



Irish Club of Regina - Executive 2017-18

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*** 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.



Past Events

**St. Patricks Day Dinner - Sunday March 18th, 2018.
Western Pizza - South Albert Street.**

Disappointing and very poor turn out for this event this year. There was only 9 or 10 members and family there. Thanks to Kathy Fines for the decorations, music and readings she provided for our enjoyment and fellowship. Hoping for a better turn out for the next event!!



Upcoming Events

Irish Club of Regina Annual Family Barbeque

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. Also bring any picnic games you may have and a jam session is always enjoyed if you want to bring your instruments!!!!

ICR Executive

Sunday, June 10th, 2018

Seniors Centre

Elphinstone Street and College Avenue

4:30 p.m.



Please reply to Alice MacDougall at cleggett@myaccess.ca
or text 306-519-9559 with number attending by
Wednesday June 6th.



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.

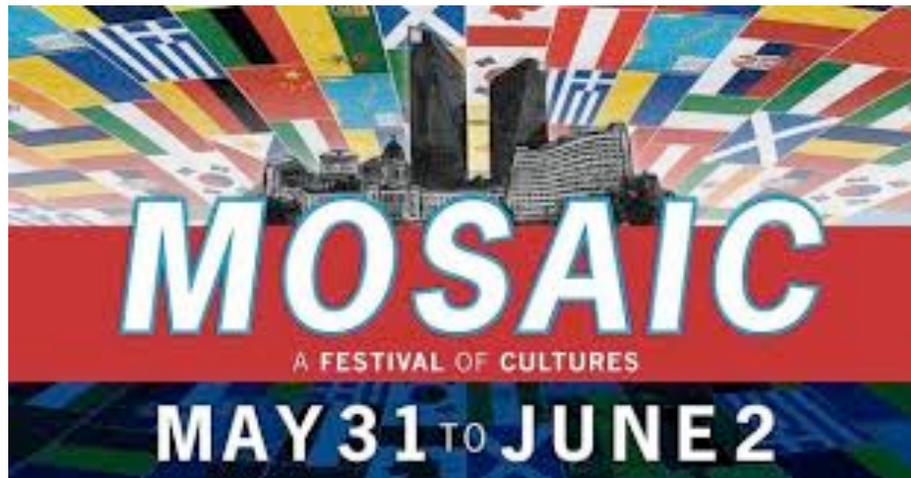
Come with your team of 3 or 4 OR we'll add you to a team.

Cash Prizes ~ Registration \$10.00 per team

**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!



The Irish Club of Regina executive decided to take a year off and not participate in Mosaic Festival of Culture this year.

In the true spirit of multiculturalism, many of our dancers from Irish Club of Regina Dancers, Prairie Gael School of Irish Dance and Blakey School of Irish Dance have been invited to dance at other pavilions around town. Hopefully you all had a chance to get around some pavilions and support the Festival and share the Irish Culture there!



We would love to hear from those interested in being more involved with the club, either on the executive or helping on planning committees. 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

Irish Club of Regina Dancers

The second half of the dance year has been all about the details. After learning new dances for the first half of the year, we are now focused on fine tuning. Perfecting our steps, making sure our toes are pointed, and making sure our steps are perfectly in time to the music.

We have had quite a few performances this year, which also stretched our dance skills! Through Bringing a Little Mosaic to You and some other dance opportunities, we danced at many different care homes, with wildly different stage sizes. Our “stages”, or more accurately, any available open space, ranged from the open and wide to the tiny and carpeted! We ended having a kitchen party, then a a living room party, and then finally a duplex party. The various stages really made us be more flexible with our dancing, everyone having to make their steps fit the stage and not dance into the people watching us!

Despite he challenging spaces, our crowds were all very appreciative, and we have said to each other more than once how much we love doing these performances! It’s clear that the people watching us appreciate our dancing, and we really like being able to give the people in these homes something to enjoy. Plus, we are all a lot more comfortable with our dancing and we had a lot of fun as well.

We are now officially done our dance classes for the season, and are looking forward to dancing in Mosaic. wE are going to be doing a few sets at the Scottish Pavilion this year and we really appreciate how welcoming they have been letting us participate in Mosaic, and we are looking forward to dancing with our Scottish friends.

To finalize another successful year of dancing, we plan on getting together after Mosaic and spend some time together doing some giant dances, learning some we’ve never done before, and most crucial of all, eating pizza.

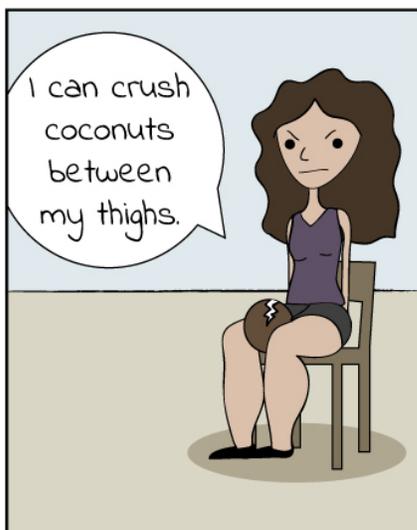
It has been a wonderful year of dance, and we all are looking forward to another year of learning and fun after the summer!

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

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







Blakey School of Irish Dance



The Blakey team has been training hard for the busy feis season which has been running steady since the Feb newsletter update. The Possak Hampshire Feis was in Calgary back on March 3-4. Four Blakey Regina team members attended producing some very impressive results. Combined, the girls brought back 6 top 5 trophies with 3 of them being 1st place. A special mention goes out to Ayva Purdue for winning BOTH her U9 Beginner/Advanced Beginner specials!

St. Patrick's Day dance outs began at Shannon's Pub with a packed house and an authentic Irish feel. The girls 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. O'Hanlons was next on the crawl in which the girls looked polished on this venue's large, lovely stage. The girls squeaked into their final stop at the Revival Music room where they adorned glow stick bracelets and finished just before 9pm. We sincerely thank all those whom made a contribution as it went directly to the dancers.

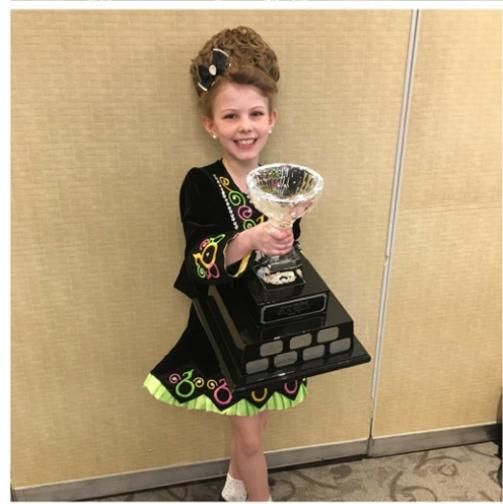
Additional prep for the April feis began as guest TCRG Megan Harper came to visit from our sister school Blakey Okanagan. She brought great insight and our girls were privileged to work with the coach of the current 16th in the world U20-21 Champion. The EDIA Spring Feis in the West was held on April 21-22 in Edmonton. Eight Blakey Regina dancers attended this particular Feis. Highlights include Emma Kasian attending her first feis dancing for Blakey and Alyssa winning her second U10 Treble Jig Trophy. Welcome to Preliminary Champions Alyssa Woolsey! Special mention also goes to Aboha Mac Loone for achieving a perfect score with the judges in her U14 preliminary round and to Sierra Davis-Fiacco for achieving her first Preliminary Championship sash (3rd place).

The Brady Academy Spring feis was held on May 18-20. Those taking the grade exams all passed and our highest level at this time is grade 5. Emma Kaison did Blakey proud by placing in all three of her trophy specials, winning 1st place in her U12&O Slip Jig Special. Many first times occurred in the Preliminary Champions group including Alyssa Woolsey competing in her first U10 Prelim, Rayka Subramanian achieving top 5th in the U11 Preliminary Championship and Sierra winning her first U14 Preliminary Championship. Congrats ladies!

As you are likely aware, there will be no Irish pavilion this year, however the Scottish Pavilion has invited Blakey dancers whom are also members of the ICR to dance at their new pavilion location, the Regina Armoury. Due to the unfortunate overlap with the Western Canadian Open Championships, many Irish dancers will be away in Calgary during Mosaic weekend. You can still catch some of our Blakey Regina dancers on Thursday May 31 at 7pm at the Scottish Pavilion.

This year will be Blakey Regina's Inaugural end of the Year Recital. This year marks five years since Blakey Saskatchewan branched into Regina. Our dancers and school have grown so much over this time that we invite you to let them entertain you. The recital will be held at Campbell Collegiate Auditorium 2pm, Saturday June 23rd by the Regina Irish Dance Parents Assoc (RIDPA) and is free of charge. This will be a great opportunity to check out if the Blakey School of Irish Dance is the right fit you and your dancer! Classes for the 2018-2019 season will commence in Sept 2018.

Blakey Regina offers both competitive and noncompetitive dance classes. 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



We at Prairie Gael have had a fabulous dance year, and are looking to finish it off with a bang!

St. Patrick's Day was fabulous and our dancers did an exceptional job representing and bringing authentic Irish dancing to the residents of Regina! The busy day began with a visit from Global TV at our studio, and ended with our annual pub crawl and 14 performances at Regina's popular pubs.

We've been dancing at senior's residences almost weekly for the last few months, and have thoroughly enjoyed performing for the residents. Our dancers love the opportunity to perform for their grandparents and other seniors and relish chatting with the audience after the show.

The last couple weeks of the dance year are jam-packed with performances, grade exams, feiseanna, and our recital! We are looking forward to dancing at the Broadway United Church's annual Save the Children Strawberry Social (May 26), the Austrian pavilion at Mosaic, and Celtic Woman at the Conexus Arts Centre.

We have a summer packed full of activities planned with workshops and classes to keep our dancers in tip top shape and get everyone ready for fall performances and feiseanna.

We are now accepting registration for our fall classes; if you know anyone interested in classes they can visit our website for details and registration. We host our annual **spring Open House on Wednesday June 13, 6:30 – 8:30 pm**; join us for a come and go evening to meet our teachers and learn about our programming.

We can 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)



Celebrating St. Patrick's Day with Bushwakker and C.T.V.



Bringing St. Patrick's day to Global T.V.



Prairie Gael School of Irish Dance



Pub Dancing!



St. Patrick's Day at O'Hanlon's

Practicing for our recital



Prairie Gael School
of Irish Dance

Performing at Victoria Park
Senior's Residence



Dancing at the Bentley



Regina Irish Set Dancers

We are finished our season now and taking the summer off. We hope to resume our classes in the fall (late September). We are on the lookout for a different dance studio so if anyone has any suggestions, we would love to hear them.

We had a fun spring and a few dance outs. The Scottish Country dancers invited us to join them to round out an entertainment program for a few seniors places for BALMTY. We had a lot of fun with our Half sets that we have learned and were happy to partner with our friends in the Scottish Country dance group. No Irish pavilion this year so won't be dancing at Mosaic this year.

If anyone 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. We will announce when classes will start back up in the August ICR newsletter.

Respectfully submitted by Laura Popoff

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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:

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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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