Irish Road bowling has been played for decades in the country of Ireland. It is older than baseball or football—dating back to the 1600’s. In 1995 it came to Ireland, West Virginia in the United States, and is gradually spreading across the states. Irish Road Bowling is brought to Dubois County courtesy of Ireland’s St. Patrick’s Celebration Committee.

*Irish Road Bowling is lots of fun and easy to learn---a great way to have some fun and get some exercise

*Irish Road Bowling is NOT a race—go for accuracy and distance, not speed

*The rules are simple—“Bowl” a small cannonball as far as you can down a country road

*Scoring is on the honor system---about like keeping score for golf

*A team consists of 4 adults—Men/Women/Coed (2 men and 2 women)

*Prizes will be awarded for the Best Dressed Teams---Be creative and have some fun with your attire!

*The 4 team members rotate turns---hurling the ball down the road as far as they can

*The ball is a small cannonball about the size of a baseball—All Women’s and Coed teams will roll a 28 oz. ball; All Men’s teams will roll a 40 oz. ball

*The throw is done underhanded---similar to bowling

*“Lofted” balls that do not land on the road, are considered “throws”---and must be rolled again by that player from the original spot and count as another throw

*Team-mates are 20-30 yards down the road—watching where their team’s ball stops

*A chalk mark is made on the road—where the ball stops rolling

*Sometimes the hardest part of the game is finding the lost ball---misguided balls can sometimes end up in ditches, cornfields, creeks, etc.

*How do you win?—The team with the fewest number of “rolls” at the end of the course wins.

*Cash prizes will be awarded at the end of the tournament—1st, 2nd and 3rd place will be awarded for the lowest scores in Each Division

*New prize this year for the “Best Decorated Cooler”---Rolling coolers and pull wagons are allowed on the course.....how creative can you be with how you tote your beverages?

Faugh a ballach!! (“Clear the way”)