



Irish Club of Regina - Executive 2017-18

**** President** - Debbie Beach

*** Vice President** - Sarah Dodd

*** Treasurer** - Vacant

****Secretary** - Kathy Fines

Past President - Alice MacDougall

Members at Large

*** Corey Schneider**

*** Valerie Asher**

**** Shannon Hunt**

**** Joanne Colledge-Miller**

*** Term ends at 2018 AGM**

**** Term ends at 2019 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.



IRISH CLUB OF REGINA

Executive Committee Reports

An ICR executive meeting was held August 29th. Some topics of discussion from that meeting are as follows:

Mosaic 2019

The Callie venue is booked both sides by the India and Chilan pavilions for Mosaic 2019. If there is to be an Irish Pavilion, a new venue will have to be found. The decision to move forward with Mosaic will be the decision of the new executive after the AGM.

Treasurer position

The treasure duties have been filled by President Debbie Beach and member Gail Kruger until the AGM. Please consider letting your name stand for this very important position if you feel you have the skill set and dedication to help out the Irish Club.

Lifetime Membership

Anyone who has been a member of the Irish Club of Regina for 25 years or more, is eligible for Lifetime membership. Please advise us if you are eligible and we will take care of that for you.

Annual General Meeting

The AGM will be held **Thursday, November 20th @ 7:30 pm** at the Serbian Club Banquet Room - 2775 Avonhurst Drive. Registration from 7:00 - 7:30 pm.

Positions up for Nominations and voting are:

Vice- President - 2 year term

Treasurer - 2 year term

Member at Large (2 - 4 positions) - 2 year term

Membership needs to be paid by September 28th to be eligible to vote at the AGM. (45 days prior to the AGM).



Annual General Meeting



Executive Committee Reports (Cont'd)

Membership:

The membership fees you are required to pay as a member in good standing go towards various administration costs ie. website, event insurance and miscellaneous fees which may include room rental for AGM. They also help towards hosting events such as the Annual Family Barbecue, Pub Quiz Nights, Christmas party, etc. With your support, the Irish Club of Regina Executive are looking forward to providing more events and occasions to celebrate our Irish Culture in the year to come.

Membership fees are due by the end of July each year, (but we will take them anytime) so please forward your payment by one of the following methods:

- 1) Complete the attached form updating any information and mail to the address on the bottom of the form along with a cheque or money order.
- 2) As I will be away from the Irish Club Secretary duties for a couple of months, please E-transfer the applicable amount to ICR president: debbeach@accesscomm.ca and she will ensure the payment gets deposited to the ICR account.
- 3) Drop cash or cheque off to any of the ICR Executive.

The fees are \$20 per family and \$15 for single memberships.

A receipt will be emailed to you when payment is received.

(Please disregard this if you have already paid your dues for the coming year and thank you for renewing)

To find a membership form to print off - go to our website: <http://www.irishclubofregina.org>

Please advise by email as to any updates to your contact information that are required to: irishclubofregina@gmail.com

Thank you and I apologize for any confusion this may cause!

Kathy Fines

ICR Secretary





Past Events

Irish Club of Regina Annual Family Barbeque

The Annual Family BBQ took place on Sunday June 10th at the Seniors Center on Elphinstone Street. We had a good turnout with about 65-70 people attending. Weather was great and all said they really enjoyed it.



We were given a budget of \$600. Total cost; Rent for Seniors Center \$102.25, Food and Drinks \$239.73 for a total of \$341.98.

Submitted by Alice MacDougall

Irish Club Pub Quiz

Fun was had by all at our last quiz night in June. We had some lovely door prizes. Shannon had an awesome basket of product from the Nutman. And Kathy's friend gave a huge bag of bath and body products. People have been waiting for the next date and have already confirmed they are coming!

The registration money is collected for the winning team prize. Tara Bleakney team won the 1st prize quiz money. Congratulations!!

Submitted by Valerie Asher





Upcoming Events



**GET
YOUR
IRISH
ON!**

The Great British Pub Quiz challenge is an annual event. In continental Europe, pub quizzes are a

staple event at Irish pubs, where they are usually held in English.

The pub quiz was established in the UK in the 1970s, mainly by a company called Burns and Porter, to get people in to pubs on quieter nights. Popularity grew and grew over the next few years from just 30 teams to 10,000 playing each week in a Burns and Porter quiz.

Come with your team of 3 or 4 OR we'll add you to a team.

Cash Prizes ~ Registration \$5.00 per person

**If anyone would like to donate a door prize please email the
Irish Club**

irishclubofregina@gmail.com

Come out and join us for an evening of fun and laughs!

QUESTIONS - CALL: 306.757.8853 or TEXT: 306.526.5324



This link and information was shared with us by the
Regina Multicultural Committee.
<http://www.celticlifecom.com/celticcatalogue>



(FYI - an email that we received to the Irish Club email)

*I would like to introduce you to my book
that may interest members of your Club.*

Walk East Until I Die: A Trek through Irish History and beyond.

Available on Kindle from Amazon at CDN\$ 9.99 and from iTunes and Kobo.

Paperback CDN\$ 19.95 plus CDN\$5.54 shipping.

Website: Walk East Until I Die/Mike Pinnock

Regards - Mike Pinnock (author)

Irish Club of Regina Dancers

After a successful 2018 season of dance, our dancers have taken a well deserved break for the summer. After resting up and relaxing for the past couple of months, everyone is looking forward to the new season!

Our returning dancers will be going back to our regular classes at the YWCA dance studio on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. Our dance studio situation was up in the air last year at this time, so we weren't able to take on beginner dancers. This year though, we are very happy to be able to allow more people into our dance troupe!

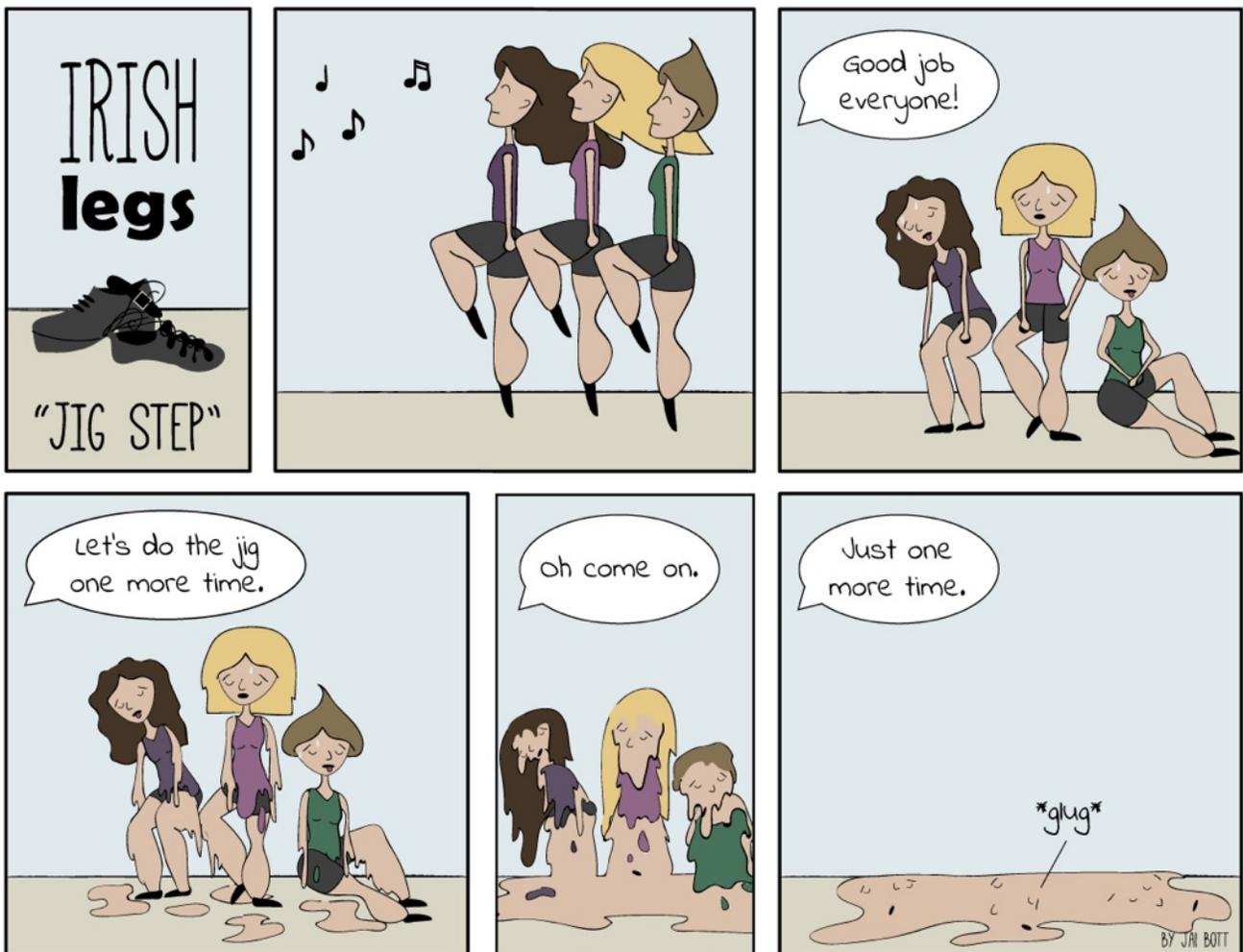


Here's to another successful year of Irish Dance!!

Submitted by Jessica

Website: <http://www.irishclubofregina.org/dance/>

Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/icrdancers/>



Blakey School of Irish Dance

2018 marks 5 years since Blakey Saskatchewan branched into Regina. It is with great excitement that we announce that Blakey Regina now has their very own studio space. We are located at **1630 Albert above Dancers Den** across from the old Superstore. Several Blakey families and even a few dancers (and siblings) were on hand on July 28 for a painting bee at our new studio, "The Hive". We are also excited to announce that we will have Ben Abelseth as our local TCRG. An adult class will be available this year as well. Classes this year will be on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Sunday.



Our Blakey team had a very busy month of June. Blakey dancers were invited by the Scottish pavilion to perform this year, as there was no Irish pavilion at Mosaic. Two of our dancers, Aly & Mykah performed as part of the Irish Club of Regina dancers set on Thursday, May 31 and were well received for their performance. These two dancers travelled to Calgary on Friday to join their teammates at the Western Canadian Open held at the Grey Eagle Casino June 2nd and 3rd. Our dancers received several medals and podium places with special note to the following: Aobha MacLoone for placing 1st in her Preliminary and now qualifying to move into Open Championships, Rayka Subramanian for placing 1st in Preliminary - half way to Open, Jenna McEwen for placing 3rd in a tough under 19 Open group on Sunday and Mykah Gerstmar for placing 1st in her Reel Trophy on both Saturday and Sunday.

A very special workshop was held June 16th & 17th in Regina with Mackenzie Mahler who became Western Canada's first female world champion at the 2018 World Irish Dance Championships! Her home studio is Blakey - O'Brien which is our sister school in Calgary. All dancers who attended the workshop from our Regina and Saskatoon locations gained valuable knowledge from this world champion.

Our 1st annual Blakey Regina Recital was held at Campbell Collegiate on June 23rd and hosted by our parents group, the Regina Irish Dance Parents Association (RIDPA). The recital was a success and we hope to continue to make the recital an annual event. The Blakey Regina Spirit Awards were also handed out at the recital with Ayva Purdue receiving the Junior Spirit Award and Andie Downes receiving the Senior Spirit Award. As well, each dancer was presented with a shamrock pendant by RIDPA.

Blakey School of Irish Dance – Regina again had dancers attend the North American Irish Dance Championships, which this year was held in Orlando, Florida from June 30th – July 5th. The 3 dancers competing this year were: Megan Beach & Jenna McEwen (who both competed last year) and Aobha MacLoone competing in her first Nationals. All 3 dancers gained valuable experience in Orlando and are looking forward to competing at next year's Nationals in Canada when it is held in Vancouver in July of 2019. Blakey O'Briens's own Mackenzie Mahler again placed first in the 20-22 age division for her second top placement this year !!

Blakey School of Irish Dance (Cont'd) ...

Blakey School of Regina Dance has 2 special upcoming performances in the month of August. We will be performing alongside 6 other groups from the Regina Multicultural Council at the Rider half-time show at the game on Sunday, August 19th between the Saskatchewan Roughriders and the Calgary Stampeders. Come out and cheer on the Riders and watch our group perform at half-time. We will also be performing at the 2nd annual Summer Bash which will be held in dinosaur park in Harbour Landing, from 11am-2:30pm on Sunday, August 26th. There are 12 groups that will be dancing throughout the 3.5 hour time frame and the Blakey School of Irish Dance – Regina are honoured to be one of the groups that will be performing.

The dancers will have several opportunities this summer to attend workshops throughout Western Canada to prepare for the first competition of the dance season, the River City Feis which will be held in Saskatoon September 15th & 16th. As well, some of our dancers will attend the Grade exams on September 14th. Dancers have already had a workshop here in Regina, July 25th-27th and Emma Kasian attended the Reel in the Rockies – Irish Dance Adventure Camp held in Nordegg, Alberta. As well, dancers will have the opportunity to attend workshops with our sister schools in Kelowna, Saskatoon and Calgary.

Would you like to share your passion for Irish Dance? Blakey offers both competitive and non-competitive dance classes. We are now accepting registrations for the 2018-2019 dance season. The new dance season starts on Sunday, September 9,th 2018.

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 or Facebook: Blakey Irish Dance.





Prairie Gael School of Irish Dance



Prairie Gael has had a fabulous and busy spring and summer and we finished our 2017/2018 dance year with a bang!

We are grateful to the Austrian and Scottish pavilions for the opportunity for our dancers to perform at this year's Mosaic.

Many of our dancers had an excellent showing at the Western Canadian Open. Our competitors were also excited by a surprise visit of past dancers, Lexie and Caitriona, who travelled from Regina and Belfast to cheer us on!

We were thrilled to dance for the audience ahead of the Celtic Woman show @ the Conexus Art Centre on June 5th - we love helping share and celebrate Irish dancing!

Our annual recital was a spectacular event wherein our dancers showcased the skills and choreography they worked so hard on throughout the year.

A fabulous BBQ in the park was a fun way to celebrate a year of hard work. Thanks so much to our amazing dads who helped cook the hot dogs and hamburgers and the inventive moms who brought games for us all to play!

We decided we couldn't go a whole summer without dancing and seeing our kids, so we have been meeting weekly to practice for grade exams in September, and workshoping to get ready for fall Feiseanna.

We are very excited for and wishing best of luck to our dancers who will be challenging their grade exams in September and for our dancers who will be competing at their first feis this fall. **GOOD LUCK LADIES!!!**

We are excited to be entering our 21st year of Irish Dance! We anticipate it will be even better than those that came before :). If you, or someone you know, is interested in joining our dance family, details for beginner dance classes are as follows:

Beginner dancers, age 3 - 4 years	Monday 5:30 - 6:00 pm
Beginner dancers, age 5 years	Tuesday 5:30 - 6:15 pm
Beginner dancers, age 6+	Monday 7:00 - 8:00 pm

More details can be found at www.prairiegaeldance.com or email emily@prairiegaeldance.com with any questions.

Our Open House is a great chance to meet our teachers, see our space, and learn more about our programming.

Visit us Thursday August 30th between 6:30 - 8:30pm.

Classes begin September 4th, after the Labour Day weekend

Our studio is located at: 1602 B McDonald Street.

Cross training, drills, and new choreography at summer workshops!
Keeping fit and in-tune over the summer!



Prairie Gael School
of Irish Dance

Yoga helps our balance and strength!!



Bringing a little Ireland to Austria

Performing for the Seniors



Year End Recital -A fabulous showing of our dancers and the hard work they did all year! Great job ladies and gents!
-We are so proud of you!!



Celebrating Irish Culture with Celtic Woman



Special visitors from afar! Bringing Ireland to Calgary with us for Western Canadian Championship!



Fun & Games at our Wrap Up BBQ



Regina Irish Set Dancers

We took the summer off from dancing in a hot studio and went our separate ways for “Vacations away” and “Staycations at home”.

We are in the process of looking for another studio to dance in this season as we found the other was not great flooring for our needs. We hope to have a place found and sorted out to start dancing again September 20th or 27th. I will be in touch with all that are interested in coming back or joining us this year.

If you or anyone you know is interested in joining our group, we are hoping to keep our classes on a Thursday evening. Great exercise and lots of fun for any age and level of dancing ability.

Respectfully submitted by Laura Popoff

Contact Laura Popoff @ ipopoff@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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If you are a **Facebook** user, please ‘LIKE’ our club’s page at
www.facebook.com/Irishclubofregina

If you have an interesting bit that you would like included in the newsletter, send submissions to:
ipopoff@sasktel.net

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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