

## The luck of the Irish

Happy Saint Pat's Day people! I hope you're celebrating tonight! I sure am - I'm off to drink Guinness in honour of Saint Patrick's... er... birthday?

Hang on...

\*Opens Wikipedia\*

...Oh! The day of his death! Party on! In a wake-ish kind of way...

Hmm. It does seem we could do with a brush-up on Irish history here. So let's see, what do we know about Saint Patrick?

Saint Patrick drove the snakes out of Ireland

Ah yes. As we all know, there are only two land-masses on Earth not infested with serpents, Ireland and New Zealand, and Ireland's free of them because Saint Patrick flooded the whole country with Guinness. He did this in 1759 and if you look at your pint glass tonight you'll notice it's inscribed with that date. He then built an ark in which he carried all of Ireland's animals safely over the flood. Except the snakes. The other animals turned up two by two, but the snakes turned up in a large group of guys and St Pat was like "sorry fellas, too much sausage, you need girls to get in here". So the snakes went and found some lady snakes and tried again and Pat was like, "nope. Wrong shoes."

"What the cuss? We don't even have..."

"Look, get outta here wouldya?"

So the snakes slithered over to England.

Saint Patrick was Irish

Nope! Saint Patrick - or rather Pat, as he was simply known then - was born in England. At the age of 16 he was captured by Irish raiders and enslaved, only to escape and return home.

Yep, that's right. The patron saint of Ireland is a pom. DON'T TELL THE IRISH!

Saint Patrick brought Christianity to Ireland

St Patrick famously converted Ireland by explaining the nature of God using a shamrock. God is green, he said. And very, very lucky. And the Irish, who were partial to a flutter, converted.

Sort of. After returning to England he joined the church and eventually went back to Ireland as a bishop - whereupon he set about converting. And this bit baffles me. You've got to be pretty damn pious to convert a whole country, right? Think about it - dude travels round on foot arguing religion with the Irish. Have you ever argued with an Irishman? You need a silver tongue - plus steel kneecaps. No wonder they made him a saint.

But anyway, in my book this makes Paddy the most dry-as-a-bone Bible-basher you could hope to avoid talking to in a pub. Yet how do we celebrate his day? By dressing in silly green hats and getting - let's be honest - absolutely hammered.

With this in mind I look forward to these future celebrations remembering great holy leaders in similarly appropriate ways:

Pope Benedict's Day: Celebrants snort sherry, dress in comic jackboots, and feast on German sausages. If you get intoxicated on Benedict's Day and sleep with someone you shouldn't, a simple palm-waving gesture gets you off the hook.

Dalai Lama Week: Magic mushrooms, rubber baldy-caps, and saffron robes. Vodka shots for anyone saying "China".

Tamaki Tuesday: People dress in leather and harass strangers for money. The strangers must hand over coins until someone shouts "enough is enough!" Key drink: Lion Red.

They'll be a blast! Anyway, that's it for me - I'm off to sink a few, and hope you are too. But don't forget to leave a comment and cast a vote before you go. I'm starting to think I could win this thing! I just need those votes to be sure.

To be sure!

## **Comments**

samm #1 09:44 am Mar 17 2010

Best of the day so far...

Chilli #2 09:45 am Mar 17 2010

The blog started off sounding like it was going to be a little lame, but ended up being very funny! Well done Greg, you've got my vote today :-)

DOWN WITH CAPTAIN AWESOME!

Louissette #3 09:48 am Mar 17 2010

China!

Ginny #4 09:48 am Mar 17 2010

You're the only one who made me laugh today! Is the opposition getting tired? running out of inspiration??? Greg's got my vote - the blogger who keeps great blogs coming!

Ctase #5 09:53 am Mar 17 2010

Can always rely on Greg for my mid-morning chuckle. Keep it up :-)

Jessica #6 10:04 am Mar 17 2010

Best history lesson ever. Thanks!

girl #7 10:06 am Mar 17 2010

fidelly-de-potatoes!

Slinkyminx #8 10:07 am Mar 17 2010

Yeyyyyy! It has got to the stage for me... (and maybe many others by now) where I eagerly click on your new blog with baited breath. You see I have become so addicted to your daily blog it is on now par with my morning coffee fix (believe me that is quite an achievement). Everyday it needs to be that teeny bit hotter, stronger, more perfect in order to give me the much sought after, entire body buzz. Today Greg, I am not too shy to say you have hit the spot, boy that spot was hit goood, over and over and OVER AND OVEEEERRRRRRR. Ohhhhh Greg, GIVE ME MOOOORE... Goodness, sorry about that. I got a little uhum, over excited. Best I go distract myself with something...Triple shot, extra hot, non fat, double soy latte anyone?

Poppy #9 10:09 am Mar 17 2010

Ah Greg, you have really hit your stride. Laughed through most of this. You're a funny chap. Happy St Patrick's Day to you! May the luck of the Irish be with you today.

Nicky #10 10:11 am Mar 17 2010

Love it - learnt a few things and laughed throughout. Have a great night out - those of us in London still have to get through tomorrow before we can hit the pub!

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Courtney #11 10:13 am Mar 17 2010

I'm really disappointed by the lack of St Patrick's Day things around in New Zealand. Where are the sparkly hats on display, where are the ridiculous shamrock frocks?

Where is everything?

I know it's not all sold out - there'd at least be empty aisles with lonely barcodes, informing me that I was too late for the green glamour.

But there's nothing.

Do you know what I am for St Patrick's Day?

I am a dragon. Because it's the only green thing I could find to go with my green tank top and green shorts. A dragon costume. I'm still going to be the most awesome Irish dragon, but still.

All I wanted was a sparkly green hat.

But all I could find was a children's sized dragon costume, whose wings strap around my wrists with velcro.

At least I have my whiskey. And you, Greg - I still have you to read!  
amanda #12 10:14 am Mar 17 2010

Not sure how much was fact, but an entertaining yarn for sure, and you did get me thinking about all these events we celebrate without knowing the facts. You get my vote.

Paddy #13 10:14 am Mar 17 2010

Gold - just the right amount of tongue in cheek... mmm... irish girl's tongues...  
Kimberley #14 10:17 am Mar 17 2010

Hello, I thought I should start commenting to help get the votes up. This is hilarious! I really hope you win. I wish I could get hammered in true St Patrick's style, however, I have a presentation due thursday that I unfortunately haven't managed to start yet... Have a good day!

Rach #15 10:18 am Mar 17 2010

I want you to win. Humour to get me through my mornings is always a plus. And I was lol-ing (?) through that whole post.

""sorry fellas, too much sausage, you need girls to get in here"" - Classic.

Westie Weekend: In honour of NZ's favourite family, the Wests. People can spend the weekend in the back yard with the bbq out wearing your shades, jeans and leather coat and drinking with the neighbours till the cows come home - men must wear a band t-shirt and woman must have part of their undergarments showing. Smoking optional.

Perfect if you already do that, then there's no trouble trying to remeber the date.

p.s. Was this a surprise 'no one got eliminated' round? Surely if Terry uh  
\*opennewtab/googlesearch/copypaste\*...Serepisos can't fire someone it means  
Stuff should step up to the plate and fire that elimination gun?  
paul #16 10:19 am Mar 17 2010

So did anyone else read this entire blog with an Irish accent? Must be Saint Patrick's day! Up the Irish!

"What The Cuss?" - Get that on a T-shirt smartly!  
Laura #17 10:20 am Mar 17 2010

Hope you win Greg, too funny! we really need more Public holidays and Dali Lama week could fit in nicely into the mid-year.  
Lou #18 10:20 am Mar 17 2010

Slainte !  
Rach #19 10:27 am Mar 17 2010

Greg - you're the only one in this competition that is consistently entertaining. Surely the judges will see that? Huh judges?  
sher #20 10:29 am Mar 17 2010

Loved it, right down to the last line, to be sure  
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superher #21 10:30 am Mar 17 2010

great twist at the end, tamaki tuesday - argghh!  
Chris Philpott #22 10:30 am Mar 17 2010

Quality post Greg, well done :)  
Dan #23 10:36 am Mar 17 2010

Best blog of the competition so far by anyone! Loved the writing style and suggestions at the end. You really have hit your stride please keep it up!  
gilkk #24 10:36 am Mar 17 2010

so strange to actually be an irish in new zealand on St. Patricks Day, the first year I was here I couldn't believe all the dressing up that goes on! We don't do that at home! strange to see how our tradition changes in different parts of the world. Most Irish people know that St. Patrick was British, he was was also Welsh which is a little bit less difficult to deal with!

oh and an added bit of pointless information, St. Patrick is said to have driven the snakes from Ireland, this refers to driving the Druids from Ireland or destroying the traditional pagan way of life as in many customs the snake represents knowledge. I am a fountain of useless information!!  
greg is my favourite blogger #25 10:39 am Mar 17 2010

ok so fortunately I hadn't just taken a sip of coffee when I read this, so I didn't choke. I think I forgot to vote yesterday too, but I see you didn't need it after all.

Damn if I didn't forget about it being St Patricks day until after I left hte house this morning, and damn if I'm not wearing a green top and bugger me if everyone isn't going to think I dressed lame in honour of St Pat.

And if you're in Wellington and you go down Lambton Quay on your way to work, it will be hard not to notice that someone has attached a green leprechaun beard to the statue of that Plimmer guy at the bottom of Plimmer Steps.  
greg is my favourite blogger #26 10:41 am Mar 17 2010

Just got around to reading the other comments - whoa, blog groupies, I never saw such a thing.  
trueblue #27 10:42 am Mar 17 2010

You're a cracker, have a pint for me.  
Stephen #28 10:47 am Mar 17 2010

So As I write this there has been 10 Replies to your blog... C. Awesome currently has 123 replies. I liked your blog, though a tad boring... but C. Awesome appeals to the masses! Captain Awesome FTW  
Abbi #29 10:51 am Mar 17 2010

Ahahahaha...."God is green, he said. And very, very lucky. And the Irish, who were partial to a flutter, converted." ..... I love it!! This was fantastic!

Am deeply saddened by the fact St Patrick's Day is not only on a week day it is also on the last day of the pay fortnight so am well poor!

Keep up the great blogs! Would hate for one of the others to win as now don't even bother reading their blogs!

El Train #30 10:55 am Mar 17 2010

Ha! Genius... and more accurate than you would think. Is it just me or is Greg getting better and better while the others seem to be running out of steam?

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greg is my favourite blogger #31 10:59 am Mar 17 2010

gikk #24. Drove the snacks from Ireland eh? What, no more Abrakebabra? No more onion rings with vinegar?

JA #32 11:00 am Mar 17 2010

You, my friend, are the Awesome one. Captain Tiresome doesn't stand a chance.

kristen #33 11:02 am Mar 17 2010

Hope there's a lucky leprechaun looking out for you today and you make it to the next round!

My vote's for Greg.

Dan Organ #34 11:02 am Mar 17 2010

You are a funny chap. Nice blog!.

Darth Michael #35 11:03 am Mar 17 2010

"Dalai Lama Week: Magic mushrooms, rubber baldy-caps, and saffron robes. Vodka shots for anyone saying "China"."

Brilliant!

I remember the day that I learned that Saint Paddy wasn't Irish. It was like the day that I learned that a Birthday Suit is not a suit.

BG #36 11:03 am Mar 17 2010

I'm a hardcore captain awesome supporter but today I decided I like you too. I feel like a protestant in an irish catholic suburb.

Sarah #37 11:05 am Mar 17 2010

Wicked funny. You've got my vote again.

pakipaki #38 11:07 am Mar 17 2010

This is gold! Best yet, from anyone.  
jgs #39 11:07 am Mar 17 2010

To be sure, to be sure. loving your work.  
Mary #40 11:09 am Mar 17 2010

Maith thú / Well done!  
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Don 1 #41 11:11 am Mar 17 2010

@gilkk: "St. Patrick is said to have driven the snacks from Ireland..."

What? Like "Get thee behind me Tayto?"  
snapdragon #42 11:16 am Mar 17 2010

Have enjoyed your blogs so far, and you have at least two things going for you as you turn down the home straight of the race. 1. you can write passably well 2. you are not an awesomely ignorant and arrogant twat

Best of luck.  
trueblue #43 11:20 am Mar 17 2010

Why is it that more people want to celebrate St Paddys day than Waitangi (NZ) day?  
paul #44 11:21 am Mar 17 2010

@Stephen #28

Wrong day Blossom. That was yesterday, and most of the responses were telling the Captain what a tosser he was. Not exactly winning the hearts and minds eh?  
Willthe2nd #45 11:21 am Mar 17 2010

Great blog mate, youve got my vote today. Its the first St Paddys day i havent had to work so il be making the most of it!  
Stephanie #46 11:24 am Mar 17 2010

Nice one Greg, I don't feel as giggly as yesturday but that smile is still definitely plastered on my face.  
kater #47 11:24 am Mar 17 2010

Haha love it. Bring on Dalai Lama Week :-)  
Abbi #48 11:25 am Mar 17 2010

@ Rach # 15

I was wondering that too.... Also does that mean we get a double elimination tomorrow?!?!

gt #49 11:25 am Mar 17 2010

VOTE

LL #50 11:28 am Mar 17 2010

Best of the day!! so don't like Capt Awesome  
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Fouzberry #51 11:28 am Mar 17 2010

Do you think that the haters that comment on Captain Awesome's blog don't realise what they're doing? We can't have him winning, so I'm commenting here and then heading over to vote for you as well. @#25, I too forgot it is St Patricks Day, and left the house wearing a green skirt.

kater #52 11:29 am Mar 17 2010

@ Rach #15 - now that they're at final four they're doing eliminations after every 2nd blog - there was a news story on it yesterday but can't seem to find it today to copy in the link. So, next elimination tomorrow - get voting people!

E. #53 11:31 am Mar 17 2010

Haha, great blog. You get my vote!

popsie\_cool #54 11:31 am Mar 17 2010

Go Greg! As funny today as ever. My vote's for you to win :-)

Evolution VIII #55 11:33 am Mar 17 2010

Greg - I couldnt stop laughing at Tamaki Tuesday! You totally get my vote!

Quarter Irish #56 11:35 am Mar 17 2010

Chuckle chuckle. Funniest history lesson I've had in a while.

Louissette #57 11:36 am Mar 17 2010

@ gilkk #24 Really? In that case I don't think St Pat's a very suitable guy to celebrate. Being a missionary's one thing, but destroying other people's cultures is not cool.

megs #58 11:39 am Mar 17 2010

Love it - bring on Westie Weekend!!

Karen #59 11:40 am Mar 17 2010

The best blog by far, you get my vote! =)

LB #60 11:40 am Mar 17 2010

Fantastic today - loved it! You get my vote.

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JA #61 11:41 am Mar 17 2010

I'm concerned that where the roaring landslide in popularity sides with Greg, the Stuff "team" let Captain Awesome stay on - with all those negative comments + the lowest poll rating. I'm scared for you Greg, to be honest, because it looks like this whole thing is rigged beyond belief just because his talentless drivel brings controversial comment wars.

Stuff - I don't come to the blogs to read the flippin' comments FIRST! I come to read the BLOG!

Also pointless to comment negatively on Captain Awesome's blog because Stuff SOMEHOW blindly counts that as a tick of appreciation.

Anyway - Greg, if we can't fight the power and somehow that a\$\$clown Captain Obvious wins, please please can you just host a blog on Blogspot or something anyway so we can all still read you?

gilkk #62 11:47 am Mar 17 2010

yes drove the snacks from Ireland.... he didn't approve of the use of the holy potato in salty tasty goodness, thought it would drive us all to drink. How right he was!:-

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Smithy #63 11:47 am Mar 17 2010

Far and away the best blogger of the bunch. If Greg doesn't win this it will be a TRAVESTY!

Karlos #64 11:50 am Mar 17 2010

Like it

Samela #65 11:58 am Mar 17 2010

Tamaki Tuesday. Haha! That is GOLD.

Rachel #66 11:59 am Mar 17 2010

very funny. good luck!

EM #67 12:04 pm Mar 17 2010

Dont forget for westie weekend you can only drink woodies (if your mates mum gave it to you) or beer that retails for less then \$20 a dozen.. Have to say so far you and Chaz are my favourites

JR #68 12:04 pm Mar 17 2010

Wow. that was just.... wow. As someone else said, best blog of the comp. Friggen funny, totally original etc etc. Good work, please can we keep him? Please?

Claudia #69 12:05 pm Mar 17 2010

A comical, easy to read blog entry. Well done. You have a natural writing style and hope you win - as on sh\*#@#\$y days, it's nice to read a funny blog to cheer up the rest of the day.

AP #70 12:06 pm Mar 17 2010

Hey Greg, Great writing, relevent info to what is going on at moment which stands you in good stead if you win, really enjoyed it. well done, as the other comments say you are definitely going from strength to strength, great to see improvement.

PS to the others...if you don't like a particular person...then don't read or comment at all on the blog, that way no vote, no comment and no views (views are prob very important.... as viewers see the advertising on that page so hey it all comes down to \$\$\$\$)

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Fran #71 12:07 pm Mar 17 2010

Up until I was 15, I thought St Patrick was the patron saint of beer.

Keep voting and commented for Greg! #72 12:13 pm Mar 17 2010

Enough said! :-)

Carl #73 12:17 pm Mar 17 2010

Definitely the winner of today's batch. Was a little worried you were just going to regurgitate wikipedia, like an 8-year-old's school project, but it's good to see you were actually going somewhere with it.

I'm starting to think that you deserve to win this, Greg. You haven't been a huge stand-out throughout, but I'm starting to see that your posts are definitely the most \*consistent\*, which is important if you're going to be doing this all the time. All the other contenders have had at least one real stinker, which is not a great sign this early on.

Chris #74 12:20 pm Mar 17 2010

\*\*\*\*\* You're getting into your flow now... I can feel it... Excellent blog. Great writing, informative, and funny to boot. Just what a really good blog should be I reckon. Unless you get so hammered tonight you cause yourself a brain injury and blog about how you s\*\*t yourself in bars or something... (oh, hang on, someone IS doing that)... then I'm voting GREG right to the end.

paul #75 12:21 pm Mar 17 2010

I gotta say I was hanging out for a wry observation of Paddy loading all the Irish snakes up into his HQ Holden and driving them out of the Emerald Isle.

Perhaps St. Pat should be the Patron Saint of Designated Drivers?

Nick Barnett #76 12:22 pm Mar 17 2010

Hi, I'll try to clarify some questions people have raised about judging and eliminations.

There was no elimination today. From the Final Four on, the contestants blog for two days, then there's an elimination. For example, they blogged yesterday and today, and an elimination will happen tomorrow. The idea is to give the top four bloggers more opportunity to show their qualities and for the rest of us to get to know their style better. All the finalists have known this setup from the start, and it was noted in yesterday's news story, but I'm sorry if we didn't make the structure clear enough.

All the eliminations are decided by the judging panel at Stuff. Before they decide, they have traffic figures in front of them as well as poll results and comment trends. We both count AND read the comments, so the content and spirit of the comments are known as well as the number.

Rather than take up space on the finalists' threads, if you have any comments or queries on the competition's structure, feel free to email me on [blogs@stuff.co.nz](mailto:blogs@stuff.co.nz) and I'll reply individually.

Nick Barnett, Opinion Editor

Keza203 #77 12:25 pm Mar 17 2010

Happy St Pats day.

Once again another giggle from me! I'm enjoying these blogs while im at work!

Have fun!

Ruby #78 12:28 pm Mar 17 2010

Loved it. My vote is yours.  
AndiNZ #79 12:29 pm Mar 17 2010

I liked this blog. Greg and Chaz for final two. :)  
R #80 12:31 pm Mar 17 2010

Once again, you've nailed it! Way more awesome than Captain Awesome! (You should rename yourself General Awesome.)

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Busta Nuttz #81 12:31 pm Mar 17 2010

where's the crack?...oh here it is

Shot and up ya bum. I mean bottoms up

aww stuff it, fill yer boots greg !

cheers  
gt #82 12:36 pm Mar 17 2010

this really is a very well written blog. Its so nice to read in comparison to another arrogant ignorant tool. I suggest.... mergatroid day!  
lippyindy #83 12:42 pm Mar 17 2010

Oh and thanks for the history lesson - helped immensely when I did the St Paddys day quiz!

Abbi #84 12:44 pm Mar 17 2010

@ Trueblue #43 Because Waitangi Day is generally not celebrated with Lots of alcohol! Also it is fun trying to do a passable Irish accent!

Eve #85 12:45 pm Mar 17 2010

Good job Greg, I like your blog and the fact that you've done a bit of research for your post today - informative, interesting & relevant. Good luck!

Chuck #86 12:47 pm Mar 17 2010

I've changed allegiances, you're my favourite. +1 Vote  
Chad Cheeseman #87 12:49 pm Mar 17 2010

Blog Idol is how you get the ladies...  
tegridb #88 12:50 pm Mar 17 2010

chyna! chyna! chyna! chyna! to be sure, to be sure!

thanks for explaining paddy's day.. why do we even celebrate it over here??

and funny lil leprechauns are an american invention apparently.  
pepperann #89 12:51 pm Mar 17 2010

Funniest blog of the comp so far. "So the snakes went and found some lady snakes and tried again and Pat was like, "nope. Wrong shoes." Brilliant!! LMAO  
Abbi #90 12:52 pm Mar 17 2010

@ trueblue #43 its because Waitangi Day is generally not celebrated with copious amounts of alcohol and fake Irish accents!!

@ JR #68 i hope so, maybe if we promise stuff that we will feed him and walk him every day....

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JJ #91 12:53 pm Mar 17 2010

VOTE! Down with Captain Awesome! You always make me laugh and I do find more often than not I learn something reading your blog!

Trevor #92 12:54 pm Mar 17 2010

Your start was shaky but you've hit your straps while the rest of the field flounder. Look at today's entries by Captain Awesome and Chavah for a case study in lazy, uninspired writing. If you don't win this competition it'll be a travesty.

Sarah #93 01:04 pm Mar 17 2010

VOTE! You're awesome

Rubarb #94 01:07 pm Mar 17 2010

The only blogger to actually pick up on the fact that they could blog about St Patrick's Day - something that is happening to everyone today... while other's sit back and blog about blogging (AGAIN).. your at the top of the current events mountain...

Fantastic writing again Greg.... your going to win!!!!

Spiral\_Chambers #95 01:08 pm Mar 17 2010

Greg, Oh Greg, I heart you, and if you don't win, I will be an angry person.

Angela #96 01:09 pm Mar 17 2010

Wahey, can't wait for Tamaki Tuesday! Just off to buy some brylcreem in preparation....

Little General #97 01:12 pm Mar 17 2010

Hilarious ... todays blog is a cracker!

Greg's Secret Admirer #98 01:15 pm Mar 17 2010

Miles ahead of the pack.... VOOOTTTEEEEE!!!

julz #99 01:15 pm Mar 17 2010

You got my vote...very funny

Chip #100 01:18 pm Mar 17 2010

Vote!

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Gavin #101 01:20 pm Mar 17 2010

Nice post, but dont get all your facts from Wikipedia. St Patrick is Welsh

SEE #102 01:33 pm Mar 17 2010

Another vote from me, I am really enjoying these blogs. Sweet, whimsical and funny. Magic.

Darth Michael #103 01:51 pm Mar 17 2010

@ trueblue #43

Perhaps it's because Kiwis prefer beer to Apartheid ;-)

Louissette #104 01:53 pm Mar 17 2010

@ Angela #96 Great idea! I want to Brylcreem my hair for Tamaki Tuesday too. It's long, so it will look totally hilarious with Brylcreem in it.

There should be dress ups with a prize for the sleaziest looking entrant. And there should be a public preaching contest.

becks #105 01:59 pm Mar 17 2010

A vote for you - well done!

Interesting Observation #106 02:00 pm Mar 17 2010

Unless I am mistaken, at the time I have written this Neither Greg, Nor Captain Awesome nor Darth Michael have commented yet today. This is way out of character and now I am one of the curious who is wondering if they are all, indeed the same person???

relz #107 02:03 pm Mar 17 2010

cool blog, i vote for u

Interesting Observation #108 02:08 pm Mar 17 2010

Ok I take that back, Darth is here somewhere today. But Captain and Greg...yet to be seen?

Maria #109 02:10 pm Mar 17 2010

Awesome. Can't wait to get off work now!

Scott #110 02:11 pm Mar 17 2010

Wow.

Um I like your blog greg but your supporters seem to be quite stupid with regards to how the voting works and with regards to Captain Awesome's posts. With that in mind it would be absolutely fantastic to see all these people pissed off and angry if Captain Awesome wins.

You deserve to win but seeing those people posting how angry they are and getting upset with Stuff is much more reason to post lots of comments to CA and vote for him.

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Don 1 #111 02:13 pm Mar 17 2010

@ tedgirb: "why do we even celebrate it over here??"

and funny lil leprechauns are an american invention apparently."

I think the 20% of Kiwis who claim Irish roots might be a factor. And possibly the lack of any other culture among most Kiwis...:-)

And yes, happy, cute leprechauns are American. Irish leprechauns (from the Gaelic lu chorpan, or small host) are a far more savage crowd. They'd eat ya without salt.

Summer #112 02:13 pm Mar 17 2010

It is a great yarn definitely... but nothing i can really comment on....

Xannadu #113 02:26 pm Mar 17 2010

Haha love it!

M #114 02:51 pm Mar 17 2010

heart

Derek #115 02:56 pm Mar 17 2010

Great blog. For some reason I'm reminded of the Dublin Tourism Board's ad campaign: "Dublin - there's pants all to do here, but you won't care 'cause you'll be sh\*tfaced."

Happy Paddy's Day, everyone, let us raise our glasses all and give thanks to that feckin' island.

greg is my favourite blogger #116 02:57 pm Mar 17 2010

I hope tomorrow's blog isn't going to be about being hungover from today, because that would suck - although if anyone can make that interesting, greg probably could, especially if he manages to refrain from sh\*\*\*ing his pants.

Scott #110 I like how you called all of greg's supporters stupid at the same time as complimenting him on his blog - I'm always impressed to see a skillful backhanded compliment.

Donnelle #117 02:57 pm Mar 17 2010

Definitely my vote today. Trying not to laugh out loud at work.

Tracey #118 03:07 pm Mar 17 2010

BEST BLOG OF THE DAY BY FAR!!!! You got my vote.

Andrea #119 03:09 pm Mar 17 2010

Courtney - maybe - since you're so disappointed there's not much happenin here for St patricks Day - you could move to ireland - it's not like it's a big thing here - just another poor excuse to drink - and kiwis don't need an excuse.

Greg #120 03:25 pm Mar 17 2010

@ Interesting Observation #106 - Nope, I'm here - and Nope, definitely not either of those people!

I was just worried that if I commented, Slinkyminx #8 might jump my bones :)

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cant decide who is my favourite #121 03:27 pm Mar 17 2010

Greg your use of 'what the cuss' is hilarious...i just googled it to see where it came from (yes i am that busy at work lol) and it seems that its a line in the movie Fantastic Mr Fox of all places! amazing what knowledge google holds...vote for greg!

lippyindy #122 03:33 pm Mar 17 2010

Interesting Observation #106

I said that days ago and got no response either...hadn't included Darth in that thought tho, but come to think of it....

Slinkyminx #123 03:35 pm Mar 17 2010

@ Greg #120. Er yes, sorry about that. You just do it for me....and quite others by the look of things. Wanna come to our Paddy's day party tonight?

AJ #124 03:39 pm Mar 17 2010

@Rach #15 I agree the whole idea of a reality tv show that eliminates someone each week is they eliminate someone, if they start saying oops this is a non elimination round then it reeks of being rigged. I guess the one they want to win did worst that week.

AJ #125 03:41 pm Mar 17 2010

PS Best blog of the competition so far....

lippyindy #126 03:45 pm Mar 17 2010

Three men walk into a bar: a Frenchman, an Italian and an Irishman. Each orders one beer. Three flies fly into the bar and one fly lands in each man's beer.

The Italian man plucks the fly out of his beer, says "tutto e bene" (all is well)" and drinks the beer. The Frenchman shows his beer with the bug still inside it to the bartender and demands another beer. The Irishman yanks the bug out of the beer, grabs it by it's wings, shakes it while yelling

"Cough it up, you wee theivin' bastard!"

lippyindy #127 03:46 pm Mar 17 2010

Two Irishmen, Patrick Murphy and Shawn O'Brian grew up together and were lifelong friends. But alas, Patrick developed cancer, and was dying. While on his deathbed, Patrick called to his buddy, Shawn, "O'Brian, come 'ere. I 'ave a request for ye." Shawn walked to his friend's bedside and kneels.

"Shawny ole boy, we've been friends all our lives, and now I'm leaving 'ere. I 'ave one last request fir ye to do."

O'Brian burst into tears, "Anything Patrick, anything ye wish. It's done."

"Well, under me bed is a box containing a bottle of the finest whiskey in all of Ireland. Bottled the year I was born it was. After I die, and they plant me in the ground, I want you to pour that fine whiskey over me grave so it might soak into me bones and I'll be able to enjoy it for all eternity."

O'Brian was overcome by the beauty and in the true Irish spirit of his friend's request, he asked, "Aye, tis a fine thing you ask of me, and I will pour the whiskey. But, might I strain it through me kidneys first?"

Layne #128 03:54 pm Mar 17 2010

You surely get my vote after reading the other BLOGS this is the one I enjoyed so much I read again just for the sake of it!!

Awesome Greg

Ej #129 03:56 pm Mar 17 2010

Tis the best!

Amy #130 04:06 pm Mar 17 2010

Phew, looks like you're going to win.

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mac #131 04:21 pm Mar 17 2010

I'm impressed. While the others are faltering badly, you raise the bar a little more with each post.

I have a nasty suspicion that you are just a wee bit brighter than you like to let on... but I promise not to tell..

How 'bout Winstone Wednesday? The day when you should wear a 20 year old suit, have tea and pikelets with Gran, then go to the pub to get pissed and throw peanuts at immigrants. All paid for by somebody else, of course.

VOTE

KiwiInAus #132 04:32 pm Mar 17 2010

Wicked history lesson & Happy Birthday Mum! Double excuse to get plastered...lucky!

Darth Michael #133 04:44 pm Mar 17 2010

@ Interesting Observation #106 and lippyindy #122

I commented in the today's blogs for the 4 remaining Blog Idol contestants. That said, I screwed-up when I posted in Chaz's blog and posted under the name of "d" (post #22), and made a follow-up post to indicate that I was the author of that post, (in case anyone thought I was playing games).

A few people have suggested over the last couple of weeks that I am Captain Awesome.

I promise you that I am NOT Captain Awesome (or Greg). I am MUCH more misogynistic and offensive than Captain Awesome ;-) Maybe I should ask Stuff to confirm this, lol.

dan #134 04:57 pm Mar 17 2010

long time reader / first time commenter - you've got my vote for sure. Relevant, readable, humourous, and not finding the need to flame simply to get comments. Good work G.

Jen #135 05:02 pm Mar 17 2010

Epic. :)

Jade #136 05:04 pm Mar 17 2010

Love, love, love your writing style, wishing you the luck of the Irish to win this thing!

Marty #137 05:08 pm Mar 17 2010

and st paddy invented the potato

Alex #138 05:55 pm Mar 17 2010

Happy Saint Patty's day everyone! And thanks for opening my eyes, Greg. I wish the whole bunch of followers here to get seriously wasted tonight in honor of the patron saint of bible-bashers!

jaiemem #139 06:02 pm Mar 17 2010

Greg, your blog should come with a warning- do not read while eating. I laughed so hard, I nearly cabonara'd out my nose. Keep up the good work :)

Shannon #140 06:22 pm Mar 17 2010

A good one today Greg! Keep em coming :)

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Sisyphian #141 07:19 pm Mar 17 2010

I think I'm in love...

AJR #142 07:19 pm Mar 17 2010

Just stopping by to record my continued esteem. Not in a slinkyminx "I'd do ANYTHING if Greg wins" kinda way, just in a "greg gives great blog" kinda way.

Louise #143 07:23 pm Mar 17 2010

I love it!

Awesome blog! Witty and funny :)

Look forward to tomorrow!

Steve #144 07:45 pm Mar 17 2010

Excellent Blog, informative, relevant and funny. Major talent when it counted.

K #145 07:53 pm Mar 17 2010

loved it!

Impressed #146 08:32 pm Mar 17 2010

Some great stuff! FTW

KC the 2nd #147 08:37 pm Mar 17 2010

A blogger who makes me laugh is a blogger who will stay...loved the blog and so I'm voting for you today. It probably helps that I'm part Irish :)

Biggy G #148 09:16 pm Mar 17 2010

Reminds me of the time a certain flatmate made the ultimate slow cook 7 day Irish Stew at 50 degrees in the oven. Such tender meat stew had. Seriously I'm only voting because a friend told me to.

Keep it real Biggy G

Julie #149 09:20 pm Mar 17 2010

Gold! (of the pot o' variety).

Justine Goodyer #150 10:18 pm Mar 17 2010

Happy St Patrick's Day from Dublin. Justine

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Kate #151 10:44 pm Mar 17 2010

Love the blog. Witty, interesting and above all funny. You have my vote.

Sara #152 12:37 am Mar 18 2010

Nice blog dude! I'd like a 'Reverend Al Sharpton Day', the music would be excellent.

Kate #153 01:28 am Mar 18 2010

a) Fantastic Mr Fox reference = awesome b) final two sentences = totally brilliant and inspired.

a+b=Greg should win.

Macasauras #154 08:33 am Mar 18 2010

I can see the headline now: Snake Shoe Policy Strictly Enforced on St Patricks Ark Line - Male Snakes Emigrated, Lady Snakes Pissed. Thanks for the history lesson Greg.. go on to win!

Don 1 #155 08:49 am Mar 18 2010

@ Lippylyndy: Good on ya, got some N\*\*\*er jokes to follow up with have we? Some classics about how black men are apelike subhumans? Maybe a few Jewish ones about how they're all mean?

Greg #156 09:02 am Mar 18 2010

@ Slinkyminx #123 - I can't believe it. For some reason the missus didn't think it was as sweet as I did to be invited out by someone called Slinkyminx :)

good night?

lippylyndy #157 09:21 am Mar 18 2010

Don 1 #155 Lighten up you sad person.

Slinkyminx #158 09:51 am Mar 18 2010

We had a fab night thanks Greg, funny how now you are almost famous you cropped up in conversation during the evening- I was almost as if you were there anyway.

Hmmm so yes I sort of had a virtual Greg at my party... that way Mrs Greg doesn't get upset (man-poaching so not my style Mrs G...however if you and Greg ever fancied popping over together hehehe (wicked girl).

Good luck today gorgeous.

martai #159 10:00 am Mar 18 2010

Love it! Bring on Tamaki Tuesday, I've got the perfect full length leather trench and I'm ready to give up smoking, coffee and sky TV for it all

dannyfanny #160 10:35 am Mar 18 2010

yep top notch. long time reader first time voter. Get it done champ.

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Kris #161 12:10 pm Mar 18 2010

China? Aye, don't you mean Tibet...

