



# Aigéan

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The Friendly Sons of the Shillelagh of Ocean County

**B**rothers,

Today, I would like to reflect on the strides we have taken since our club was formed.

In the relatively short time of only six years, we have accomplished so much. Beginning with only a few charter members and our first President, Chris Ebert, a vision of our club was formed, followed by a continuing effort to get to where we are today.

Like the chapters that came before us, dedicated members began with an idea and turned it into a reality that many admire. A few years and many ventures later, Ken Hansen and Jim McCabe took the reins and led us through many challenges and accomplishments. We had meetings at any place that would have us, but we are especially grateful to the Manahawkin Elks who, to this day, still support us. Out of these nomadic years, we have grown considerably and have created one of the most desirable events in the entire

state, our annual "Irish Festival". We can certainly hold our heads high about this awesome day, and how it has evolved and enabled us to support local programs and major charities world-wide.

Lastly, in just six short years, we have gone from not having a home to opening our first and hopefully temporary clubhouse. With constant exposure and growth in membership, we hope to expand to a bigger and better facility and become the flagship chapter of all the Shillelagh clubs. I am extremely proud to follow my former Presidents in leading this club to greatness with the help and unselfish support of all of our members.

With all my heart, thank you!

Charlie Schmitt 🍀

*President*



## Ocean County FSOS Quad Golf Outing 2023

*June 12, 2023 – LBI National*

Congratulations to the winning team of **Dennis Gunn, Mike Sweeney, Kenneth Ward, and Rob Fay**, who collectively shot an impressive 12 under par to take the club title! Two eagles were reported on the card. John Nulty won closest to the pin at 19' 8".



A special shout out goes to **Dennis Gunn** who put the whole event together. There were eighty golfers at the start. While the weather didn't fully hold out, it could have been much worse. Gary Brown and Chris Ebert did their best no-holds-barred heckling at the Backoff Challenge hole.

The night ended with a "few" drinks and dinner at the bar. A great, well-run event start to finish. Thanks to friends, family and Brothers from our and the other three Sons of the Shillelagh chapters who participated.



# Please Support Our Irish Festival Partners



The following is a list of our Irish Festival Promotional Partners. We ask members and their families to support these important contributors to the success of our organization. If you know any business that would like to be a sponsor now would be a good time to reach out to them.

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Around 1890, a mother and her son were captured in a photograph taken in Lisdoonvarna, Ireland. The son, who was a ballad singer, can be seen holding a printed poem in his hand.

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