

The Whistle

The Scottish Society of Indianapolis

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Fellow Scots,

Summer has proven all to fleeting this year. Chilly evenings and gray overcast days remind me more of fall than of summer. The Society has been busy over the last months appearing in parades and hosting kilt nights in spite of the general lack of summer weather. The beginning of September marks the end of traditional summer, but also marks the beginning of a very busy time for our Society. We have scheduled appearances at Oktoberfest, Irish Fest, and the Columbus Games. We are appearing on WFYI to promote our own highland games. We will also be engaged at The Fifth Annual Indianapolis Highland Games on October 11th hosting our own event, and appearing at International Festival representing Scotland in November. These events are a great opportunity for the Society to increase its profile in the community, generate interest, build our membership, and promote our beloved Scotland to all. I urge all of you to participate, volunteer, and attend any or all of these events!

Our premier event, The Indianapolis Scottish Highland Games and Festival is on October 11 this year, once again being held at German Park. Our Co-Chairs, Lise Douglass and Deneice Jarrett, have assured me that we are on schedule to have the best games ever. Mike Huth our Athletic Director has told me the number of athletes participating this year will number nearly fifty and possibly higher! This speaks well for our event. Our website for the games has new content being added every day, including buying tickets on line at a discounted price, entry forms, and general information concerning the event. We always need a hand on the three days it takes to put the actual event on. There are many ways to be involved, anything from dragging cabers, and pitching tents, to baking shortbread. Anything is helpful in making our games the best event in the Midwest!

In November of every year, at our Feast of St. Andrews dinner, the Society holds elections for the offices of president and trustee. Any member in good standing who wishes to run for office should contact a board member so that your name can be included in this year's ballot. New and fresh points of view are healthy for the Society and I encourage you to consider holding office. It will continue to be an exciting and busy year for us as we move into fall. It is an honor to serve you and I look forward to seeing you in the future.

Slainte mhath,
Robin Jarrett, Clan Wallace
President, Scottish Society of Indianapolis

OUR TRUSTEE'S OF THE SCOTTISH SOCIETY OF INDIANAPOLIS

Robin Jarrett, President



"Deneice and I attended every kilt night at Finn McCools that we could. I always remembered Matt Douglass that I seemed to bump into. About August of 2010, we attended a Kilt Night with the Scottish Society at the Claddagh Irish Pub, on 96th Street. Deneice had been working on our geneology and was looking for my Irish origins. I just happened a chance conversation that made me realize that I had Scottish origins as well! It made me wonder – a Scotch-Irish celt. I was wearing my saffron Irish kilt that night and was therefore pulled up to stand with other of Scot descent for the 'Bonniest Knees Contest'; -and won ! How could I say no to joining the Scottish Society of Indianapolis!?"

Steven Johnson, Treasurer



"I first found out about SSI at the 2007 Columbus Scottish Festival and was immediately drawn to the society. I have enjoyed learning more about my Scottish heritage, and I credit Gordon Inglis and Jack Davidson with instilling in me a passion for helping others discover theirs. I was elected to the board of trustees and was appointed as treasurer for 2009. Since joining SSI, I've been able to visit Scotland twice. I know that what I've learned through SSI makes these visits more exciting because of knowing the connection between each place and my own heritage. I am grateful for the members' trust as I became treasurer again in 2014." Yours, -Steven Johnson, Treasurer

Elisabeth Hedges, Secretary



"I joined the Scottish Society shortly after I moved to Indianapolis from Wisconsin in 2009. Although I'm a bit more Irish than Scottish (I'm an O'Donnell by birth!), I've been interested in Scotland since I studied abroad at Stirling University during college. I thought the Society would be a great way to meet interesting people, and it has been! I was Admissions Chair for the 2012 and 2013 Highland Games and am currently serving my second term as Board of Trustees Secretary. My husband and I recently welcomed a daughter to our family, and I look forward to sharing her Scottish heritage with her." -Elisabeth Hedges

Trustee Carson C Smith, FSA Scot



"The Scottish Society of Indianapolis made its first appearance at the 9th Annual International Festival at the Indiana Convention Center on the weekend of October 20, 1984. It was here that Founder and President Emeritus Carter Keith and I had our first face-to-face meeting. I have enjoyed the privilege of serving upon the Board of Trustees for a combined total of twelve years. I was Vice-President from 1985-88, and 1990, and President from 1991-92, and 2000-04. But, more importantly, for thirty years, the Scottish Society of Indianapolis has served as an extended family." - Carson C. Smith, FSA Scot

Trustee Samuel J Lawson



“Sometimes it takes a good woman to make a Scot spend money on the things he enjoys. In September of 2005 my wife was tired of hearing me talk about wanting to join the Scottish Society. I was raised with Scottish sensibilities and stories of forebears who performed great feats of strength and wit. As a young man, hesitant to speak, I found it sometimes easier to speak as my Scottish ancestors might. Through these experiences I grew to value and identify myself as a Scot. We walked up to the Scottish Society tent at the 2005 Indy Irish Fest and joined up. Since joining, I and my wife have performed our musical acts many times, I've lectured on Scottish musicology, provided expertise on sound and technology, and now handle websites for the society and the Highland Games. My wife and father have both been president, and when it looked like a rough year might be ahead for the society, I volunteered for the board of trustees at the end of 2013. I'm happy to report that, rather than the difficulties I was ready for, I've found that serving on the SSI board in 2014 has been fantastically enjoyable.” –Samuel J Lawson

Trustee Andy Thompson



“My parents belonged to the Scottish society and my Grandma was born in Scotland; Collierya, Bothwell, Scotland. We came to the meetings with Mom and Dad. After Dad died, we continued – and ‘Oh what the Heck’, I thought...we’d just join also. It was at one of the meetings, I think, at the church on Meridian Street, St Paul’s Episcopal, where we were have the meetings at the time. I just liked the people; had fun you know.” –Andy Thompson

Trustee Armand C Hayes



“Encountering the Scottish Society was first done at the 2009 Columbus Scottish Festival after joining Scottish Clan Hay Society in February, having run across the society with my genealogy search. In September of that year, I met Jack Davidson at the SSI tent at the Indianapolis Irish festival, who convinced me to join the SSI. Having the belief that if you belong to an organization, you serve in some capacity to advance the organization, I took on the role of IN State Co-Convener of Clan Hay after attending the Lavonia, MI Scottish Highland Games in 2010, later that year I took on the Convenership and Region 3 Representative for Clan Hay as well. With that same conviction in mind, when I was asked this year to become a Trustee by current President Robin Jarrett, I gladly accepted. Feeling that the newsletter-“The Thistle” was an important undertaking for the SSI, I as well took on that task. Thank you for the chance to serve you; your humble servant.” –Armand C Hayes



Kilt Night Friday November 7, At the Claddagh!

Don't have the 'after the Scottish Games blues', after the Indianapolis Scottish Highland Games October 11th. Celtic / Folk / Sea Shante /traditional Scottish Ballads and other fine music, with **'Hogeye Navy'** to hear, sing along, and participate with -on Kilt night, which will be held at the 96th Street **Claddagh Irish Pub** location on Friday Nov 7th. Come and join us! Aye! The Claddagh is located at 3835 E. 96th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46240, Phone : (317) 569-3663, Fax: (317) 566-8518
www.CladdaghIrishPubs.com/indianapolisnorthside .



Indianapolis Scottish Highland Games and Festival Update

You can now buy tickets ON-LINE to the Indianapolis Scottish Highland Games and Festival. All you have to do is go to the website at www.indyscot.org and go to the games page. You can buy tickets to the festival as well as tickets to the Céilidh afterwards.

The Fifth Annual Scottish Highland Games and Festival will be held at the German on October 11th, 2014, from 9:00am to 9:00pm. The games will include Scottish heavy athletic competition, bagpipes, Celtic bands, authentic food, drink, and appropriate vendors. See our very own Deneice Jarrett and Lise Douglass to volunteer; we will be needing lots of help.

Articles Needed for the Thistle

The editor wishes to thank to everyone who is contributing articles for the SSI Newsletter. The Feature Article, Clan Spotlight, and most of the short articles and notices are contributed each quarter by our members.

Anyone attending Scottish, Clan or related events is encouraged to write a brief article describing the event and to enclose a photo or two. Feature Articles are also needed, 3/4 page (600 to 700 words) plus a graphic or photo. These can be about any Scottish social, historic or cultural topic. We are also happy to include favorite Scottish recipes; so far Robin has submitted ALL of them. Send to mrgoodnews@comcast.net .

Scottish Symbols

Scottish Mermaids :

Cultures all around the world have reported seeing mermaids, throughout history. The storey of mermaid sightings almost every costal culture. As well, sailors and ship captains from Christopher Columbus to English Blackbeard the pirate logged sightings of mermaids and mer-creatures. Celtic art seems to have zeroed in on the mermaid as well. The Scottish legend/story of Ceasg *or* maighdean na tuinne (maiden of the wave), a Scottish mermaid of the Highlands. Appearing as half woman and half grilse (salmon), the ceasg were said to have lured men into the sea. As well, other account share the lur of love affairs with young men. Irish and Galloway-Scottish tells include Merrow, as well as the tells from Isle of Iona, the Isle of the druids. Particular are the accounts from the clans of the Balquidder and Strathearn, the mermaid was the spirit of the race of Picts. Loch Voil, shares stories of the mermaids that were prevalent there. Many clans make use of the Mermaid in badge and in symbol.



Edradour 10-year-old Highland, Single Malt Whisky 750ml



by Armand Hayes

Edradour became a permanent tenant distillery in 1837, with the help of James Scott and Duncan Stewart. Winning the Queens Export Achievement Award in 1980, an awards program for British businesses and other organizations who excel at international trade, innovation or sustainable development. Located in the Eastern, central Highlands, in Perthshire within minutes of the town of Pitlochry, the area means, 'land between the two rivers'. The process uses traditional methods with no automation. For being the smallest distillery, Edradour sports one of the largest crowds of tourists at 100,000 per year.



On the Taste :

Nose – Medium with a great complexity, pleasant moderate sweetness with a fair hint of vanilla and a nice fruitiness.

Palate – defined blackberry with slight spiced, toasted almond nuttiness, with a examined tobacco and caramel sweetness.

Finish – Slightly nutty, mellow and malty after taste with a smooth, warming, pleasant finish.

Overall – Excellent 10 year single Malt ! A wonderful Scotch whiskey; the sweetness does not overpower the taste. Very enjoyable and a definite keeper.

Murray Clan Society North America



His Grace-the 12th Duke of Atholl, Bruce Murray became Chief of Clan Murray in 2012. Not only is he the clan's Chief, but he commands Europe's only private army, the Atholl Highlanders. When not taking part in his ceremonial duties, he is a businessman in South Africa like his father, John Murray, The 11th Duke of Atholl.

North American President, Evelyn Murray in the Murray Clan Tent at the 2013 AGM. Evelyn was the 1st member of the Murray Clan Society of North America when it was founded by Horrace Murray and Harrell Murray III at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games in 1969.



Septs of:

Balneaves Dinsmore Dunsmore Fleming Moray Murray Murrie Neaves Piper
Pyper Smail Smale Small Smeal Spaulding

Tartans:



The Murray of Atholl Tartan



The Murray of Tullibardine

Badges :



Balquhider was part of the ancient principedom of Strathearn and the heraldic device associated with the district is **the Mermaid**. Sir William de Moravia, married Ada, daughter of Malise, Earl or Seneschal of Strathearn, and, thus, acquired the lands of Tullibardine in that district. The Council of Clan Chiefs designated this crest to be worn by Murray clansmen. On the crest is a mermaid holding in her dexter (right) hand a mirror and in her sinister (left) hand a comb, all proper, with the motto "Tout Prest". 'Tout Prest' or 'Tout Prêt' means 'ready' or 'prepared' from Anglo-Norman – as in 'are you all ready to go, 'Prêt' is current French usage. The Anglo-Norman spelling was 'prest'.



The Demi-Savage was the old crest of the Stewarts of Atholl, granted in 1475 by King James III of Scotland to the first Stewart Earl of Atholl to commemorate a successful raid against the last Lord of the Isles. In the course of time, it came into the Murray family when the heir to the Tullibardine line (William Murray, 2nd Earl of Tullibardine) married the heir to the Stuart Earl of Atholl (Dorothea Stewart).¹ The Murrays retained the Demi-Savage and associated motto as part of the title, 'Earl of Atholl', which in 1703 became the 'Duke of Atholl'. The motto "Furth Fortune and Fill the Fetters" is old Scots and means 'go onward with fortune and fill the shackles' (leg

irons). The Demi-Savage and the motto are engraved on the keystone over the main entrance of Blair Castle, Blair Atholl in the County of Perth.

History :

When in 1066, William the Conqueror conquered England, he granted land to his knights after making the proclamation that as King the land of England was his. As a stipulation for grants of large parcels of land, he required service of his knights to his army when he need. This began the feudalization of England and Scotland. After the death of David I brother, Alexander I, King of Scots in 1124, the throne of Scotland was seized by David from Alexander's heir son, Malcolm – with a little help from his backer, Henry I, King of England. Malcolm intended to reclaim his father's title, and also sought the backing of Angus of Moray, who was the grandson of Lulach Macgillecomgan, the successor of Macbeth as King of Scotland in 1057, to help prevent the king from taking his land by rebelling against David in 1130. David granted lands to Normans and the Flemish who swore fealty to him, which created the clan Murray; Freskin, son of Ollec was one. David granted land in West Lothian as a result, for which defeated Angus and the men of Moray. In addition, Freskin was then granted lands north of Elgin in Moray, near the Firth of Moray where at he completed Duffus Castle.

William, married Dorothea Stewart, the daughter of the Earl of Atholl, who had died without a male heir. William and Dorothea's son John became the 1st Earl of Atholl; leaving William's younger brother Patrick, as the 1st Earl of Tullibardine. When in 1642, John died, his son John became the 2nd Earl of Atholl, being only 11 years of age. He married Lady Amelia Sophia Stanley, the heir of the 7th Earl of Derby, then becoming also the Lordship of the Isle of Man.

After the Glorious Revolution, William and Dorothea's grandson, who had been neutral, he supported William and Mary against Dundee's insurrection. John, the 2nd Earl of Athol had 3 sons: Sir John Murray, 1st Duke of Atholl who was created the 1st Duke of Atholl by Queen Anne in 1703; Charles Murray, 1st Earl of Dunmore; and William Murray, 2nd Baron Nairne. The Murrays of Atholl were in support for Scotland in both Jacobite uprisings, which ended in the defeat of the Jacobites at the Battle of Culloden in the 1745 uprising.

Today, the Clan Murray's Atholl Highlanders are the only legal private standing army in Europe. Having been formed in 1777 as the 77th Foot, to serve in the American Colonies as a relief regiment; though never made it closer than Ireland. They enjoy a rich heritage in supporting the crown and Queen of England as well as a world wide reputation. In leadership, the Clan Murray Chief is His Grace Bruce Murray, 12th Duke of Atholl. The North American President, Evelyn Murray was the 1st member of the Murray Clan Society of North America when it was founded by Horrace Murray and Harrell Murray III. And the Indiana State Commissioner is Dwight D Spaulding of North Vernon, IN. Pipe Sgt. (retired) William Clement, who served in the Atholl Highlanders Pipe Band for over fifty years, leads the pipe band. Prior to that he served in the Black Watch as a piper during the Second World War. He is currently teaching piping at the village school in Thorn hill, Dumfriesshire, Scotland, U.K..

Welcome New Member

President Robin Jarrett wishes a hearty: “Failte Chun Ar Cumann!” or “Welcome to our Society!” Please join us in giving our new member a warm welcome and please introduce yourselves when you meet him.

Andrew Reith

Visit us on the web at : www.indyscot.org

Join Us for Scottish Country Dancing!

Like to dance? Want to learn? Just want to get some exercise? Join some of the Society members most Mondays for traditional Scottish country dancing. Society Trustee Ken Morgan leads beginner and experienced dancers in a relaxed and fun atmosphere. You'll be having too much fun to feel self-conscious.



New Location:
Northwood Christian Church
4550 Central Avenue
Indianapolis, IN 46205
7:30 - 8:00 PM Beginning Dance lessons
8:00 - 9:00 PM Social dancing
9:00 - 9:30 PM Advanced dancing

All are welcome. No partner needed. Call Ken Morgan at 317-260-1828 for more information. It's a good idea to call ahead to make sure we are dancing.

- Jokes :

Two workmen replacing the siding on Gordon's house; the first is throwin' every other nail in a crate and the other is nailed into place. "Tormod!" Says Donald, "Laddie, what cha doin'; we can't afford to throw away good nails like that! Why in the world would ya do that?" Tormod answers, "They're facin' the wrong direction, me boy!" Scratching his head, Donald retorts, "Then we can save them for the other side of the house!"

Iseabail is seen walking her coo by a rope in the city of Aberdeen. A polite Policeman, Thomas, stops her at the corner. "Young lady, we can't have you walking a coo thru the city streets, now can we?" Iseabail replies, "But he's my dog; and I have to take him for a walk." Thomas looked at her with a kind eye, "Now Iseabail, now its back to your estate with him, mind ya; he's not a dog but a coo." Iseabail argues, "but even the Reverend MacGiverty indicated he was a dog; callin' him Angus, my petbull!"



Remember – September 18th, Scottish Referendum!

*** Saturday November 15, 2014 SSI Elections! ***

*** If you would like to run, you must be a member in good standing.
Contact any Trustee *****Andy Thompson is the Committee Chair**

WANTED:

*Volunteers for the –
Irish Festival-Sept 13,14,& 15th
AND
Columbus Scottish Festival- Sept 13&14*

Scottish Recipe

Traditional Scottish Skirlie



Ingredients:

4 Tablespoons Butter
1 Tablespoon of bacon
Grease
2 Tablespoons water
1 Onion chopped finely
2/3 Cups Oatmeal
¼ Teaspoon Salt
¼ Teaspoon Black Pepper
2 Tablespoons finely
Chopped parsley

Method:

Melt butter in a frying pan and add onion at a low-medium heat. Sautee until slightly browned. Add bacon grease, the oatmeal, salt, black pepper, parsley, and water. Stir and slightly simmer for 10 minutes.

2014 Membership Renewal Form

Please renew my membership in the Scottish Society of Indianapolis, Inc. as indicated:

- ☐ Life \$250 ☐ Family \$35.00/yr ☐ Individual \$25.00/yr ☐ Student \$10.00/yr
☐ Senior Family \$29.75/yr ☐ Senior Individual \$21.25/yr

Name(s):

E-mail Addresses:

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___Do not send the newsletter via my e-mail.

___Do not send SSI event information via my e-mail.

___Please send my newsletter via US postal mail.

Facebook User Names: _____

Address: _____

Address information is used to send your membership renewal, will be used to send your newsletter to if you request it, but is not shared with any third party, sold, shared or rented.

Phone: _____ (home)
(cell) _____ (cell) _____

Note if you are a *new member*, your membership dues will be halved from June on, in the year. If you are a past member, you have the option of renewing your membership at the annual rate any time during the year or attending as a guest for \$7/person as often as you like.

Please make your check out to The Scottish Society of Indianapolis and mail it along with this form to: Robin Jarrett, 11057 Allisonville Road, Suite 234 Fishers, IN 46038 or bring it to the next meet

Upcoming Events Calendar

Note that Scottish Society of Indianapolis (SSI) sponsored events are indicated in **bold**.

September

4th, 5th, 6th, 7th Oktoberfest, German Park booth to advertise the Fifth Annual Indianapolis, Scottish Highland Games and Festival
10th SSI Meeting and Gathering: Program – Jacobite Uprisings by Carson Smith
13th -14th Columbus Scottish Festival –Bartholomew County Fairgrounds, Columbus, IN (800) 468-6564
www.scottishfestival.org -- Sponsoring the Best Clan/Tent Award
13th -14th 19th Annual Indy Irish Fest at Military Park in Downtown Indianapolis
 18th Board of Trustee Meeting, Claddagh Irish Pub
 18th Scottish Referendum !

October

4th -5th 47th Annual Feast of the Hunters Moon, at Historic Fort Quiatenon Park, West Lafayette, IN www.tcha.mus.in.us/feast.htm
8th SSI Meeting and Gathering: Program – Scotland by Angus McDonald
11th Fifth Annual Indianapolis Scottish Highland Games and Festival, held at German Park, 8600 South Meridian Street, Indianapolis, IN www.indyscot.org or <http://www.facebook.com/indyscotgamesandfest>

November

7th Kilt Night, Claddagh Irish Pubs, E 96th Street
15th In place of the SSI Meeting/Gathering: Program—St Andrews Dinner – at George’s 75th and Binford Ave*****
Place reservations with Chairman—Steven Johnson
SSI Nominations and Officer and Trustee Elections Georges at 75th and Binford, at the St Andrews Dinner
 20th Board of Trustee Meeting – Claddagh Irish Pubs
 21th -23rd 38th Annual Indy International Festival, Indiana State Fairgrounds, 1200 E 38th Street, Indianapolis West Pavilion

December

10th SSI Meeting: Program –TBA
 18th Board of Trustee Meeting – Claddagh Irish Pubs



SSI Meeting and Side Dish Schedule

	September	October	November
Date:	Wednesday, September 10th	Wednesday, October 8th	Saturday, November 15
Meat Dish:	Armand Hayes	Carson and Patty Smith	Saint Andrews Dinner at Georges’
Program:	<u>‘Jacobite Uprisings’</u> -Carson Smith	Scotland’s <u>‘Outer Hebrides and Isle of Barra’</u> -Angus McDonald	Dinner and Officer/Trustee Elections
:			<i>Reservations-Steven Johnson</i>
Side Dish to Bring:	A-F—Veggie/Casserole	A-F— Salad	A-F— <i>COME-ENJOY-BE MERRY !</i>
	G-McC—Salad	G-McC— Dessert	G-McC — <i>COME-ENJOY-BE MERRY</i>
	McD-Z—Dessert	McD-Z— Veggie/Casserole	McD-Z— <i>COME-ENJOY-BE MERRY</i>

Bring a side-dish based on the first letter of your last name. Please bring at least 3 large servings per attending family member. Example: a couple would bring at least 6 large servings.

If you invite guests, please bring their portions as well.

Meeting Costs: Members \$4, Returning Guests \$7, First-Time Guests are free.

Meeting Agenda:

6:30pm—Social Time
 7:00pm—Dinner

8:00pm—Program

Location:

All meetings take place
 at the Latvian Center

1008 West 64th Street

For More Information

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KILT NIGHT

Friday, November 7th



Hosted by
The Scottish Society
of Indianapolis

*Live Entertainment with
Hogeye Navy!*

AUTHENTIC SCOTTISH MENU
INCLUDING:

- COCK A LEEKIE SOUP
 - CHICKEN STOVIES WITH OATCAKES
 - LORNE SAUSAGE WITH ROOT VEGETABLES
- ...AND MUCH MORE!



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