

Irish American Association

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Malden Veterans of Irish Ancestry, Inc

177 West St.
Malden, MA 02148
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The Next Business Meeting will be January 16th, 2014 at 7:00 pm Sharp!

OFFICERS

PRESIDENT: Dennis Leonard
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TREASURER: Danny Gillis
SECRETARY: Bill Lordan
SERGEANT OF ARMS: Scott Norris

Board of Directors

Butch Russell...Chairman
Mike Sullivan
PJ Quinn
Bill Smith
Rick O'Sullivan

President's Message

Dear Members,

By the time you receive this bulletin I will have been installed as President of the Irish American for a second term. As always, I look forward to working closely with all of our Members, Officers and Board of Directors in helping to keep the Irish American a club that we are all proud of.

I am also looking for members to contact me and get involved on the many different committees. Some of the chairmen of existing committees have already volunteered to continue on with their committees but I am looking for help as any help that you can offer would be appreciated.

This is your club and I encourage you to get involved and attend our monthly meetings (third Thursday of each month) Let us know your thoughts on how we can make this a better club. I as well as all of the officers and board members are elected to move the club forward with your input and best interest as the top priority

I want to congratulate Butch Russell for being selected as the Chairman of the Board of Directors look forward to working with Butch and the other elected officials in making 2014 a very successful year.

Special thanks to Santa, Mrs. Claus and all of his helpers for wonderful children's Christmas party.

NFL Divisional Playoffs Tailgate Barbeques (January 11 & 12). On behalf of all Officers, Bill Hart and Bartenders please join us in rooting for the Patriots and enjoy a full barbeque.

Thank you for giving me the Honor to be President of the Malden Irish American Club.

Wishing you and your families a fabulous 2014 filled with health, prosperity, love and loads of fun!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Dennis Leonard, President

Chairman's Message

As the incoming Chairman of the Board of Directors, I would like to extend my thanks to my fellow Board Members for their vote of confidence in electing me to the Chairmanship position. I am very enthusiastic about the upcoming year and I firmly believe that, with the entire club membership working in tandem, we can make significant improvements to the club over this next year and, hopefully, increase our membership rolls dramatically.

I would like to thank Mike Sullivan for his service as Board Chairman last year and President Dennis Leonard and all our elected officials for their continuing service to this club. I look forward to working with these individuals once again in 2014 and anticipate this being a very productive year for the club.

In closing, I would urge all our members to become more involved with the club. Volunteer to serve on a committee, share your ideas, run for office and, if nothing else, at least make an effort to attend our monthly business meetings. This is your club and it is your level of involvement in this club that will determine if we continue to succeed or fail due to membership apathy.

Butch Russell

Chairman

Board of Directors

Children's Christmas Party

I want to thank the many helpers I had over the past week. I am always amazed how many people it takes to run the Children's Christmas Party. If Santa had more time I would thank you all individually.

You ladies and gentlemen know who you are, and you all did an outstanding job. There was a lot of positive feedback from the parents and that reflects back to all my helpers. Great job and we will do it all again next year.

Merry Christmas, one and all.

Santa

Membership Committee

Just a reminder that your membership card you received is a **permanent card** and will continue to be active as long as your dues are current. In the event you have not renewed your membership yet, you will need to submit your card with your renewal to have it reactivated.

We are looking to try to boost our membership as we need to try and get our numbers up again. If you have not renewed your membership I ask that you do so soon in the event of a dues increase. If you know of any candidates for membership to our club please try to get them application to become new members.

May you all have a Happy and Healthy New Year!

Rick O'Sullivan

Membership Committee Chairman

Irish American Club Golf League

The IA Golf League committee has begun making preparations for another terrific season. The cost to play in the golf league this year will be \$500, - this is for IA club members only - and will be payable in installments of: \$200, \$150 and \$150. We ask you that have your first payment of \$200 in to the golf committee during the month of February; please make all checks payable to Jack Marshall and indicate your preference for playing in the afternoon or evening divisions on your check. For your convenience, one or more committee members will be at the club each Sunday afternoon during the month of February from 1:00 to 3:00 pm to accept your payment.

Early in April – check the February 2014 bulletin for the actual date - a league meeting will take place where the league rules and regulations will be discussed. All interested golfers are encouraged to attend this meeting and voice their ideas as to how we can best improve our league. This is the time and place to discuss league policy and procedures, not on the golf course. At the close of this meeting our 2014 golf teams will be drawn. Actual play will begin in late April.

Keep in mind that any IA member interested in playing in the league during the 2014 season should contact one of our committee members: President Jim Conway, George Nuttall, Bill Lordan or Jack Marshall.

The IA Golf Committee

MALDEN IRISH AMERICAN JACKET

Club jackets are now available for order. They are nice jackets and will be available in Harvest Green or Black. They will have our logo on the front and your name placed on the sleeve. You can also have other designs placed on the jacket as well (i.e. flags, fighting leprechaun etc.) for a small extra fee.

Sizes available are XSmall-5X.

See Brendan Smith for more info. If you have concerns about the size of the jackets, let us know and we can arrange to have a sample brought in at your request. The base price of the jackets will be \$55

Bingo Needs Our Help

As I stated at our last meeting our Bingo players have been slowly dwindling down these past few years.

If you know of anyone that enjoys playing bingo, man or woman, please mention that we have bingo in the main hall every Wednesday doors open at 4 pm and bingo starts at 6:50pm. I am asking all members to mention this to their family and friends. Bingo is a vital part of The Irish American Club. Why is it important, good question. Bingo guarantees us a weekly rental on the hall every Wednesday night. This means revenue for the club. Most of the donations made to golf outings, Children's Hospital, Five One Thousand Dollar Scholarships and every other non-profit organization comes from Bingo. If we lose Bingo, donations we make to charitable organizations will STOP!

Bingo has always been a part of the Irish American Club, please don't let it die. Like most events once they are gone it is hard to get them back again. I am asking everyone to talk to friends and neighbors alike and see if they know of anyone interested in playing Bingo. If they are steer them to your club. Last week we had 93 players. Please help spread the word. Losing Bingo would financially hurt our club.

Let's all work together to save bingo.

Regards

Bill Smith

BOD

Ways and Means Committee

Valentines Pub Night Saturday February 15th :DJ "Billy Fonzi" will entertain with music & karaoke from the 70`s, 80`s and 90`s

Friday, February 28th – Direct from Ireland Derek Warfield and the Young Wolftones. Doors open at 7:00 and show at 8:00. Tickets \$25/person.

Sunday, March 16th - Pre St. Patrick's Day Party from 3:00 – 7:00 in the Main Hall. Music by the Silver Spears with performance by the Heavey Quinn Academy of Irish Dance. Tickets are \$10/person or table of 10 for \$100.

Monday, March 17th – Music in the member's bar all day. Main hall open 6:00 – 10:00. Music will be by the Andy Healy Band, performance by the Heavey Quinn Academy of Irish Dance and the Kevin Barry Pipers. Tickets are \$10/person or table of 10 for \$100.

For tickets to any of these shows, call Bill Hart [781-321-7720](tel:781-321-7720).

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\$10.00 FOR LIFE MEMBERS.

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