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Gentlemen,

First of all I sincerely hope this Shenanigans finds you all in good health. I am very pleased to be back writing on our papers front page again, please God this trend will continue throughout my term. So come on lads lets make an agreement to stay strong and healthy please. RIP Mike and Jack, you are already missed but I am sure you are both still here in a different kind of "Spirit".

Well summer is in full swing now and our new sprinkler system is in full operation. Thanks again Alan and Cary for your help and to our volunteer water boy Russell. Also, I hope you all get to enjoy some R and R time with you family and maybe grab a holiday/vacation somewhere nice. I personally will be staying home as my son is getting married August 5th to a wonderful young lady named Amanda. Actually my house is jammed packed right now with all the clan from Ireland...it's like..."Paddy's-R-Us"...there.

And now for something completely different... the Jack Williams Golf outing was once again a huge success thanks to Charlie Donnelly and his crew of Elves. The weather and golf cooperated and Top Hat catering did us proud again. Thank you to all who helped out. Alan Purcell won best dressed with his new "Hat". Also rumors are flying around about some "Human Irish Flag" that he was heavily involved in...Hmmm !!

The 19th Annual Kelly's Brothers Scholarship benefit was a tremendous success raising over \$13,000 thanks to efforts of many members especially Bart McDade, his family and Mr. and Mrs Kelly. Also thank you to the barmen, chefs and clean up crew for the day.

Well, well, well...you think that this summer is hot, you haven't seen "Hot" if you missed our first Annual Chili Cook Off. We had seven entries into this sizzling competition with six hungry mouth watering judges. Boy were there spices. The competition was fierce and the winners well deserved. Thank you to the judges Tim B, John W, Scott S, Joseph P, Michael C, and Phil M. and all the chefs and break down crew. By the way I'm hearing John Wagle has not been seem in public since...rumor has it he is... how you might say...erh...still on the throne !!

On a happier note, congratulations are in order for one of our Founding members Mr. Barney Shannon who celebrates his 80 years young birthday, congrats my friend I wish you many more to come.

Also please keep checking your Shenanigans, the FSOS Diary and the notice board as we have a lot of events scheduled for the upcoming months including one of our biggest Family fun events, our Annual Family Picnic on September 24th. hosted this year by Mr. Jimmy Hartwyk.

Finally this September marks the Tenth Anniversary of 9/11 . In honor of our lost brother Charles Costello and all the brave souls who's lives were taken that horrible day, we will be celebrating a full Mass in the Pavilion at 10:00am followed by a full Irish Breakfast served to all in attendance in our main hall. So please join me as we rededicate our pavilion to Charles, bless it and pay our respects to all his family.

God Bless, Cheers for now,

John.



# Good and Welfare

# I Can Hear Your Balalaikas Ringing Out



Please always, take a moment to think of all our troops and support staff overseas, and those less fortunate than us.

Good and Welfare information should be given to Barney Shannon @ (732) 254-6153, or to any officer.

**President's Joke of The Month:**  
White house  
Paddy stood outside the whitehouse looking up at the flagpole looking rather confused. Seamus walks past and says 'was yer problem der paddy?' 'im tryn ta work out de height of dis er flag pole' paddy replies, so seamus whips out his hacksaw, cuts the pole down, gets his tape out, gives it a measure and tells paddy that its 100ft. Paddy turns round and says 'ahh ye shagging idiot, i wanted to know the shagging height not de shagging length!'

**August Meeting** - Thursday, August 14th 8:30PM  
Social Meeting, bring a friend or neighbor

**FSOS SOCCER** Saturday, August 13th

**Gaelic Park Trip** Sunday, August 14th  
Full details inside

**Wiffle Ball Tourney** Saturday, September 10th  
10:30AM Details inside

**Family Picnic** Saturday, September 24th  
All the goods inside

**Tour De Shillelagh Bike Run**  
Saturday, September 24th  
Details inside as well

**Note - At the August social meeting, we will briefly ask our guests to leave the room, in order for us to tend to some important building issues.**



## FSOS Pipes and Drums



Anyone interested in playing Pipes or Drums, come down on Monday nights. - John Hatton

# Second Annual Friendly Sons

## Five-A-Side Soccer Tourney

10:00am Saturday, August 13

FSOS Club Grounds, 15 Oak Street, Old Bridge, NJ

- ⚽ 5 on 5, small goals, no keeper
- ⚽ Teams picked ahead of event
- ⚽ No sliding tackles – this is a friendly competition.

Entry fee \$25 per person

(Early bird entry fee \$20 expires August 12)

- ⚽ T- Shirts
- ⚽ Prize for winning team
- ⚽ BBQ to commence after tournament.
- ⚽ Beer and soda included.

For more details contact

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**THE FRIENDLY SONS OF THE SKILLELAGH**  
**ANNUAL TRIP TO GAELIC PARK**

**Hurling &  
Gaelic Football**

Sunday, August 14

Bus Departs at 10:30am & returns at 7:00pm

\$65 pp

Includes Transportation, Full Irish  
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If you haven't seen hurling then you haven't seen what many consider to be the fastest and most dangerous field sport in the world. Gaelic Football is a cross between soccer and rugby. It's a tough sport like American Football only without the breaks & pads.

For tickets and information contact John O'Keefe - [jjok59@comcast.net](mailto:jjok59@comcast.net)

# 2011 WIFFLE BALL

## CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE UNIVERSE

- 4-Man Teams ( 1 Pitcher and 3 Fielders ) will play a double elimination playoff.
- Must be 21 or older to play.
- Family members welcome to come support, cheer and enjoy.

- Commemorative tee shirts.
- Commemorative Wiffle Ball for all teams.
- Beer and Soda all day with food available through club.



No equipment necessary – show up ready to play. Number of teams and game schedule will be based on interest. We will update rosters as teams sign up. Game order will be based on sign up date. Final game schedule will be posted prior to event date.



Modified Wiffle Ball rules apply\* with the custom Wiffle Ball field dimensions – No Fences.

Rosters may include up to 5 people – only 4 play  
All equipment provided.

Games will be played with choice of officially sanctioned  
Aluminum or Moonshot carbon fiber Wiffle Ball bats.

No outside equipment will be permitted.

Batting gloves will be allowed.

No base running - Runners advance based on batter's hit.

Preset strike zone.

10 & 20 Run rule

Self-Umpired, two independent judges per game

\*see posted rules or request a copy via email



**Saturday, Sept 10 at 10:30am SHARP**  
**The Friendly Sons of the Shillelagh, 15 Oak St, Old Bridge, NJ**  
\$120 per team (Must pay in advance)



RSVP – Email team name and roster to [WBCU@Comcast.Net](mailto:WBCU@Comcast.Net)  
or call Fuzzy @ (732) 710 8640 (C) or (732) 607 2238 (H)

# FSOS FAMILY PICNIC

Saturday, September 24th 1/6PM

This year, Jim Hartwyk and his crew of BBQ boys (and girls) will attempt to flatter your taste buds and cob your corn, please come down and sizzle. **\$15.00 per person pre sale, \$20.00 at the door. Children 1 through 9 free, 10 through 20, \$5.00**

This event has always been one of our "gifts to the membership" It would be heartwarming to actually see a LARGE MEMBER TURNOUT this year, remember it's your club. NO Beer truck (but, yea, beer all over the place), all the food most of us could possibly ingest, Pony Rides (?), Super Slide. Please bring a chair. Please volunteer to help, low cost, but high maintenance event! LIVE MUSIC with the Backbeat Band (Vinnie and EJ) There will be a great Raffle too! Please bring extra chairs too. See you all there???????

# Tour De Shillelagh Bike Run

Sat., September 24th, 9AM

Great event to benefit SERF and the Food Pantry. 20 mile circuit from the club, all riders get a free T-shirt too. Questions - Contact Don Bruchez @ (732) 723-3560. Same day as our picnic, you can sweat it off, and then drink it back on, what fun! This is our 11th run!

**Chili con Gassy- Just a personal note; the 1st annual FSOS Chili Cook Off was tremendous! We had a ton of spicy fun and laughs, really was a great day, and the start of a new tradition. Winners/ not winners, it was a great day, thanks to all who came out. TJM**

# JACK WILLIAMS GOLF OUTING

A FULL COMPLIMENT OF GOLFERS SHOWED THEIR "SKILLS" AT KNOB HILL GC. ALTHOUGH NO PLACE WAS SAFE WE DID GET THROUGH THE DAY WITHOUT INCIDENT. OUR (2) CHAMPIONS WERE JOHN SHERIDAN WITH A LOW GROSS OF 79, WON THE WATERFORD ONION AND TODD SMITH WITH A LOW NET OF 72 WAS THE SHILLELAGH CHAMP. IT WAS NICE TO SEE THE CLANS OF QUINN AND CONNOR WITH SONS AND GRANDSONS, I THINK THE FATHERS WON OUTRIGHT. A SPECIAL THANKYOU TO ALL OUR HOLE SPONSORS AND OUR GOLF COMMITTEE, JIM BYRNE, FRANK LYNCH, FRANK HINES AND DAVE CUMMINS. THANKS TO TOP HAT CATERING

PAT DONNELLY AND HIS CREW. DIDN'T ALAN LOOK CUTE WITH HIS UNIQUE GOLF CAP?

CHARLIE D LOOKS LIKE THE DATE FOR THE TRI-SHILLELAGH IS MON. AUG.22 AT ESSEX.



# Membership News

Effective as of the JULY meeting.

**1st Reading:** :Robert Mikulak/ Sponsor/ Rob Wright

**2nd Reading:** None

**New Members:** Sean Wyer , Vincent Orazi Welcome Lads!

**AD Book - # 281, Charlie "Fairway" Donnelly**

**F.I.L.F.F.C**Of Course, the Mexican returns to regain the belt, KEEGAN!



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