

# DISH FROM THE PITCH



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## PARTY AT THE PITCH:

### Hungry Hurlers, Bountiful Brews, and Dedication Distinctions



by Aislinn Leonard

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Sunday was the annual Party at the Pitch, and with the help of so many wonderful volunteers and donations it went off without a hitch and everyone had a spectacular time. Thanks should be sent out to all those who helped make this, and all our summer Sundays at Brown Deer Park so special this year. We wouldn't be the MHC without all of you. Special shout outs go to Andy McKee for organizing the picnic, Michael Hamby for doing the heavy lifting and hauling, Luke Papenfuss for managing the homebrew competition, and Kevin Mantyh and AJ Varelas, our official MHC Grillmasters!

If you drank anything on Sunday, I'm sure you took advantage of the homebrews made by the MHC's Luke Papenfuss, Ivan Baker, Pat and Sean Minster, Rob Berrones, Tim Russell, Timm Heck, and Nick "Tater" Ruetz. This year we were lucky enough to have two official judges, Steven Wozniak and Jim Werner, which led to two prize categories: Judges' Pick and Popular Vote. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual MHC Homebrew Competition Judges' Pick was "Doppel Ganger", brewed by Rob Berrones, Tim Russell, and Timm Heck who took home the grand prize of a gift card to Northern Brewer. The Popular Vote went to Ivan Baker for his "Reidy Strong" Belgian Dark Strong Ale, and he took home a new six-gallon carboy!

As the season winds down, it is time to recognize the members of our club who go above and beyond the call of duty. At the end of the day Andy McKee, with his bellowing voice, shouted for everyone to gather round for the Captains' Awards. Team by team, the captains awarded trophies to the members of the club who consistently show the most dedication and commitment to keeping our club strong. Veterans and rookies alike were acknowledged and congratulations were heartily extended.

# MHC Homebrew Competition Results



## Popular Vote

"Reidy Strong" Belgian Dark  
Strong Ale by Ivan Baker

## Judges' Pick

"Doppel Ganger" by Rob  
Berrones, Tim Russell, and  
Timm Heck

## MHC 2nd Annual Homebrew Competition Entries:

Luke Papenfuss - O'Papenfuss' Irish Red  
Nick "Tater" Ruetz - Hoppy Red  
Pat Minster - Minster Mystery Beer and Flemish Sour Ale  
Sean Minster - Appalachian Trail Ale  
Ivan Baker - "Reidy Strong" Belgian Dark Strong Ale  
Rob Berrones - Doppel Ganger  
Tim Russell - Mr. McGuire's Bride Ale  
Timm Heck - Sexual Chocolate



At the MHC it's all about the fun, and boy, was it a fun day for the Party at the Pitch! Grilling, brewing, hurling, and, of course, smiling!

## 2013 Captains' Awards Recipients

**U7s** - Peter and Susan Gray

**U11s** - Monica Schmidt

**U15s** - Dylan Olson, Frank Corrao, and Ted Sanders

**Ale House** - Ben Finchem

**Burke's** - Sarah Eslyn and Tony Sholts

**All Tool** - Pat Minster and Nick "Tater" Ruetz

**Brocach** - Mike Meyers and Tony Gilbert

**Slim's** - Anna Krajcik and Ryan Milbrath

**Shamrock Club** - Trent Kielley and Ryan Koppa

**Irish Pub** - McCauley Family and O'Loughlin/Kittle Family

**Trinity** - Aislinn Leonard and Colin Zuelzke

**Silver Spring House** - Andy Haugh and Steve Pruzina

**McBob's** - Dan Christenson and Tom Hereley

**County Clare** - Aaron Kruger

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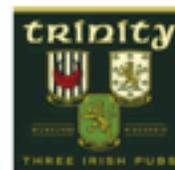
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# A Tale of Toilet Bowl Triumph

by Jason Kirkpatrick

There was some debate about whether or not the toilet bowl game deserved coverage in this week's Dish, but one could argue that it's one of the more important games of the year. While it's certainly true that it has no implications in the fight for the championship, the Toilet Bowl has become a place to see some of the best reasons why people are so endeared to this crazy sport. This year three teams would take to the pitch for the final time, not to push for one last win, but to enjoy the camaraderie of those they had fought so hard with all year.

A kaleidoscope of jerseys representing McBob's, Silver Spring House, County Clare, and a few teams who had found themselves out of the playoffs trickled onto the pitch on an overcast and slightly cool day. Sticks were tossed and the Joels were in the goals (Ingebrigtson and Travis that is) as one side was forced to wear the dreaded pennies. Not satisfied with a simple penny, Rob McCommons tried to up his intimidation factor by sporting a Jason mask on the back of his helmet. Shouts of "Yeah Hurling!" could be heard on the pitch as players struggled to contain their excitement at playing in this infamous game.

As play began the Pennies (that's what I took to calling them) jumped out to an early lead with a goal from Amy Hoss supported by excellent halfback play by Sean Minster. After another point by the Pennies, the Jerseys (naturally this is what I named the other team) decided to get into the game, as did Aislinn Leonard who joined up at the end of the first. The points began to fall for the Jerseys, but Caleb Hunnicutt seemed to be confused about what sport he was playing as a mini soccer match broke out. As the game continued more hurlers began to join into the action as they arrived at the pitch. Matt Ebert, Mike Stuht, and even one of our youth players, Ziggy, were eventually in the game.

It was quite the mix of characters, but you could tell that the atmosphere was one of fun and pure enjoyment of the game. This naturally led to taunting which was allowed, if not openly encouraged in this match. "Shoot or Shag," yelled Ingebrigtson to Mike Stuht after a wide shot on goal in a humorous nod to practice rules. "This game means everything," shouted another in an attempt energize their team. Ingebrigtson proved that he could back up his talk though as later in



*photo credit: Kerry Leonard*

the match he blocked a shot on goal using only his gluteus muscles.

The exceptional level of teamwork that had formed throughout the year was apparent too, and words of encouragement were heard across the field for friend and foe alike. Cecelia Nieves and Nate Brunner working their Clare Cat power to get a goal for the Jerseys was just one great example of teamwork that I noticed. I'm not totally certain, but I believe the score at half was 3-2 (11) for the Jerseys and 1-2 (5) for the Pennies. I was going to check with Referee Brenna Olson, but she had her hands full giving a fake yellow card to Matt Ebert for running over Aislinn, or for wearing sleeves on the pitch, I'm not sure.

The second half had its highlights as well, like Liam Raasch getting checked to the ground by Aislinn, resulting in some good natured cheers from the sideline. Andy McKee also made an appearance in the second half, but not as a player. His attempt to shortcut across the field with some tables for the pitch party made him a target too good to pass up, like when you're at the driving range and the cart goes out to pick up the balls. Channeling his goalie instincts though, he managed to stop an approaching sliothar with one of the tables. With this being the last game of the season for many, sideline cuts were also deemed to waste too much precious time in the final minutes, and shouts of "Play!" encouraged the teams to keep the game moving. But despite the lax nature of the game there was still a clock ticking down, and eventually the whistle blew to signal, reluctantly, the end of the season. At the end of the match I'm positive that nobody knew the final score, only that everyone had won simply by playing.

# It's All in the Family

## The Miksch/Varelas Family



When asked why she likes playing with her family, Michelle Varelas jokingly replied, "I want to kick them in the shins." After a quick laugh she added, "It gives us family unity and it's something we can all do together."

## The O'Loughlin/Kittle Family



Representing the championship bound Irish Pub Ninjas, Cathy O'Loughlin mentioned "it's fun to spend time with my boys." The boys then added their favorite thing about playing as a family was "getting to yell at each other!"

# Be a Real Winner and Join Cailinn's Crusaders at the Briggs and Al's Run/Walk

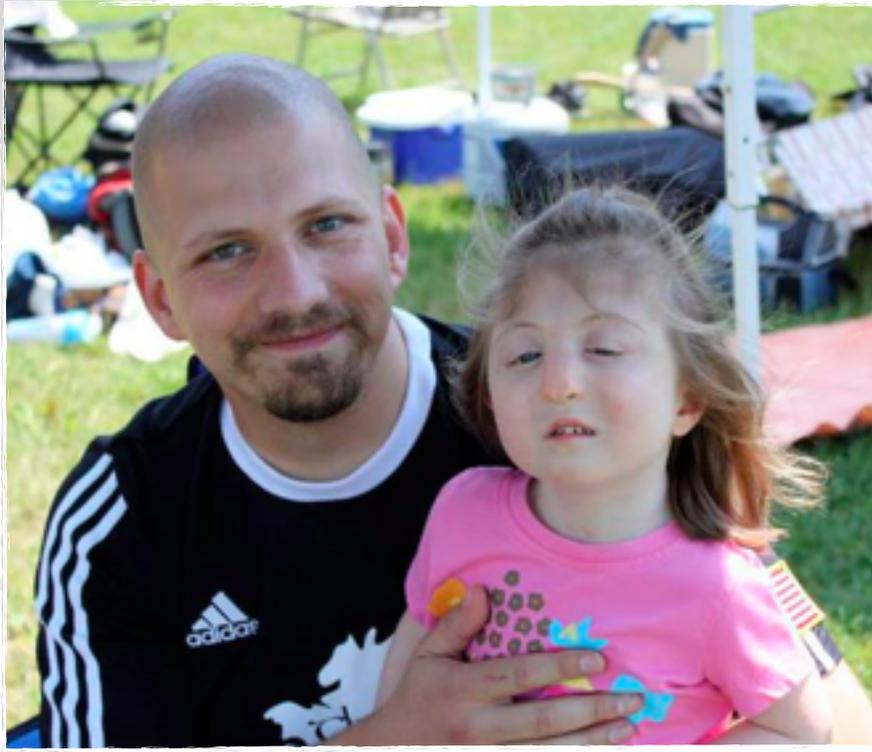
To all our friends and family, I would like to officially invite you to join and support our team, Cailinn's Crusaders, for our 5th year walking for Children's Hospital of WI on Saturday, September 14th at 10AM.

You all know how important CHW has been to our family, and now is a great opportunity to help us say thank you! Brian and I look forward to doing the walk every year for many reasons. First of all, it's a wonderful cause. Every year, the money that Team Cailinn's Crusaders raises, goes directly to the Special Needs Program at the hospital. I like to let people know where their donations are going to help you understand that it's not just going to a random pot at the hospital. The Special Needs Program has been a life line for our family. They are available 24/7 to help us when we need it. They are experts at medically complicated children (ie. Cailinn) and are the reason that we have had the coordination of care that we do. They bring all of her 22 specialist together to think as one team, rather than individual specialties. The other reason we do the walk every year is that it's FUN! We have a blast every year. It's not like we just walk down the street and then go home... that would be boring. Instead, we get to see live music, different characters (last year we saw Chewbacca and other Star Wars characters that I do not know... sorry Brian), and the year before that we saw the characters from Pirates of the Caribbean.).

So, I am asking for your support again this year. Join our team and walk with us if you can (or run). If you can not, please consider making a donation on behalf of our team. Every little bit helps, even if it's \$5. Honestly!! We have set our goal high again this year at \$3000. Seems like a lot, but we manage to hit the mark every year thanks to all of the very generous family, friends, and even strangers. The last few years we have been averaging 20-25 team members. I would love to see us hit 30 members this year! Don't forget that if

you register for our team, you get a one of a kind T-Shirt that shows you supported Team Cailinn's Crusaders. Your friends will be so jealous!

Pass this on to people you know, and check with your employer to see if they will match donations. Again, every bit helps.



Something new that we are trying this year is advertising sponsorship. We currently have 3 ads that we will be including on the back of our T-shirts, and have plenty of space available yet. If you or someone you know would like to have their group or company name added, it only cost \$50.

I would like to thank the Milwaukee Hurling Club for being our very first ad sponsor this year. When

asked, they did not even hesitate and told me to make sure that we ask again next year. Thank you MHC!

## Sign Up:

Go To <http://events.chw.org/goto/Cailinn>

Click "Register Now" on the left side

Join a Team

Enter Cailinn's Crusaders as the team name and then when you see the team listed, click "Join" all the way to the right.

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\*\*Please make any donations after you have registered under your name or the team, rather than on the registration page as it will not go to our team goal.

## Donations:

Click "Donate Now" on the left side

Enter Team Name "Cailinn's Crusaders" This will take you to our team page. On the far right side is a link that says "Make a Gift" Click to make a donation. Do not worry about assigning an area for the donation to go to, as I will take care of that.

**Thank you,**

**Kelly, Brian, and Cailinn Lynch**

# A Relentless Legion Marches Past Shamrock Club

by Jason Kirkpatrick

The Shamrock Club Griffins and the All Tool Legion suited up for what was sure to be a hotly contested battle for a spot in the MHC championship game. The clouds were foreboding and the air was cool, but some would say that was just good Irish weather to mark the start of Irish Fest week. The Griffins tried a new line out yet again with rookie Ryan Koppa at midfield up against



*photo credit: Kerry Leonard*

Legion powerhouse Steven Schmid. The Legion meanwhile would stick to a tried and true strategy that had ushered them to victory many times before this season.

All Tool got the jump on the Griffins as Nick "Tater" Ruetz and Ronnie Hansen brought the assault up front for two points. The Legion was putting heavy pressure on Shamrock ace Vinny Maloney, triple teaming him at times, and Ryan Brown was protecting their defensive landscape like it was sacred ground. The lockdown separated the Griffin end lines and left them unable to capitalize on their trips downfield. To make things worse the All Tool forward lines were pulling the high scoring Griffin midfield back into their defense to help clear the ball.

After trading a point on frees, the Shamrock club began to find their rhythm though as Kevin Griffin doubled in a goal off a shot attempt by Moloney for their first goal of the game. Another goal in the minutes that followed brought the Shamrock Club into the lead by four points. Before the half however, Tater made his move and sent a stinging bullet across the keeper for a crucial goal to keep up with the Shamrock Club. All Tool was emboldened by their play yelling, "Good hustle...there's a lot to be

happy about in that half," happy with the score of 1-4 (7) to Shamrock Club's 2-2 (8).

The rain began to fall harder as the teams took to the pitch for the second half making it harder to move the sliothar, and really making the defense work overtime. John McCarville was doing an exemplary job for the Shamrock Club despite the rain, and Ryan Koppa was all over Schmid throughout the game just as the Griffins had hoped. However the All Tool offense soon started to exploit the overworked Griffin defense and twice found the net to regain the lead.

Charging into the final quarter the Griffins were able to move the sliothar up to their forwards where Kathleen Moloney's relentless attacks finally paid off with a goal. The Shamrock Club squad was determined to play one more game this season and Joe Gaar had some great attempts in the final quarter to get them back in it, but a Legion goal from Tater would close that door and ensure that he and his All Tool Legion teammates would move on to play in the championship game with a final score of All Tool 4-5 (17) to Shamrock Club 3-3 (12).



## U7s Reunite and Rally

by Aislinn Leonard



*photo credit: Kerry Leonard*

The U7s reunited as one group on Sunday for the spotlight game and were clearly glad to see each other because they could hardly keep their energy on the field. Coach Aislinn and Coach Brian stepped into opposing goals and Coach Ivan blew the whistle to start the game. Emotions ran high from the beginning of the game when Dylan Gray of Shoreview Pediatric Pink scored a wicked goal from a few meters out followed by an awesome celebration dance across the field. The Ritter Law Office Greens would have none of that as Dylan's brother, Sean Gray, and Hannah Fortier answered back with some hard shots and passes down the line. "Medium" Ivan Baker displayed his progress by getting in a few major plays and staying on the field the entire game! Antoinette Brilz got physical this weekend by cutting off her opponents and getting open for passes. Her creative defensive play saved her team quite a few goals!

The U7s have been terrific about moving to open space and watching opponents and teammates rather than just the ball. Although we don't keep score in the U7s, the match was evenly played and everyone on the field played extremely hard.

We played without Cooper Larsen this week because he was up giving the U11s a try in preparation for next season! We wish him luck and hope the U7s have prepared him for the terrorizing U11s!

# U11s Show Their Speed



*photo credit:  
Kerry Leonard*

# U15s on the Move



*photo credit: Ellen Burmeister*

## Irish Pub Overruns Ale House Marauders in Frenzied Clash



*by Ivan Baker*

The intensity of hurling in the semi-finals is remarkable regarding the level of play which we don't often experience during the regular MHC season. Teams have been systematically shucked aside, and only the top tier duel their way to the championship match. These last four teams, close to reaching the pinnacle of training, have overcome all the others. We've seen teams develop from unorganized bands of confused rookies, out-of-shape veterans, and frustrated captains into the field-tested, combat-ready tournament teams we see in the playoffs.

We've seen Irish Pub grow such an impressive team cohesion that they seem to run as a single, well-greased war machine, and teams have toppled under weight of their hefty scores.

And we've seen the Milwaukee Ale House Marauders make waves in the quarter-finals as they bested a strong, second seeded Slim McGinn's.

On Sunday, we saw these two teams come together, tooth-and-nail, in what could be likened to a Kilkenny catfight. The day had turned into a sunny wonder after a morning of light showering, but for the field, the damage had been done, and the condition remained sloppy for the remaining matches.

Irish Pub went straight to the Marauders' vitals in the first quarter. Their 'shock and awe' offense, trademark of the Ninjas, and led by the team's captains, Tony

*photo credit: Ellen Burmeister*

Gaar and Tim Dombrowski, did what it's done most of the season, overtake the scoreboard and leave a their opponent panicked to get back the points.

Unlike prior fallen teams, the Ale House defense kept their wits about them guided with the strong cool-headedness of their captains, goalie Jerry Miksch and fullback Tim Sulik. They led their defense against constant frays of menacing offenders with a halfback line worthy of note, comprised of Pat MacLeod, Nick Neuman, and Rebecca Sigmon.

The intensity of the last half increased into the graceful violence that is expected in hurling, especially in high competition. The Marauders continued fighting the good fight, but could not close the gap in points. The Irish Pub offense played it smart and repeatedly took the wise shots over the bar.

The level of rookie play from both teams was impressive, Ale House had two goals scored by rookies, Bill Courtwright and Christian Varelas. But the Marauders could not put up the points to match the initial battering in the first quarter.

The final quarter churned with the Marauders' anxiety to catch up and the Ninjas' proven ability to work as a complete team to retain the harsh leads they create. And at the blast of the last whistle, Irish Pub proved triumphant over the gallant Marauders, 2-13 (19) over 2-4 (10).

# Four Legged Fans

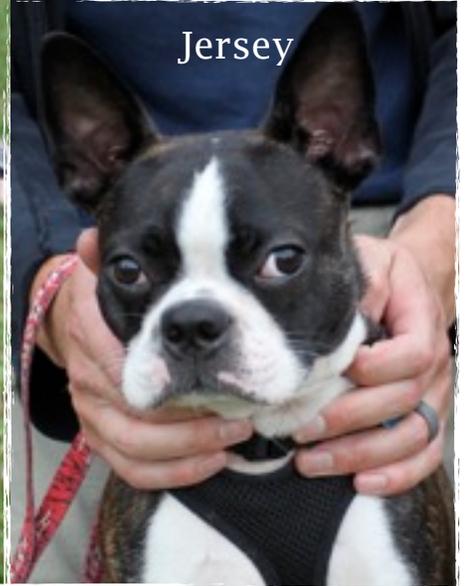
Gertie



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# Camogie Bout for Bragging Rights



*photo credit: Kerry Leonard*

*by Christopher Patrick*

Capping off a day of partying and hard fought playoffs, the camogie team took to the pitch for a scrimmage. The match was destined to be fun to watch with two sets of sisters, Cecelia Nieves and Valaria Herrera and Brenna and Devin Olson, facing off against one another, as well as the return of Meghan Neuenschwander to play her first game of the season. It was Ellen Burmeister on the Blue team putting up the first goal, with White responding with excellent passing from Karen Seeliger to Cecelia Nieves who kicked in the sliothar to score another goal. Ending the first half, both teams were tied 2-0 (6).

Following the extended halftime break - which included the entire captains' award ceremony - it was the White team that started on the offensive, with Rachel Rhodes taking shots on goal and getting points to start the second half. However, it was Blue's defensive player Kathleen Moloney who, despite playing in the Shamrock Club's playoff game earlier, persistently denied White's drives and moved the sliothar back up the field. Not ones to stay still, Meghan Neuenschwander and Rachel Chevremont managed to each get a yellow card during a break in play for roughhousing on the field. In the end, both sides were closely matched and had some awesome plays, with the White team narrowly winning by two points, 3-2 (11) to 2-3 (9).

# Tattoo - Guess Who!



*photo credit: Aislinn Leonard*

Guess who belongs to this tattoo! We have a lot of ink in the club and this game will be a fun way to put it on display and get to know a few of your fellow club teammates. Check back next week to find out who this is!

\*Last week's tattoo belongs to **Brenna Olson of McBob's!**\*



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