

Live - at the renowned "Riverside Inn"



Previous Engagement: "The Topsy Rovers" singing a better version of the Kingston Trio's "MTA":



Appearing 3/16 at the Riverside Inn located in Cranford at 6:00 pm. Room for a '62 cheering section!

Featuring our own Banjo Bob Doherty and Vince McFadden, '63 (one of our honored "Guests" on this website). Vince's son Colin (not in picture above) will be appearing with them on Saturday. Here's a brief recap of the Topsy Rovers provided by Banjo Bob:

"I have been to the "Old Sod" 4 times now, with my music companion, Vince McFadden, '63 (who's been there 15 times and still has relatives in Donegal). Always great "Craic" (fun) to be had in Ireland!

Vinnie and I have had an Irish Folk singing group "The Topsy Rovers" (not the "Gypsy Rovers") for many years. We mostly do Irish house parties, but we have played at St. Stephen's Green in Spring Lake several times, and the Kilkenny House and River Café in Cranford. We grew up listening to the Kingston Trio, the Clancy Brothers, Dubliners, etc.

As you can tell from my email address, I play banjo and Vin plays guitar. We also have played in Ireland on our trips. CDs available!!"

Details:

56 North Ave E.
Cranford, NJ 07016

All credit cards; casual of course.

Review by a JC guy:

"The Riverside Bar is just off the main section of quaint and well-brushed downtown Cranford. From the outside, it looks like a neat little bistro that fits right in with the somewhat trendy culture that the city is trying to cultivate. Once you're in the bar proper, however, the real idea becomes known: it's a kind of a dive bar.

I say "kind of" a dive bar because it's actually quite nice in there. The glasses are clean, the seats don't fall apart, and the bartender is a cool guy who gets your orders with a smile and a handshake, if that's how you like it. The beer selection runs from Coors to Guinness on tap, and there's a whole big shelf of alcohol over there, just begging you to dive in and think about 12 step programs later."

Sample Song Selections:

They play about 30 songs, including – Whiskey in the Jar; Danny Boy; The Wild Rover; Winds Are Singing Freedom; The MTA; and Vince's son does some for the younger crowd: Jersey Girl; The Weight; Friend of the Devil, etc.

