

## Halfway Party 2024

This year was exceptional in several ways. First was Hibernian attendance – triple the number of past years. including brothers we've not seen in a while, We were incredibly pleased to see Brothers Bill Temple, Jake Ruppert, Paul O'Brien, Joe and Barbara Daly, and Dick and Peggy Dowd enjoying the day.

The program was delayed for a short time, but the Muggivans as always were flexible and as always, they were superb!



Muggivans with Brothers Dick Dowd and Paul O'Brien looking on



Dragon Fyre played for us

In an unexpected turn of events, seven women entered the Tavern. They were a traveling Bachelorette Party, returning to Philadelphia after visiting in North Carolina. On a whim, they decided to sight see in Fredericksburg. They saw our Halfway signage and decided to join in. They wore green sashes, are Irish Americans, play on a Gaelic Football team, and are accomplished Irish dancers.





Needless to say, the bride-to-be drew the winning ticket, with assistance from Division President Dennis O'Reilly. This year's winner was Patricia Alexander and she has decided to take the trip.

(Jake Ruppert, Jack McGovern, Neil Hornung, Lisa O'Reilly, and Bill Halpin contributed photos)