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Dear Jack ,



When a person reaches advanced old age
After having lived a full life,
Dying becomes almost as natural
As the picking of a ripe apple,
Or the falling of a brightly colored leaf in Autumn.

The harvest has been gathered in,
The journey ended,
The story told.
Life's tasks finished and neatly bound together
Like a sheaf of wheat.
Their is a roundness about the person's life,
A sense of completion and fulfillment.

Jack, we want you to know that...
Although you may have left us
You will never be forgotten.
We will always remember you
And your memory most definitely
Brings life to us all today.

God Bless you, Jack.
Rest in Peace.

Gentlemen,

First of all I sincerely hope this paper finds you all in good health and in fine 4th of July Family Celebration Spirits. Well this month we had our ups and unfortunately downs at our brotherly family club.

We started the month off with our “Dou Deag Bhliantuil Muc Rosta”. Yes our 12th Annual Pig Roast and what a day it was .Thank you to Chef DeMaio and his crew of cooking elves for keeping us all extra well nourished and to all the barmen for keeping us well oiled .Thank you to Walter and his crew and to all the lads that came down to help with the setting up and breaking down at the end of the day .Confucius say many hands make light work... well we proved that again and I thank you all for your help. Paddy and the Pale Bhoys had us all strutting our moves to their tunes. Special thank you to all the raffle ticket sellers and congratulations to all the winners.Rumor has it Gene Moore went home with the most 24 ct gold medals, although I'm not too sure wether he won them or stole them for the kids...hmmm!!

Next up we had our Annual “Day at the Races” which turned out to be another fun filled experience for us all .If you are now stuck for a few bob...rumor has it Macs boys were picking the winners for the first six races so maybe you could have a quiet word with them!! Cheers also to Jackie Breen for his winning tip.Thank you to Kevin from Top Hat Catering for a job well done.Congrats to this years Shillelagh Pick'em competition winner who was...err...me.

Tommy Esser once again ran another successful Blue Claws Trip with all the patrons enjoying the Thirsty Thursday night out .Tom also had Peggy and all the ladies dancing away at our Beatles Tribute Night at the club. Dot, Denis and company ran another mind blowing A/C Trip...even Joseph was early this year and believe it or not...no one was left behind!!

Rumor has it Quinny's hearing must be going as he thinks the bus singers should keep their day jobs...hmmm...I wonder why?

I like to take this moment to thank the many members that do so much to keep our club in tip top shape .Your work does not go unnoticed. Mike “lawnmower” Eileers, our “Iceman” Butch, Alan “wipe it down” Purcell, Walter “I will do it” Farrell, Russell “I will water and grow it” Fenlon, Brian “you break it I will fix it” Smith, Kenny “bulldozer” Brown and all of you who continuously help out.

Please keep checking your Shenanigans ,the FSOS Diary and the notice board as we have a lot of events scheduled for the upcoming months.

Finally ,on a very sad note,it is with a heavy heart that we had to say goodbye to our friend and long time member Mr. Jack Hogarty .Our sincere condolences go out to his wife Bernice and all his family. Rest in Peace Jack.

God bless, Cheers for now,
John.

President's Joke of The Month:

Shamus asked Paddy how he got his black eye.

“You'd never believe it,” said Paddy, “but I got it in church.”

He said he had been sitting behind a fat lady and when they stood for a hymn, he noticed her dress was creased into the cheeks of her bottom.

“All I did was lean forward and pull it out and she turned around and hit me.” Said Paddy.

A week later Shamus was surprised to see Paddy had another black eye.

“I got this one in church, too,” explained Paddy.

He said he found himself behind the same fat woman and

when they stood for a hymn her dressed was once again creased into the cheeks of her bottom.

“My little nephew reached forward and pulled it out. But I knew she didn't like that, so I leaned over and tucked it back.”

“Could you tell me the way to Balbriggan, please?” asked the English visitor. “Certainly Sir,” said Patrick. “If you take the first road to the left...no still that wouldn't do...drive on for about four miles then turn left at the crossroads...no that wouldn't do either...” Patrick scratched his head thoughtfully. “You know, if I was going to Balbriggan I wouldn't start from here at all!”



Good and Welfare

We lost former president Mike Ruffley, and our dear brother Jack Hogarty, part of us is gone, memories remain.



Please always, take a moment to think of all our troops and support staff overseas, and those less fortunate than us.

Good and Welfare information should be given to Barney Shannon @ (732) 254-6153, or to any officer.

I NEED YOU TO MAKE THE DAYS MOVE EASY

JULY Meeting - Thursday, July 14th 8:30PM

FSOS GOLF Outing Monday, July 11th

CHILI COOK-OFF Saturday, July 16th
See inside

Kelly Brothers Benifit Saturday, July 23rd
Details inside

Family Picnic Saturday, September 24th
All the goods inside

Tour De Shillelagh Bike Run
Saturday, September 24th
Details inside as well

IRISH LUAU Saturday, August 13th
\$20 prepaid, \$25 at the entrance to the volcano, you gotta lava it.

2ND Annual FSOS Soccer Tourney
Saturday, August 13th
\$20 per person, kick the ball into the volcano, win a pig.



FSOS Pipes and Drums



Anyone interested in playing Pipes or Drums, come down on Monday nights. - John Hatton

FSOS Chili Cook-Off

SATURDAY, JULY 16th

- \$10, 16yrs and up
- \$5, 15yrs and under
- Under 5 free.
- Burgers, Hot Dogs, Corn and Salads
- Chili Samples
- Bring your best crock pot of chili. (4 Qt minimum)
- \$20 entry fee for those competing.
- Trophies and Prizes for 1st, 2nd & 3rd
- DJ Jeff
- 1 to 6pm
- Judging is from 2 to 3pm
- Further information contact Tom McGrath, John Sheridan
- Rules: http://www.tlctx.com/gn_pages/chilirules.htm

Official Rules and Regulations for FSOS Cook-Off

The following rules are to be adhered to by all cook-off chair people, cooks, judges and/or assistants:

1. True chili is defined as any kind of meat or combination of meats cooked with chili peppers, various other spices and other ingredients.
2. The entry fee will be \$20.00 per chili entered. Contestants may enter more than 1 batch of chili. There will be a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place cash prize.
3. All ingredients must be pre-cooked & treated prior to the event – chili is to be brought “ready-to-eat”
4. Contestants are responsible for supplying all of their own utensils & products relating to their chili submission and maintenance of its proper temperature for serving. Spoons and cups for use in serving chili to the general public will be provided. Condiments will also be provided.

5. Each contestant must cook a minimum of four (4) quarts of competition chili. Contestants are permitted to prepare only one (1) pot of competition chili, which will be submitted for judging. Any additional chili (Other than that which is submitted) will be for public consumption.
6. Each contestant will be assigned a “contestants number” by the Chief Scorekeeper and be given a container in which their chili will be collected at the time of the official judging. Each contestant should verify that the number on the bottom of their container is the same as their contestants’ number assigned to them by the Chief Scorekeeper. At the option of the Chief Judge, each contestant may be required to cover their number on the bottom of the container with non-transparent tape prior to giving their bowl to the collector or delivering it to the judging area.
7. The decision of the judges is final. Judging will be based on score cards which are numbered. 80% of the final tally will be from the judges’ score cards. 20% will be scorecards from “people’s choice.”
8. Each contestant is responsible for policing and cleaning up the area at the end of the day and removing all items from the area. No items shall be allowed to remain after the close of the Cook-off.

In this competition the chili will be blind judged (no one knows the identity of the cook) and scorecards will be based on the following six characteristics:

1. **Texture:** The texture of the meat shall not be tough or mushy
2. **Flavor:** The chili should have good flavoring and chili pepper taste (not too hot or not too mild)
3. **Consistency:** Chili should be a smooth combination of meat and gravy not too thin or too thick
4. **Spice and taste:** Blending of the spices and how well they have permeated the meat
5. **Aroma:** This will be a personal preference of the judge
6. **Color:** The submitted chili should look appetizing

There will be a People’s Choice ballot box for people to score the chili. Score cards will be collected at the end of the judging and tallied and that score added to the final tally.

FSOS Chili Cook-Off Committee will provide the cups and spoons for sampling chili and the 1 quart container for your competition chili submission.

19th Annual Kelly Brothers Scholarship Benefit

In Memory of Bob & Dennis

Saturday July 23

2-6PM

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Any questions, please call 732-679-1922.



Second Annual Friendly Sons Five-A-Side Soccer Tourney

5 on 5, small goals, no keeper

Teams picked ahead of event

No sliding tackles – this is a friendly competition.

Entry fee \$20 per person

T- Shirts

Prize for winning team

BBQ to commence after tournament.

Beer and soda included.

10:00AM

Saturday, August 13

FSOS Club Grounds,

**15 Oak Street,
Old Bridge, NJ**

For more details contact:

John Sheridan -
shero1325@netscape.net
908-415-9664

Kevin Burns -
burnsey25@hotmail.com
732-947-9870

FSOS FAMILY PICNIC

Saturday, September 24th 1/6PM

This year, Jim Hartwyk and his crew of BBQ boys (and girls) will attempt to flatter your taste buds and cob your corn, please come down and sizzle. **\$15.00 per person pre sale, \$20.00 at the door. Children 1 through 9 free, 10 through 20, \$5.00**

This event has always been one of our "gifts to the membership" It would be heartwarming to actually see a LARGE MEMBER TURNOUT this year, remember it's your club. NO Beer truck (but, yea, beer all over the place), all the food most of us could possibly ingest, Pony Rides (?), Super Slide. Please bring a chair. Please volunteer to help, low cost, but high maintenance event! LIVE MUSIC with the Backbeat Band (Vinnie and EJ) There will be a great Raffle too! Please bring extra chairs too. See you all there???????

Tour De Shillelagh Bike Run

Sat., September 24th, 9AM

Great event to benefit SERF and the Food Pantry. 20 mile circuit from the club, all riders get a free T-shirt too. Questions - Contact Don Bruchez @ (732) 723-3560. Same day as our picnic, you can sweat it off, and then drink it back on, what fun! This is our 11th run!

The Breen Dynasty : From Jackie

The Belmont stakes the 3rd leg of the triple crown was won by "ruler on ice" trained by Kelly Breen, FSOS member Jackie Breen's son. if you were tuned in to ch4 on Saturday you could see Kelly kiss and hug his father and brother Dan of the FSOS after the horse won on their way to the winners circle. They are headed for the Haskell on July 31 thanks Tom. Jackie Breen

Passages

We lost some good friends this year, time still passes, we still dance our dances, and sometimes lose track of what's real. Everything ages, and everything changes. Some of us just get old, and some of life gets old too. Lets ENJOY each other a little. Make the call you always put off, have a pint with someone you always mean to, it's a short ride, grab onto something. TJM



Membership News

Effective as of the JUNE meeting.

1st Reading: Bernard Murphy - Sponsor: Jeff Schuld

2nd Reading: Vincent Orazi; Sean Wyer

New Members: Justin Kowalew, John Martin, Seamus O' Fianghusa Welcome

AD Book - #322, Richard Hurts

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The stealthy, and kindly dangerous Sean Coman



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