



Irish Club of Regina – Executive 2017-18

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*** Term ends at 2018 AGM**

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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



Irish Club Family Christmas Party and Potluck

Sunday, December 10th
Huston Heights party room

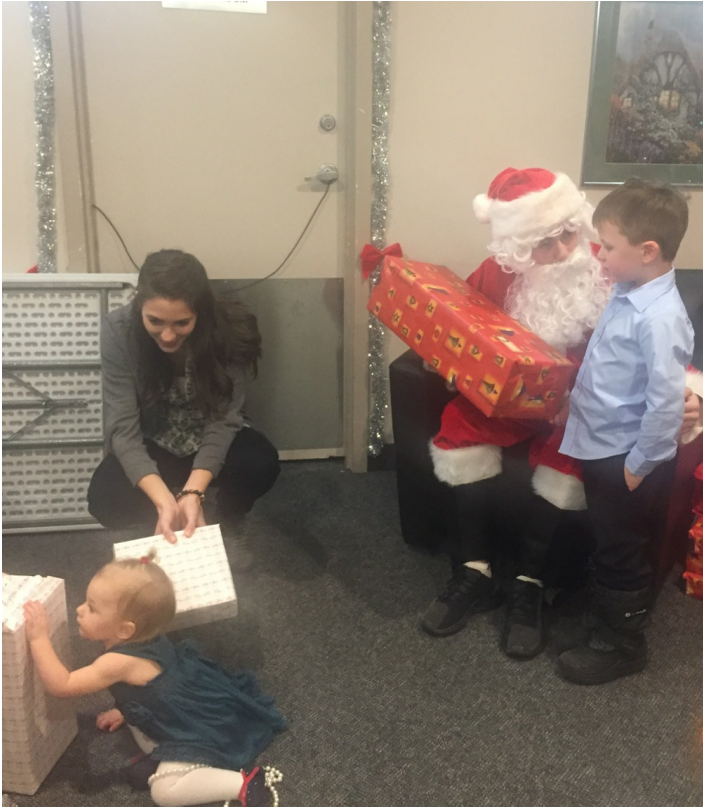
The annual Potluck supper was great with plenty of food and drink for all.
Thank you to all that brought the delicious variety of dishes to share.

"Santa" made an appearance with gifts for the kids.

Thanks to Nohl for standing in on short notice and doing a
fantastic job with the kids.

Also thanks to "Santa's Elfs" Alice and Kelley for doing the
shopping for the great gifts.
Everyone seemed to be well pleased with their gifts.









Upcoming Events

Tastes of Ireland Cooking Club

The Irish Club of Regina is considering creating a "Club within the Club" to bring to the members some of the wonderful Irish recipes that are available.

The hope is to have a small group of members meet monthly or every second month to cook and enjoy a meal and an evening of good company. If there is someone that specializes in a particular classic Irish dish, they could teach the group how to make it! The club would meet in a church kitchen perhaps or someone's home - whatever the group decides to do.

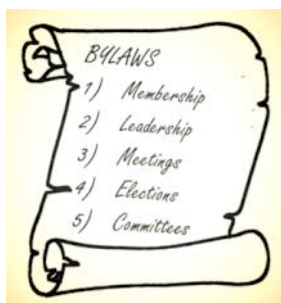


This invitation is available to adults only and we would like to get something put together to begin in March.

If you are interested, please contact
Kathy Fines @ irishclubofregina@gmail.com

Membership

A committee has been set up with Sarah Dodd as Chair, to gather ideas from members on ways to help drive membership.



Constitution and Bylaws

A suggestion was made at the AGM in November to set up a committee to review the Irish Club Constitution & Bylaws. We are looking for a volunteer to Chair this committee and for members to volunteer to participate on this committee to review and revise this document.

We would love to hear from those interested in being involved or who have some suggestions for these committees.

Or if you have any ideas or suggestions for other club activities, please forward them to the Irish Club of Regina Executive @ this email.

irishclubofregina@gmail.com



St. Patrick's Dinner

The Irish Club of Regina would like to invite you and your family to
attend our
St. Patrick's "Day Late" Dinner to be held:

Sunday, March 18th, 2018
Western Pizza - Private Dining Room
3847 Albert Street
(Across from the Golden Mile Shopping Centre)
5:30 P.M.

Due to budget constraints this year, you will be ordering from the menu
and paying for your own tabs. Sorry, but there will be no club subsidies!
This venue was chosen for it's variety of menu items and price ranges.

We plan on having a bit of Irish entertainment and merriment,
so please join us for friendship and fellowship!!!



Please respond to this email with number of people attending as soon as
possible as there is limited seating.

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Irish Club of Regina Dancers

Our Club dancers have been hard at work during the fall semester, with every class eager to learn new dances and ready to master old ones for the upcoming performance season!

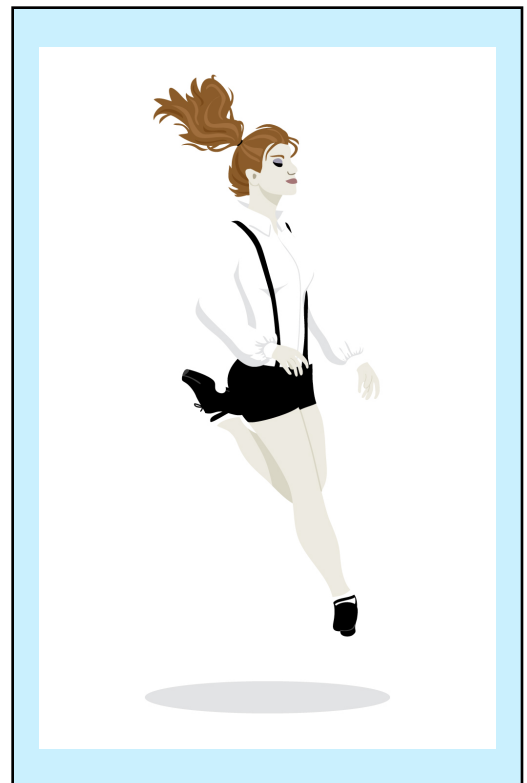
We ended the fall semester with a Christmas get-together, where everyone got to try some old ceili dances, play games, and just have some dance related fun. No party would be complete without the addition of a few goodies to snack on. Thank you to all the ladies for bringing such a tasty assortment of Christmas baking and treats for everyone to enjoy! I know everyone had a lot of fun, and we all really enjoyed being able to spend some time together as a group.

In this new semester of Irish dance, all of our dancers are putting their focus on fine tuning the multitude of dances they learned before Christmas. We were thrilled to be asked to be part of the Regina Blakey School of Irish Dance fundraiser, put on by the parent's association. Almost all of our dancers participated in the performance, and the crowd was so appreciative as we packed our entire troupe onto the stage for a few dances. After the performance, the ladies had so much fun dancing the night away to the jigs and reels being played by the energetic Tilted Kilts. They are also very happy to be able to have the first dance performance of the season under their belts! Thank you again to the Blakey parent association for including us in your wonderful event. We really appreciated it and loved being there.

The troupe is now looking forward to more performances in March as we celebrate all that is Irish. So as not to overwhelm the dancers and their family's schedules, we try to limit our community performances to one per week during this month.

A complete listing of our March community performances will be posted on our Facebook page once all bookings are confirmed.

Let the shenanigans begin!





Irish Club of Regina
Dancers



Blakey School of Irish Dance



The first dance out of the 2017-2018 dance season was an early Christmas Party hosted by the Regina Open door Society Inc. Nov 24th which even included a visit from Santa! Two of our newest members Reanne Tucker and Emma Kaisan took the stage and made the Blakey family proud. Many of our dancers attended the Irish Club of Regina Christmas Party at Huston Heights on Dec 10 and a Blakey dancer's brother saved the day by volunteering for more than I'm sure he bargained for when attending the annual potluck (aka Santa). In keeping up the holiday spirit, 13 dancers attended the RIDPA Christmas party at Get Air on Dec 5th.

We have some great news to share for 2018. Blakey Saskatoon's own Ben Abelseth has recently achieved his TCRG and will be coaching along side Luanne in Regina next dance season! A ceili was held at the Saskatoon studio on Jan 12th in his honor with dancers (and parents) dancing through-out the night. The Blakey team is absolutely excited to see what Ben will bring next year as he continues to be a Blakey leader.

The first feis of 2018, the Western Canadian Winter Championships was hosted by our sister school Blakey (O'Brien) in Calgary on Jan 27-28th. This feis was successful for many of our dances and well attended by Regina Blakey. Our 9 dancers achieved 10 podium placings. Those of special mention are to Alyssa Woolsey on winning her first Treble Jig trophy(U10) and to Aobha Mac Loone on winning her first Preliminary Championship Trophy(U14). With the Rince ISSS Championships being the follow weekend, all but one of our dancers took the time off to rest. Our mighty mini U9 dancer Ayva Purdue gladly traded her birthday party to attend the feis Feb 3-4th in which she celebrated her birthday dancing in Enoch Alberta.

Our 4th annual Irish Fun in 40 Below on Feb 10 was another huge success! We under estimated the number of attendees and shuffled in more tables soon after opening the doors. We raffled off 26 baskets of goodies, split two 50/50 pots and were entertained into the wee hours by the Titled Kilts. Amy Hildebrandt came down from Blakey Saskatoon to assist the dancers with their performance lineups. A special mention goes out the Irish Club of Regina Dancers for showing their support by performing at our event. Thank you to all those who attended. Hope to see you again next year.

As our Blakey Regina team was busy with the fundraiser, Blakey Saskatchewan TCRG Luanne Schlosser was off to support Team Blakey in Killarney, County Kerry, Ireland at The All Ireland Dancing Championships. Blakey had 7 dancers attend this world class feis and world's qualifier. Blakey Regina's own Jenna McEwen danced in the U17-U18 ladies category on the same stage as numerous world champions as they prepared for the 2018 World Irish Dancing Championships coming up in March.

Feis season is picking up with there being a feis occurring monthly in either Edmonton or Calgary. Many dancers are preparing for the Possak Hampshire Feis coming up on March 3-4. All of our 15 Regina dancers are getting excited for the upcoming St.Patrick's day dance outs. With other venues still in the works, you can come see our dancers at Shannons and O'Hanlons. Further locations and times will be shared on www.ridpa.ca so be sure to check in before March 17th!

Would you like to share your passion for Irish Dance? Blakey Regina offers both competitive and noncompetitive dance classes. We are accepting registrations through-out the dance season with weekly practices for all levels running on Sundays. For more information about our classes or to book a free trial class, please email us at contact@ridpa.ca or Luanne Schlosser (TCRG) directly at luanne@blakeyschool.com.

You can also visit the Blakey website for more info: www.blakeyschool.com





Prairie Gael School of Irish Dance



The past few months have been very busy for our Prairie Gael Leprechauns; performances, feiseanna, parties, and planning have kept us warm in the cold winter months.

We had a fabulous Christmas party, a full studio with plenty of snacks and the world's largest Elf helped us celebrate the season - our favourite heartwarming moment was when all the dancers joined in to sing Santa Claus is coming to town.

Feis season is officially upon us! The first two are under our belts, and we are looking forward to more to come with one feis per month between now and the end of the dance year. We are thrilled to congratulate both Aliyah and Petra on winning their treble jig trophies and advancing to Preliminary Champions at the Western Canadian Winter Championships and the Rince ISSS Championships, respectively. We are proud of our dancers actively preparing for upcoming feiseanna and grades exams this spring - best of luck ladies we know your hard work will pay off!!

We are thrilled to have participated in Strasbourg's bi-annual mini-Mosaic, thanks so much to the team in Strasbourg for organizing such a fantastic event! We can't wait for 2020!

As St. Patrick's Day fast approaches our dancers are busy practicing for a flurry of performances. We are looking forward to bringing the sounds of Ireland to the residents of Regina's senior homes and love the opportunity to perform for some of our dancers family members. Our older dancers are very excited about our annual pub performances - stay tuned for an announcement of our schedule!

We are proud of our recent accomplishments and excited about the busy months to come. We are delighted to have such a wonderful set of dancers and dance families in our school that make everything we do possible. Thanks to our dancers for the hard work and practice you put in at the studio and home, thanks to our parents for your driving, makeup and hair styling. You are all an integral part of our family. We are looking forward to the next few months, may they be busy, fun and successful!

If you have any questions about our programming or performances, please don't hesitate to get in touch at 306.530.5845 or emily@prairiegaeldance.com

We can also be found online at www.prairiegaeldance.com, on facebook at [PrairieGaelDance](https://www.facebook.com/PrairieGaelDance), twitter [@IrishRegina](https://twitter.com/IrishRegina), and Instagram [@IrishDanceRegina](https://www.instagram.com/IrishDanceRegina)



Aliyah with her second Treble Jig Trophy, Preliminary Championships her she comes!



Petra on top of the podium, Watch out Preliminary Championships!



Christmas party - all our dancers having fun and hanging out



Prairie Gael School
of Irish Dance



Testing out our new barres - studio barre work.

Western Canadian Winter Championships



Congrats to all our first Feisers!!



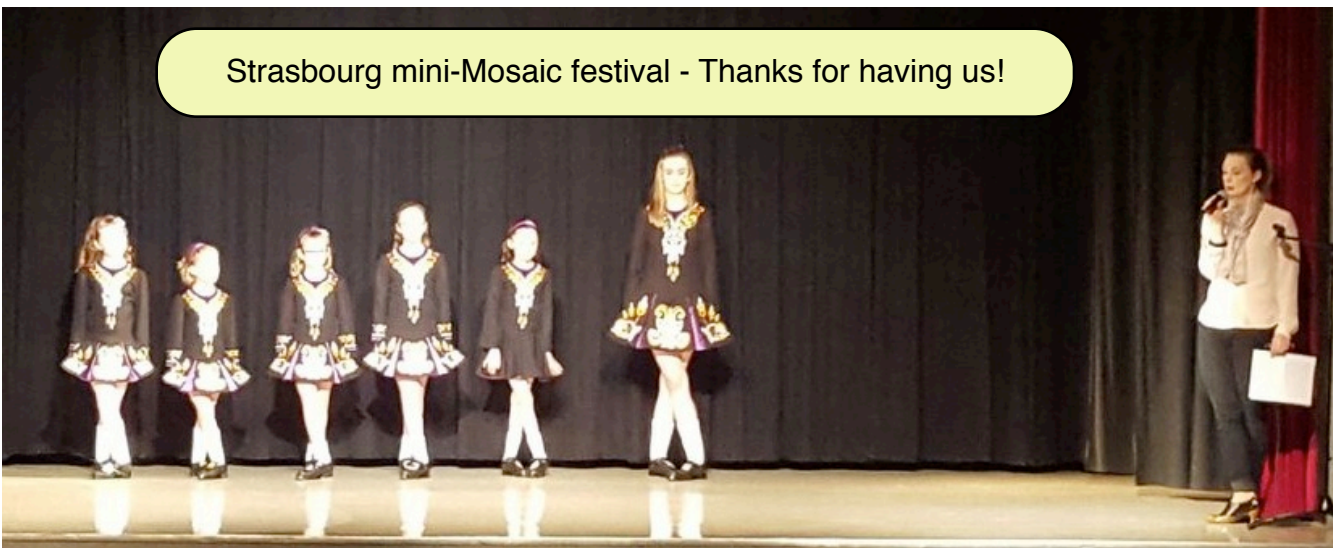
Preliminary champions at
Winter Championships



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of Irish Dance



Strasbourg mini-Mosaic festival - Thanks for having us!



Regina Irish Set Dancers

We continue to have our Thursday evening sessions from 7:30 - 9:00 pm at the Diamond Dance studio on the 1600 Block Albert.

We have been dancing some old favourites and learning some new sets as well. We also enjoy ending our evening with a two hand dance or two. We have been invited to dance at the "Spring Free from Racism" event on Sunday, March 25th at the Italian Club. Great event - plan to come out and enjoy the wonderful entertainment there.

If you would like to join us, we are always looking for more folks to share the 'Joy of Sets'. There is no membership fee just a \$5 drop in fee each time you come to cover off the rent.

Great exercise and lots of fun for any age and level of dancing ability.

Respectfully submitted by Laura Popoff

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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

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