who is originally from Regina but has been attending university in Saskatoon will also be attending. We wish all these girls great success in Vancouver in July!

This year will be Blakey Regina's 2nd year end Recital. The recital will be held at Campbell Collegiate Auditorium 2 pm, Saturday June 1st and hosted by the Regina Irish Dance Parents Association (RIDPA). The recital is free of charge. This will be a great opportunity to check out if the Blakey School of Irish Dance is the right fit for you and your dancer! Classes for the 2019-2020 season will commence in September 2019.

Would you like to share your passion for Irish Dance? Blakey offers both competitive and non-competitive dance classes from beginner to adult. We accept registrations throughout the dance season. For more information about our classes or to book a free trial, please contact us by email at contact@ridpa.ca or Luanne Schlosser, TCRG directly at luanne@blakeyschool.com. You can also visit the Blakey Website www.blakeyschool.com/saskatchewan, Facebook: Blakey School of Irish Dance – Regina and Instagram account – [blakeyirishdance_regina](https://www.instagram.com/blakeyirishdance_regina).





St Patrick's Day 2019



Spring Free Against Racism



Wintergreene Estates



UofR Prairie Kitchen Party 2019

With The Tilted Kilts



Blakey School of Irish Dance (Cont'd)



BLAKEY SASK DURING TEAMS



SIERRA U15 OPEN



AYVA U10 PRIZE WINNER



BLAKEY BC AND SASK



MEGAN U18&O OPEN



ALY U11 PRELIM

Regina Irish Set Dancers

We continue with our Thursday evenings dance sessions - 7:30 - 9:00 pm at the Westminster United Church (Cameron and 13th Avenue) in the lounge in the basement.

We have concentrated on our half sets and brushing up on some of the full sets we have danced and enjoyed in the past. We performed at the Spring Free From Racism event at the Italian Club on Sunday, March 24th. We are also joining the Scottish Country Dancers at a performance at the Santa Maria Care Home on May 25th. We plan to be done after that and take the summer off.

We would love for others to join our group and since the classes are \$5.00 for a drop in each time, no prior sign up is necessary, If you want to see what Irish set dancing is all about, just drop in and join us. (we will let you have the first one for FREE) Great exercise and lots of fun for any age and level of dancing ability.

If you or anyone you know is interested in joining our group, please contact us!! We plan to start back up mid to late September.

Respectfully submitted by Laura Popoff

Contact Laura Popoff @ lpopoff@sasktel.net
or call (306) 533-5091
or visit our facebook page to see a few videos of us dancing
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/192728960882181/>



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www.facebook.com/Irishclubofregina

If you have an interesting bit that you would like included in the newsletter, send submissions to:
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Other links and interesting facebook groups and websites:



- * Irish in Regina
- * Irish Club of Regina Dancers
- * Regina Gaels GAA football league
- * Regina Irish Set dancers
- * Prairie Gael School of Irish Dance
- * Blakey Irish Dance
- * Bushwakker Brewing Company
- * Shannons Pub and Grill

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