

THE LUCK OF THE IRISH—(blarney or mockery?)

This Irish idiom is often heard around St. Patrick's Day and has commonly come to mean, "extreme good fortune." Rather than luck, however, such typically refers to an attitude, namely, that of giving a positive twist to a bad situation. It's an ironic fact that the Irish traditionally have not been lucky at all, but rather, their history has been replete with misfortune, suffering, hardship, and even the demise of countless Irishmen due to famine and invasions.

John Lennon is credited with the saying, "If you have the luck of the Irish, you'd be sorry and wish you were dead. You should have the luck of the Irish and you'd wish you was English instead." The term often implies a tone of ridicule or mockery, as if to say, "Only by sheer luck as opposed to brains could these fools succeed."

Thus, the term more precisely means bad luck, not good luck. It is an ironic or sardonic phrase expressing something other than, and typically the opposite of, the literal meaning. It is frequently used to describe the sad and tragic history of the Irish.

Ireland is often perceived as the land of "shamrocks, blarney stones, leprechauns, and Guinness." Blarney stones in modern times are actually Irish cookies. However, according to legend, blarney stones were built into the walls of castles for defense, and kissing the blarney stone was thought to endow one with the gift of gab, or flattery.

The ironical term, *Luck of the Irish*, is often experienced by sailors engaged in competitive racing when, for example, a wind shift occurs just at the moment one's class flag is lowered; when new crew double wraps the jib sheet on the winch, or drops the winch handle overboard; when there is an equipment failure when approaching the weather mark that prevents dousing the spinnaker; when one's vessel runs aground, or hits a log, or snags its keel on an unforeseen underwater obstacle; or when about to cross the finish line, a header rather than a lift occurs, allowing two competitors, both on a lift, to gain the advantage while one's own vessel lurches toward the committee boat anchor line.

After the race, the beleaguered skipper quaffed down several pints of Guinness, then with a big smile, told his tale of woe with such embellishment, prevarication, and jocularly that, all within earshot were convinced that prior to the race he had kissed the blarney stone. The camaraderie produced a good outcome out of a bad trip.

...Editor

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Kirtley
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- 5/5 Cinco deMayo

ST. PATRICK'S DAY QUIZ

(answers on last page)

1. Which U.S. city dyes its river green annually to celebrate St. Patrick's Day?
Boston; New York City; Chicago; Detroit
2. Which of these colors was originally associated with St. Patrick's Day?
Orange; Green; White; Blue
3. What was St. Patrick's given birth name?
Maewyn Succat; Gabriel McSweeney; Patrick O'Riley; Henry O'Malley
4. How many pints of Guinness are consumed worldwide on St. Patrick's Day?
1 million; 1 billion; 6 million; 13 million
5. Which of the following colors are in the Irish flag?
Yellow, Orange & White; Green, White & Orange; White, Green & Yellow; Green, Yellow & Orange
6. According to myth, when is the best time to sneak up on a leprechaun?
When he's eating; When he's counting gold; While he's mending his shoes; When he's taking a nap
7. What did St. Patrick believe a shamrock represented?
Good Fortune; Nature; Good Luck; The Holy Trinity
8. People traditionally wear green on St. Patrick's Day to avoid what?
Getting pinched; People not knowing they're Irish; Getting kissed; One year bad luck
9. What nationality was St. Patrick?
German; Scottish; Irish; British
10. Myth says that if a human catches a leprechaun, he has the ability to do what in turn for his release?
Lead you to his gold; Give you his shoes; Reveal the secret to life; Grant three wishes



Commodore's Blog—Ric Drennen

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We held this month's BOG meeting in the general meeting area to accommodate all the visitors.

Mandy Brown is going to work with our youth chair and organize an all-volunteer Junior sailing program to get member kids and families sailing on Saturday mornings this summer. This will not be competing with the sailing camps but be a chance for the parents and grandparents to get with their kids on the water.

Mike Morrissey is our insurance agent and he came to our meeting to discuss our coverage. We will work on getting our inventory to match our policy on boats that are covered.

Glede Holman talked about our upcoming entertainment schedule.

Alistair Charlton told us about his ideas for education this year. He has many good ideas to have vendors set up classes to address man-overboard and docking, bottom paints, outboard engine maintenance, and knots and splices. He is waiting for responses to his requests and we will get these scheduled when possible. He is also trying to organize a "Try Crewing" event to get some outside people involved in our sailing programs.

Keith Green discussed sodding the water break area by the youth shed.

The new website is getting close, Scott Law hopes to get it up and running before Splash Day.

I hope all of you get a chance to make use of the later sunsets and good water level to get out and sail.

Ric



ST. PATRICK'S DAY PRAYER

*May the road rise up to meet you
May the wind be always at your back
May the sun shine upon your face
And rains fall soft upon your fields.*



Vice Commodore—Craig Bilodeau

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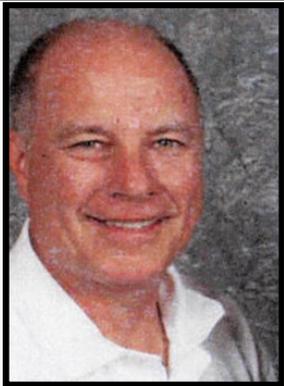
Hello OCBC Sailors,

Hats off to Terry Carlson. I met Terry a few years ago when he was a provisional member. At that time he was on his tractor spreading gravel at the boat club. Terry has brought out his tractor countless times to do various jobs around the club and always with a cheerful attitude. He has loaned his sprayer for weed control. In February Terry and I drove to Virginia to pick up OCBC's new Race Committee boat. Terry was great company and I couldn't have done the trip as easily without him. During our trip I had the pleasure to get to know Terry a lot better, he is married to his high school sweetheart and I'm sure she is quite happy to still be with him. If you haven't had a chance to get to know Terry then I would encourage you to do so. Please let Terry know how much you appreciate his efforts around the club.

Hats off to Jim Blakewell. Jim has been an avid sailor at OCBC for many years and has done quite a bit of sailing outside of the club participating in races to Cuba and the Baha haha among many others. Jim has also been a very generous supporter of Lighthouse Charities. Most recently when Terry and I drove to Virginia to pick up the new boat, Jim generously offered his 1 ton van for us to use on the trip. The van performed great and was smooth on the road with new Michelin tires. Jim also graciously donates free car washes at any of his 4 locations to OCBC's member of the month.

Many thanks to Jim and Terry for their continued service and care of our club. Its members like Terry and Jim that make the club such a great place.

Best Regards, Craig Bilodeau Vice Commodore



Rear Commodore—Greg Thomas

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Sailing season is just around the corner! We will be having probably two work parties before Splash Day to get the grounds ready. Look for announcements as to when. Aside from the work parties please take responsibility to get your boats and trailers into compliance with our Facilities Policy. Make sure your boat stickers are current. We will be selling city stickers at the general membership meeting. Also make sure your trailers are in good working order (no flat tires) and your name is on them. I have noted that in the center board lot there are some slips that have more than one boat in them. If you need another slip let me know but don't try to force two boats into one slip.

We will also be cleaning out the locker building next to B dock. If you have personal items on the floor put them in your locker or take it home. We need to be able to move around inside the building.

One of the best things we can do to manage our relationship with our business neighbors and the City is to sail our boats. The public enjoys seeing our boats on the water. Get your boats ready for the season and go sailing!

Greg Thomas, Rear Commodore

SUMMARY: BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING MARCH 7, 2019

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Hello Members:

Among others, this month's board meeting visitors included Mike Morrissey, the club's insurance agent. He fielded questions from the Board regarding the club's insurance policies and has agreed to attend a summer board meeting prior to our next insurance renewal. Insurance is a significant recurring expense for the club, and the board would like to have a good understanding of its coverages prior to renewing in the fall to make sure that the insurance is reasonably priced and meets the club's needs.

Liz Eagan reported to the board that the club currently has 185 regular members, so invite your friends and sailing enthusiasts to join! The annual man overboard class and drill will be hosted 04/07 for provisional members. If you'd like to refresh this important skill or help out with the exercise, please contact Ali Charlton or Liz Eagan.

Mac Kilpatrick reported on behalf of the Government and Business Relations committee that there seems to be stronger signals coming from the city and interested parties regarding OCBC's appearance. The club needs to be conscious of our image and what we project to the community—we must take advantage of every opportunity to be involved in the community, to share about that involvement, and to be the best neighbor we can be, which will likely require us to think outside of our normal paradigms.

Mandy Brown is working on resurrecting some of the Junior sailing opportunities at OCBC this year. This will be coordinated through the Youth committee and she spoke to the Board about some of the great ideas she has for it. The Board is very supportive of her efforts and those of the Youth committee in passing down a love of sailing to the next generation. If you have kids or grandkids that might be interested in this, or you just want to be involved, Mandy and the Youth committee would greatly appreciate your participation.

Other topics discussed were sod for the point behind the Youth shed, an idea for adding a members-only discussion board on the new website, the club's possible liquor liability exposure, ideas for formulating ways to align the club's revenue sources to its actual expenses, and the VX One Fleet's plan to bid on a national regatta in 2021.

Respectfully Submitted, Timothy Harlin

QUIZ: MATCH THE IRISH SONG WITH THE ARTIST

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| 1. Cotton-eyed Joe | A. The Chieftains |
| 2. Danny Boy | B. The Clancy Brothers |
| 3. Drunken Sailor | C. Bing Crosby |
| 4. Finnigan's Wake | D. The Irish Rovers |
| 5. Irish Heartbeat | E. The Irish Tenors |
| 6. Too-Ra-Loo-Ra-Loo-Ral (That's an Irish Lullaby) | F. Van Morrison & The Chieftains |
| 7. Winkin', Blinkin', and Nod | G. The Irish Rovers |

ANSWERS: 1-A; 2-E; 3-D or G; 4-B; 5-F; 6-C; 7-D or G

ST. PATRICK'S DAY
PARTY AT OCBC!
SAT, MAR 16, 6:30PM
\$10.00 EA.
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OCBC Ships Wheel



Sometime around 2004 long time member Roger Hurd donated the large ships wheel that hangs on the South wall of the OCBC club house. He reportedly rescued it from a ships salvage yard in Galveston, Texas. Members Ed Root, Bill Green and Rudy Nieves refurbished it and Harold Eisenman mounted it where it now hangs. Roger passed away early in 2008.

Bruce McDermott, OCBC Historian.

MARDI GRAS — 2019

All of the listed persons are volunteers and believe in having a good time and realize that it takes a village to do that. Thanks for your hours of hanging in there and keeping a smile on your face. The whole evening would not happen if individuals hadn't come together and worked as a team.

Clint Eaves of Yunique O'Cajuns at email ceaves46@yahoo.com - Menu, kitchen organizer, shopper, food prep; David and Lisa Wood (Provisionals) - food prep & clean up; John Scherplein (Provisional) - Chief Dishwasher; Gay and Bill McMillen - Decorations and clean up; Gene and Mary McLendon - Decorations, food prep and clean up; Roy Cooper - Decorations, set-up, food prep; Casey Barnett - Clean up and face painting; Don and Nancy Steeber - Food prep, serve and hurricanes; John Walters - Food prep, clean up and photo-journalist; Bill and Nancy Graham - Food prep, serve and clean up; Mark Fish - Liquid prep; Don and Gloria Garrison - Food prep and King Cakes; John and Ethelyn Barnett - Shopping, food prep, clean-up, bread pudding; Ric Drennan - (Flag Officer) Food prep; Craig Bildeau - (Flag Officer) Clean-up; Dan Camp - Clean-up.

An additional thank you goes to all those unnamed individuals who pitched in to make the evening a success.



OCBC was honored to have OKC's Jazz Sax Prophet, SPUNK ADAMS as our entertainment for Mardi Gras.



OCBC RC REMOTE CONTROL SAILBOAT FLEET—DWIGHT BAYS

The OCBC RC (remote control) Sailboat Fleet is alive and growing after a 10- year absence. Back in the early 2000's the fleet sailed a variety of RC boats and teamed up with the Sooner State Model Yacht Club (SSMYC) and decided to race mainly the Thunder Tiger Victoria's as our one design fleet boat. The fleet was abandoned in 2009 and most of us still have our old Vic's in pieces or mounted on a wall.

I decided to rebuild my Vic this past December and after looking online for parts and future fleet boats, I discovered that the Vic's were not still in production. After hours of research I found out that the Dragon Force 65 and it's big brother the Dragon Flight 95 were the fastest growing fleets in the RC sailboat world with active fleets at Rush Creek Yacht Club and at Corinthian Sailing Club in Dallas, TX.

Contacting most of the old fleet there were sparks of interest in racing the new boats. We all decided on the 1-meter Dragon Flight 95 as our one design fleet boat. Christmas was fast approaching so I spread the word that I was going to order a DF95 for Conner and that we would have a demo boat to sail. It didn't take long for the word to spread and by our first OCBC meeting in January. We had 5 of the new DF95's in our fleet. The next thing you know we had 7 more new DF95's coming into the fleet and by the first of February we were up to 12 of the new boats!

We now have merged the Sooner State Model Yacht Club and the OCBC RC Fleet into one fleet of racing RC Sailboats with over 20 sail-able boats of mixed varieties. We will be having races starting in March at OCBC and expanding to various ponds around the city. Our fleet will be highlighted on Opening Weekend for the new Scissor Tail Park downtown when they open this fall.

If anyone has an interest in RC boats or just want to demo a boat contact Dwight Bays (473-0444), visit our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/274262903282176/> or search for Sooner State Model Yacht Club on Facebook.



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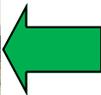
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Jake pruning



David spraying herbicide



Keith Turf grass herbicide tx.



Barb descaling crape myrtles



Jeff eradicating wild brush



Keith and John pulling weeds



Greg, Keith, and Josh Campbell, Extension Educator @ OSU, planning ground cover

MARCH QUOTE OF YE MONTH:



Photo credit: SailNet Community

“Waves are not measured in feet or inches, they are measured in increments of fear.”

-Buzzy Trent

Quote of Ye Monthe and accompanying photos are submitted by Cindy Friedemann, OCBC Public Relations

From the Dictionary for Landlubbers, Old Salts, and Armchair Drifters

Zephyr—Warm, pleasant breeze. Named after the mythical Greek god of wishful thinking, false hopes, and unreliable forecasts.

Submitted by: John Barnett

THE TRADING PAGE



WANTED: Cruiser sailboat. A new member needing a boat. Will consider boat and/or trailer, but prefer the combo, one with the other (will buy the boat elsewhere and haul it back to OK if necessary). Beam 9 ft. or smaller. Ramp launchable. Headroom of at least 6 ft. in the cabin. Length 26-28 ft. Prefer ready to sail rather than a “project boat.” Mike Magee, 405-209-6430.⁽¹⁾

KAYAK FOR SALE: 2008, Old Town, 14’6” with paddle, wet suit & vest. See North of yard hoists on John Walters’ Catalina 25’ trailer, \$300; 720-6467⁽²⁾

1986 CAPRI 22 w/trailer, Hull #169 FOR SALE: “Tiburón”; 2 sets of sails, Stock & North Main & 150; Spinnaker & Spinnaker pole; 4 HP Sailmaster (Made by Johnson) motor, recently overhauled by Tim’s Outboard in OKC (trolling motor included as well); Interior cushions need reupholstered; custom cockpit cushions; \$2,900 including trailer. Mari Myers; 405-833-9989; mmyers44@att.net⁽¹⁾

1984 HOBIE 18 in very good condition. Was stored covered for 30 years. Has new trampoline and other improvements in last two years. Yellow hulls and trampoline. \$1800 includes trailer with sail tube, spare tire and many spare parts. Contact David Bilodeau, 405-596-2098.⁽¹⁾

Items on the Trading Page will run for three issues. To continue publishing your ad for an additional three issues, please notify Keith Green, Editor, green3000@sbcglobal.net



“Am I Irish? Are you kidding? I was born green!”

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2018-19 COMMITTEE CHAIRS (Standing Committees in BOLD)

Planning:	Craig Bilodeau, Bill McMillan Ann Kilpatrick, Van Downing, Michelle Shafer	Hoist:	Mike Hahn, Robbin Phillips, Kenny Parker, Greg Thomas, Stan Nieves
HD&A:	Greg Thomas, Jeff Stoabs, 1 more to be appointed	Ladies:	Anita Endres
Race:	Mike Anderson, 2 more to be appointed	Landscape:	Keith Green
Regatta:	David & Becky Archibald, 2 more to be appointed	Lighthouse:	Craig Bilodeau
Scoring:	Ann Kilpatrick	Membership:	Joel Males, Liz Eagan, David Snow
Protest:	Gary Sander	Nominating:	Chris Bayouth
Handicap Rating:	Mike Kelly, Terry Carlson 1 more to be appointed	Procedural:	Bill Brett
Education:	Alistair Charlton	Protocol:	Steve Bryant
USSA:	Gary Sander	Photography:	Bruce McDermott; John Walters
CSSA:	Dan Camp	Public Relations:	Cindy Friedemann
Commodore's Cup:	Richard Walford	Roster:	Liz Eagan
Youth:	Richard Walford/Shawn Cina	Technology:	Dwight Bays
Collegiate/UCO	David & Donna Bass	Ye Logge:	Keith & Ginny Green
Eight Bells Society	Bill Hesse	Government &	
Entertainment:	Liz Charon, Ethelyn Barnett, 1 more to be appointed	Business Relations:	Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, Mac Kilpatrick, Gary Derrick
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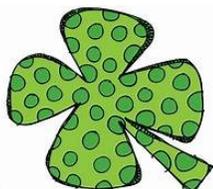
EDITOR'S EPILOGUE—Keith Green

We have a lot of dedicated and conscientious members who have been volunteering their time completing numerous landscape projects this past month, which has included pruning various flowering shrubs and trees, spraying fungicide and dormant oil on plants with diseases; gathering estimates and other information on ground covers to be used on the barren spot behind the youth shed; and treating the Bermuda turf grass with herbicides. Those involved in these activities have included David Newlon, Terry Carlson, Jake and Barbara Langthorn, Jeff Stoabs, John Walters, as well as Ginny Green and yours truly. Many thanks are extended to these hard-working club members. From now until Spring, other projects will include laying sod, fertilizing our Bermuda turf grass, as well as trees and flowering plants throughout the grounds, and finally, we will be purchasing and planting native grasses and flowering shrubs in various parts of the landscape. Carol and Jack Woods will continue their great work caring for the deck plants.

We are still in the process of encouraging members who want to promote their businesses to send us print-ready ads, or business cards, which will run in *YeLogge* any duration desired. Contact Ginny Green for additional details. See the ad rates listed below.

ANSWERS TO ST. PATRICK'S DAY QUIZ

1. Chicago
2. Blue
3. Maewyn Succat
4. 13 million
5. Green, White & Orange



6. While he's mending his shoes
7. The Holy Trinity
8. Getting pinched
9. Scottish
10. Grant three wishes



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