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The Irish Club of Alaska
and
First Congregational Church
present

An Irish Cooking Class and Holiday Tea

Saturday, December 7, 2019

5:00 to 7:00 pm

at

Cary Mead Hall, First Congregational Church

2610 E. Northern Lights Blvd.

Anchorage, AK 99508

You may sign up to be one of the 8 cócaires (chefs) or the 25 féachana (audience members). The féachana will pay \$15 per person or \$25 per family to cover the cost of ingredients for an Irish Holiday High Tea that we'll all eat together. While the cócaires are busy preparing our tea, members of the Irish Club will keep the craic lively with stories, history, music, fun facts about Irish cuisine, and a brief lesson in Irish Gaelic.

Call the FCC Office at 907-272-8363 or email fcc@gci.net now to reserve your place as cócaire (chef) or féachana (audience).

St. Andrew's Night & Christmas Ceilidh

By Joan Massart-Paden

The Alaskan Scottish Club celebrates St. Andrew's Night with a ceilidh, scheduled for Saturday November 30th, 6:00 pm, at the Petroleum Club of Anchorage. Come enjoy Scottish music, (including piping), and a Christmas-themed silent auction (get those presents checked off the list). For our brae laddies, don't forget the infamous Knobby Knees contest. Dress up in your Christmas attire and come hang out with your fellow Scottish Club members and friends.

Members and Non-members can purchase their tickets on eventbrite: https://st_andrews_night_registration.eventbrite.com Cost is \$40.00 for ASC Members, \$50.00 for NonMembers. There are limited tickets and they go quickly

We are looking for silent auction items. So, if you have silent auction donations or would like to help with the event, contact Joan Massart-Paden at 229-0022.



Help Us Honor Our Founders

The Irish Club web site now has a Founders Page

<http://www.irishalaska.org/founders-page.html>

On this page we plan to have photos and short biographies of all those who organized the Irish American Claddagh Society in 1985 and kept it a strong presence in Anchorage throughout the years.

If you knew one of our founding members, please send your reminiscences (and photos) to the Irish Club's email or U.S. Postal Service address.

For your Holiday High Tea (and ours on December 7th)

Recipe from Irish Central

Irish Egg Salad Sandwiches

Ingredients

- 4 slices of sandwich bread
- 1 to 2 ounces of butter to spread on bread
- 2 hardboiled eggs
- 1 Roma tomato or 2 small petite tomatoes
- 2 green onions or scallions
- 2 leaves of butter lettuce
- 1/8 cup of mayonnaise
- Salt and pepper



Directions

- It's important to scoop the pulp and seeds out of the tomatoes and only use the outer flesh. In the picture above you can see how juice starts collecting in the scooped-out tomato shell. I turn the half tomato shells upside down to drain before I dice them.
- Dice the tomato flesh into small 1/2 cm size pieces.
- Slice the green onions very thinly.
- Next shred the lettuce. I use Butter lettuce since this was the type of lettuce I knew as a child in Ireland. It's sold in American grocery stores as "living" lettuce.
- Next, it's time to mix all the filling ingredients together. Place the mashed egg, diced tomatoes, shredded lettuce and diced green onion on a plate and mix it with the mayonnaise.
- It's very important to season the filling mixture with salt and pepper. I don't use much salt when I cook, but trust me, this filling needs some added salt.
- Next, it's time to butter the bread. You can choose not to butter the bread, but in Ireland, salad sandwich bread is always buttered. I remember buttering a whole slice pan the wrong way as a child. I just dipped in and buttered the upper side of every slice, instead of taking the slices in pairs and opening them for a perfect match. We learn by our mistakes!
- Cut each sandwich into four triangles.

Top 10 Irish toasts

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Slainte!

'Tis the time of year when toasts and salutations are spread across the world. Here are the best of the Irish toasts for this special time of year.

1. May your giving hand never fail you.
2. May we all be alive at this same time next year.
3. May the Lord keep you in the palm of His hand, and never close his fist too tight!
4. May you live as long as you want and never want as long as you live!
5. May the best day of your past be the worst day of your future.
6. Here's to a long life and a merry one. A quick death and an easy one. A pretty girl [handsome man] and an honest one. A cold beer and another one!
7. May your troubles be less, and your blessings be more. And nothing but happiness come through your door.
8. May your neighbors respect you, trouble neglect you, the angels protect you, and heaven accept you.
9. Merry met, and merry part, I drink to thee with all my heart.
10. Dung hills rise and castles fall, we are equal one and all.

Irish Club of Alaska Calendar

Event	Day/Time	Location
Irish Cooking Class and Holiday Tea	Saturday, December 7, 5:00-7:00 pm (Cooks will begin their work at 4 pm)	First Congregational Church, 2610 E. Northern Lights Blvd.
St. Andrews Night & Christmas Ceilidh	Saturday, November 30 6:00 pm	Petroleum Club
Traditional Music Seisiún (Session)	Every Thursday 7:30 pm	McGinley's Pub 7 th Ave. & G St.
Song Circle	Usually the last Saturday of every month	Email ICA for place and time

For a full calendar of events and details, go to the Irish Club web site
(www.irishalaska.org)

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