



Shamrock Club Sacramento

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Half –Way and Counting

October 8th Meeting

The **Next Meeting** will be held:

October 8th

at 7 PM

SMUD 6301 S Street in
Room **Sequoia 1**

1ST TUE LUNCH

October 7th

Fox and Goose

1001 R Street

Sacramento

11:30 am-1pm

**Please wear your name
tag if you have one.**

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The Half-way to St. Patrick's party/picnic was held at Arden Park on September 20th. The turnout was great, with upwards of 35 people coming and going during the day. In addition to hamburgers and hotdogs there were numerous dishes brought by members which disappeared quickly (must have been good!).

Besides the fantastic food there was plenty of great conversation and plenty of music. Musicians **Mike Euritt** entertained on the Irish bagpipes, while **Tom and Catherine Fiddler** accompanied him with several other instruments.

Chuck Jamison was there with his Bodhran (read "Irish drum") and his Highland Pipes. **Neil Henderson** rounded out the bag pipe players and help escort in the new officers. **Robert Scott** was there playing his guitar and Irish Dulcimer as well as singing along with all the instruments, as well as acappella. He did a fantastic job!

But the entertainment did

not stop there—**Nicole McKeever** and **Jennifer Bertram**, from McKeever School of Irish Dance, showed us all some fancy Irish dance steps, and along with impressing us with their talents made us all jealous we couldn't keep up with them.

Finally new officers were installed; 1st VP-C.J. Kennedy; 2nd VP Dwayne Slavin; Treasurer-Dawn Wise; Sergeant-at-Arms-Jerry Long and Secretary Cindy Sandoval. In addition Sandy Welsh has taken over as the new membership Secretary. Good luck and best wishes to all!



Members & Guest enjoy the picnic and Music

CHRISTMAS PARTY



Billyann has offered her home for our annual Christmas Party. Watch for more details in upcoming emails and future newsletters. Thank you Billyann

Mark Your Calendars

Fall Celtic Ceilidh - Festival

The Shamrock Club will again be participating in the Fall Celtic Ceilidh (Kaylee) which will be held **Sunday, October 12**, from 11:00am – 4:30pm at Carmichael Park, 5750 Grant Avenue in Carmichael (on Fair Oaks Blvd south of Manzanita). Featured will be Athletic events, , Dance Schools (including McKinney Dance, Groeschel Dance, **McKeever Irish Dance**), Celtic clubs (Including St Andrews, Daughters Of Scotia, Callie, and the **Shamrock Club**), country dancing, Bag Pipers and more



Shamrock Club will have a membership tent at the event. We will need help staffing the tent, and unlike some events you can see and hear everything from the tent! So put on your kilt, tune up your bag pipes, dust off your Irish whistle, put on your dancing shoes and join us for a little Craic (Fun).

Halloween Party

The Shamrock Club Halloween party will be held at Billyann's home, 290 River Isle Way, Sacramento 94831 on November 1st—More information will come out on an upcoming email.

QUESTION: Again, Does anyone know where there is a Gaelic Football team in the Sacramento Area?

If you do send me an email at sacshamrockclub@gmail.com

Leprechauns ?

What do you know about Leprechauns?

Did you know that a very early reference to Leprechauns in an 8th century text, described them as a water sprite? In the *Adventures of Fergus Son of Lete*, Fergus is sleeping in his chariot by the sea when he is lifted up by the sprites, has his sword taken away and is transported across the water. He awakes and grabs three of them. In order to be freed they agree to teach him their swimming technique. Not quite a pot of gold, but useful just the same.



Yeats described them as "...something of a dandy, dressing in a red coat with seven rows of buttons, seven buttons on each row, wearing a pointed hat, upon whose pointed end he is wont in the North-eastern countries, according to McNally, to spin like a top when the fit seizes him". Not the Leprechauns I grew up hearing about.

I think I will stay with the one who has the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow and hawks Lucky Charms on Saturday afternoon television!

Source: The historical Atlas of the Celtic World



Upcoming events:

Fall Celtic Ceilidh	Oct 12 @ Carmichael Park
Halloween	Billyann's Home
Christmas Party	TBA
Irish New Year	December 31st @ 4 PM