

# The Whistle

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*From the Desk of the President*

Fellow Scots,

I'm rewriting this letter for the third time; the impasse for me is in keeping the words fresh and not imparting the same message over again. After what would be my 17th letter addressed to the society, I'm finding it difficult not to reiterate how important it is to attend, volunteer, and to participate.

The Great Scottish Summer Celebration, August 19th, is a chance to attend. This should be a great evening with piping, music, good food, and a few surprises! There will be a silent auction to support the IUPUI McMath Scholarship, and a chance to sponsor your favorite part of the 8th Annual Indianapolis Scottish Highland Games and Festival. You could participate by bringing a friend and introducing them to our Scottish family; they can even join at half price. All the information is on page 9 of this newsletter. Be sure to RSVP.

The months leading into fall finds us preparing to host the Indianapolis Scottish Highland Games and Festival. We attend many events to promote our games and society. Helping to man one of these booths is a way to volunteer. This year's Games are sure to be our best effort yet, and volunteering to help is a great way to participate.

Our annual St Andrews Dinner is November 18th. This year the event will be held at The Roosevelt Room, Ft Benjamin Harrison State Park. Pictus will be providing entertainment. Our annual business meeting takes place at this event including elections for the board of trustees. The present board is accepting nominations for 2018. If you or someone you know is interested in serving on the board, let Andrew Thompson know that you wish to participate in the general election.

As always, it is my honor to serve you as president of our great Scottish Society of Indianapolis. Even though I've managed to travel the same old message, please note that 2017 has been and will continue to be a great year for our Scottish group. I hope to see you all again and again as you attend, volunteer, and participate in Gach ni Albanach!

Sláinte!

Robin Jarrett

FSA Scot

President, Scottish Society of Indianapolis



# CALENDAR of EVENTS

## July

July 4<sup>th</sup> Carmel Parade  
July 12<sup>th</sup> Monthly Meeting: Scottish Trivia Night

## August

Aug 19<sup>th</sup> Scottish Society of Indianapolis "Summer Celebration" 5pm, Latvian Community Center  
NOTE: this meeting is on a SATURDAY night starting at 5 PM, not the usual Wednesday. The event is CATERED, so DO NOT BRING FOOD. Please RSVP at <http://ssi-celebration2017.brownpapertickets.com> so we can give the caterer a head count.

## September

Sept 9-10<sup>th</sup> Columbus Scottish Festival, Bartholomew County Fairgrounds, Columbus IN  
Sept 13<sup>th</sup> Monthly Meeting

## October and Beyond

Oct 11<sup>th</sup> Monthly Meeting  
Oct 14<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Indianapolis Scottish Highland Games and Festival, German Park  
Nov 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Indy International Festival, Indiana State Fairgrounds  
Nov 18<sup>th</sup> SSI St. Andrews' Dinner, Fort Harrison State Park Inn



## Bulletins

### Silent Auction

We are holding a silent auction during the Scottish Summer Celebration in August to raise money for the McMath Scholarship Fund at IUPUI. We need your help! If you have a donation for the auction, please contact Robin Jarrett. The item can be almost anything - a special night out, a basket of Scottish treats, a bottle of whisky, or home decor to celebrate your heritage.

### *Save the Date: October 14, 2017*

Please save the date, October 14, 2017 for the eighth annual Indianapolis Scottish Highland Games and Festival.

### Nominations for 2018 Board

Nominations for the 2018 Board of Trustees may be submitted to Andy Thompson, [handyandy1@frontier.net](mailto:handyandy1@frontier.net). Elections will be held at the November meeting.

### Summer Celebration

Join us on Saturday, August 19 beginning at 5:00 p.m. to celebrate all of our hard work to organize and host the Indianapolis Scottish Highland Games and Festival!

- Entertainment by Celtica & The Gordon Pipers
- Silent auction fundraiser\*
- Annual distribution for the SFI McMath Scholarship at IUPUI
- Bring a friend to join the Scottish Society at half-price
- Catering by All-American Picnic Company: Pulled Pork BBQ, Cole Slaw, Potato Salad, & Baked Beans

- Cash bar/Whisky table available, or bring your own beverage

Suggested donation: \$5 per person at the door, to support the McMath Scholarship Fund at IUPUI.

**RSVP REQUESTED:** Please RSVP at the following address to have a headcount for the caterer! Thank you.  
<http://ssi-celebration2017.brownpapertickets.com>.

## Games Sponsors Needed

Please visit the Sponsor page, <http://indyscotgamesandfest.com/sponsor>, we need your help to make this year's event a success and sponsorship helps fund our promotional advertisements. If you know of a company or individual who might like to sponsor our games, please let either of the chairpersons know, Lise: [lise\\_douglass@yahoo.com](mailto:lise_douglass@yahoo.com), or Deneice: [polyhedral1977@gmail.com](mailto:polyhedral1977@gmail.com).

## Calling all Clan Regents and Conveners

We're looking for your clan regent or convenueer to invite them to participate in the Games and Festival. Please let Jim Douglas ([jimrock77@yahoo.com](mailto:jimrock77@yahoo.com)) or Sandy Douglas [sandyd77@yahoo.com](mailto:sandyd77@yahoo.com) or Armand Hayes ([mrgoodnews@comcast.net](mailto:mrgoodnews@comcast.net)) know who yours is.

## Honorary Status Conferred

At the April 27, 2017 meeting of the Scottish Society of Indianapolis Board of Trustees, Samuel Lawson moved to confer Honorary Status on Dr. and Mrs. Peter Hylton for their contributions to the Society. The motion passed unanimously. Let it be known, the Board appreciates their continued participation in and support of the Scottish Society of Indianapolis.

## Games News

*By Games Co-chair Deneice Jarrett*

Indianapolis Scottish Highland Games and Festival - October 14, 2017

The eighth annual Indianapolis Highland Games and Festival is quickly approaching. We are pleased to welcome world renowned musician and storyteller, Ed Miller, to our entertainment lineup. We met Ed while attending the Grandfather Mountain Games in 2016, and he expressed great enthusiasm in being a part of our event this year. (He was already booked for 2016.)

The music stage will welcome back The American Rogues who delighted the crowds last year. Other returning favorites include Highland Reign, Drunk and Sailor, and our very own, Celtic Rain. The Tudor Rose Players will take us back in time to the reign of His Royal Highness, Charles Stuart, The Bonnie Prince Charlie. This proves to be a big hit with our Outlander fans!

The committee continues to grow our event by purchasing athletic equipment. This year we have added seven cabers, and a set of 45 foot standards. At this height, our athletes will have an opportunity to set world records.

Planning continues at our monthly meetings. Our next is August 5th at the home of Robin and Deneice Jarrett. All are welcome to join us for a fun pitch-in breakfast and meeting on the deck.



# SCOTTISH SOCIETY OF INDIANAPOLIS MONTHLY MEETINGS

LATIVIAN CENTER 1008 WEST 64<sup>TH</sup> STREET, INDIANAPOLIS, 46260

6:30 – Social Time

7:00 – Announcements and Dinner

8:00 – Program/Guest Speaker

	July	August	September
Date	Wednesday the 12th	<b><u>5 PM Saturday</u></b> the 19th	Wednesday the 13th
Meat Dish	Robin and Deneise Jarrett	Caterer: All-American Picnic Company	September meat dish is by Michael Smith.
Program	Scottish Trivia Night	Summer Celebration Silent Auction	Prince Charlie and His Ladies, Part II by Tina Dunn
Side Dish	A-F— Veggie/Casserole	Catered – do not bring food	A-F— Dessert
	G-McC—Salad	Catered – do not bring food	G-McC —Veggie/Casserole
	McD-Z—Dessert	Catered – do not bring food	McD-Z—Salad

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.

Meeting Costs: Members \$5, Returning Guests \$7, First-Time Guests are free.

Bring place settings and beverages of your choice.

Scotch whisky available, \$3 a shot.

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## Recent Events

By Matthew Douglass

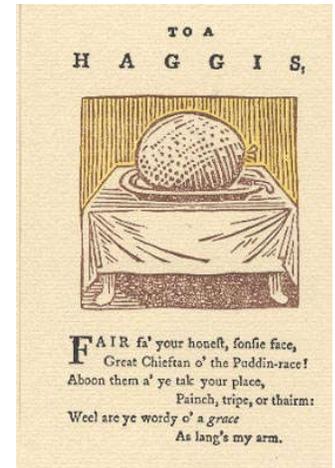
### Burns Supper

The January 11<sup>th</sup> meeting was our annual Burns Night, celebrating Scotland's permanent Poet Laureate and Ambassador to the World, Robbie Burns. Society President Robin Jarrett hosted an evening of toasts and speeches to celebrate Robert Burns. The toast to the Lassies was given by Matthew Douglass, the toast to the Laddies was given by Kristie Byers. Samuel Lawson gave one of the best and most chilling readings of Burns' famous poem *Tam o' Shanter* that many of us had ever heard. Of course there was Haggis, good Scotch Whisky, and great fellowship.



### Tasting O' the Mist

On February 8<sup>th</sup>, the program of the monthly meeting was the annual Tasting O' the Mist. Elite Beverages' Arnie Lewin brought Auchentoshen American Oak, Auchentoshen Three Wood, Bowmore 12 year, Laphroaig 10 year, and Laphroaig Triple Wood for us to try. Whenever the mic was foolishly left unsecured, Vice President of Whisky Matthew Douglass told bad drinking jokes again.



### IUPUI International Festival – Steven Johnson

The Society participated in the IUPUI International Festival on February 22. This event brings students and faculty together to learn more about and explore the international community on campus. Our cultural booth received lots of visitors as they were curious about their own possible Scottish heritage or just to learn about all the fun we have. At one time, there were so many students at our booth, you couldn't swing a claymore! That was just as well, and the students enjoyed having their picture taken holding it.



## Indianapolis Scottish Country Dance; Indy RSCDS – *Steven Johnson*



The Society's March 8<sup>th</sup> meeting in was a festive time to learn about Scottish country dancing. Jane and Dan Patton lead the IndyRSCD, a Scottish social dance club with many members who have participated in some of our monthly meetings and performed at our own Indianapolis Scottish Highland Games and Festival. Jane called the dances, carefully describing the different steps and turns to take. After a practice round, the music and the real fun began! Our own President, Robin Jarrett even took to the floor with his wife Deneice to participate along with others who attended the meeting.



## St. Patrick's Day Parade



On March 17<sup>th</sup> a large contingent of Scots met at the Elbow Room to ~~heavily pre-drink~~ plan for marching in the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade. While the day started a brisk 33 degrees, Society members dressed warmly and may have resorted to internal chemical warming techniques to maintain comfort.



## A Virtual Tour of the Scottish Rite Cathedral by Carson Smith

For the April 12<sup>th</sup> meeting program, Member & Past President Carson Smith lead us on a virtual tour of the Indianapolis Scottish Rite Cathedral, which has been described as one of the finest examples of Neo-Gothic architecture in the United States. In a 1996 poll, the Indianapolis Business Journal found the Cathedral to be the most popular historic building in the city. Carson spoke without notes for over an hour and answered questions in detail. Carson leads regular tours of this historic building. If your Appetite has been whetted, contact Carson to take a tour, discuss a tour for your group, or for any other questions. If you don't know how to reach Carson, just ask anyone.

## How Washington Started the Revolution

For the May 10<sup>th</sup> dinner program, Jeff King of the 42nd Royal Highlanders presented "How Washington Started the Revolution".

## Indy Midsommar Festival

On Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, our Society joined the Latvians, Estonians, French, Greeks, Polish, Norwegians, Romanians, and Lithuanians in celebrating the "Midsommar" or summer solstice at the Latvian Center. Musicians entertained on three stages as well as mingled with guests. Most of the cultural groups set up

educational displays and many offered traditional food for sale. The evening culminated with a huge bonfire, ceremonially lit by representatives of each cultural group.

Bonfires were lit during solstice in ancient times by most European cultures to protect against evil spirits, thought to roam freely when the sun began its return south. Midsommar is also celebrated as a Christian tradition, St. John's Eve, named for John the Baptist. While the Scots have joined the Latvians and a few other northern European groups in this celebration for many years, this was the second year it was opened to more European groups as well as the general public.

### **The Sons of the American Revolution**

At the June 14<sup>th</sup> monthly meeting, Stuart Hart discussed the origins, requirements and activities of the Indiana Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

### **Scottish Trivia Night by Robin Jarrett**

The July 13th Dinner Meeting was Scottish Trivia Night and presented by Robin Jarrett. Tables collaborated and competed as teams to see who knew the most arcane facts about Scotland. Competition was fierce, but table Big Red came out on top. Good job, Big Red!





**Saturday • October 14 • 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.**

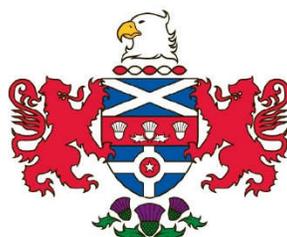
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## THE GREAT SCOTTISH SUMMER CELEBRATION PICNIC

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- ◆ Entertainment by *Celtica!*
- ◆ Pulled Pork BBQ, Cole Slaw, Potato Salad, & Baked Beans
- ◆ Cash bar available, or bring your own beverage



Saturday, August 19  
5:00 pm—?  
Latvian Center

### The celebration includes:

- ◆ Celebrating our successes, past, present, & future
- ◆ Silent auction fundraiser
- ◆ Annual distribution for the SFI McMath Scholarship at IUPUI
- ◆ Bring a friend to join the Scottish Society at half-price

*RSVP: Please visit [IndyScot.org](http://IndyScot.org).*

*Suggested donation: \$5 per person to endow the McMath Scholarship for Scottish Studies at IUPUI.*

Save the Date

2017 St. Andrew's Dinner  
Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup>



The event will be held at the historic  
**Ft. Harrison State Park Inn**  
in the spacious Roosevelt Room

5830 North Post Road,  
Indianapolis, IN 46216

Happy Hour will start at 5:00pm

\* If you're interested in making a  
night of it, check out the rooms at  
[www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/inns/ft-harrison](http://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/inns/ft-harrison)  
or give the Inn a call at 317-638-6000

The Dinner Buffet will include:

Five Leaf Salad w/Blueberries, Crumbled Feta, &  
Caramelized Walnuts

Roasted London Broil w/a Port Wine Sauce

Apple Almond Stuffed Chicken Breast w/a Cider Glace

Rosemary Roasted Redskin Potatoes

Grilled Peppers, Squash, & Carrots

Bakery Rolls

Chocolate Torte for dessert



After dinner, we will  
enjoy the heart-  
pounding music of

*Pictus*



Society of Antiquaries  
Of Scotland

## The Swedish Runestone

*By Thistle Senior Writer Armand C. Hayes*

Or also known as the ‘Princes Street Gardens Runestone’ is dated between 1010 and 1050 A.D., is a 11<sup>th</sup> Century Viking runestone located in the Princes Street Gardens in Edinburgh, sitting below the castle platform at Edinburgh. Donated in 1787 by Sir Alexander Seton of Preston, it is made of granite and is one of three Swedish runestones in Great Britain; the donation was given to the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland. The inscription is in Old Norse and reads, “Ari raised the stone in memory of Hjalmr his father, may God help his soul.” The stone was first discovered by Sir Alexander in Little Ramsingarde, Westmanland, Sweden and on the front face is a wedge shaped cross, with a central ring and 4 triangles between its arms. At the bottom of the cross is a ribbon with the inscription. The inscription at the stones other face is of a plate with another character and noted by the society in 1822, where they noted the inscription could not be understood as to its meaning. There has been interest as of late to discern the meaning on the backside of the stone by Society Fellows.



### Scotland, Indiana

Trustee Andy Thompson recently discovered Scotland, Indiana, an unincorporated community in Greene County in Southern Indiana with a population of 134. Scotland apparently has a “Scotland Festival” the third Saturday in September, which may be hosted by the Southern Indiana Scots. Their website is [www.murlmrae.com](http://www.murlmrae.com). Perhaps a brave Scot from among our number will volunteer to check it out? *Photo left from Andy, below from www.murlmrae.com.*





# THE CLAN GREGOR SOCIETY



Crest Motto: "Royal is my race"

*By Thistle Senior Writer Armand C. Hayes*

## History:

Clan Gregor is said to have been formed thru an ancient Celtic Family, and through Gregor, son of King Alpin, King of Dalriada. This accounts for the Clan motto, "Royal is my Race". However historians also descend him through a Celtic royal family, the Abbots of Glendochart and also he is attributed to be Griogair, son of Dungal, Co-ruler of Alba. Most modern historians agree that the first certain Chief was Gregor of the Golden Bridles. Gregor's son, Iain Camm (Ian of the One-Eye) succeeded as the second Chief sometime prior to 1390.

It is said, the barony of Loch Awe, part of the MacGregor lands, was granted by Sir Robert the Bruce to the Clan Campbells chief who forced the Macgregors to fall back to the lands of Glenstrae as the remainder of their holdings. In the 1500's, descendant Eian MacGregor, who the Campbells Chief liked, allowed him to marry a daughter of Sir Colin Campbell of Glenorchy, for which with Campbell support, Eian's son, Alistair fought the English in the Battle of Pinkie Cleugh.

His successor, Gregor Roy Macgregor, for 10 years waged war with Colin Campbell who continued to recognize the original estates of the MacGregors, waged war, raiding cattle and stealing what he could of the campbells and was eventually killed. In 1589 after hanging a group of MacGregors for poaching in the Kings forest, John Drummond the king's forester was murdered. The Chief of the Macgregors, Alasdair took responsibility not naming the murderer, for which was condemned. King James VI proclaimed the name MacGregor "altogidder abolished", which was to say that all those who bore the name MacGregor must renounce the name association or suffer death. As well, due to depleted numbers from the war, they became known as the Children of the Mist. The women and children were sent to the British Colonies in North America and sold as slaves. The men who refused to comply with the disassociation were hanged. The women were stripped bare, branded and whipped in the streets. What remained, the Gregors were denied basic

necessities of life, Holy Communion, baptism, marriage or any last rites. Surviving MacGregors legally changed their name to satisfy the law. The other group went deep into the highlands in defiance.

Though Rob Roy Macgregor doubt upon his character, he supported the Jacobite cause in the 1715, and he and the Clan was at Dumbarton Castle's raid as well as he led Clan Gregor at the Battle of Glen Shiel in 1719. In the 1745, some of Clan Gregor also fought at the Battle of Prestonpans and then again at the Battle of Littleferry in 1746. Around 1822, General John Murray of Lanrick was petitioned for as Clan Chief, that he was in fact a MacGregor who had been descended from Duncan MacGregor of Ardchoille. Murray was able to have the MacGregors guard the Honours of Scotland or Scottish Regalia during George IV visit to Scotland, which was considered a tremendous honor.



### Current Clan Chief

Sir Malcolm Gregor Charles MacGregor of MacGregor, 7<sup>th</sup> Bt, of Lanrick and Balquhidder, 24<sup>th</sup> Chief of Clan Gregor is the current chief.

### SEPTS OF CLAN GREGOR

Surnames regarded as septs (sub-branch) of the MacGregor clan include Black, Bowers, Bowmaker, Brewer, Caird, Comrie, Dochart, Docharty, Gregorson, Gergory, Greig, Grier, Grigor, Gruer, Leckie, Lecky, MacAdam, MacAra, MacConachie, MacGrewar, MacGrowther, MacGruder, MacGruther, MacLeister, MacNee, MacNeish, MacNie, MacNish, MacPetrie, Malloch, Neish, Nish, Peterkin, Petrie, Skinner, Stringer, White, Whyte.



### Of Scottish Heroes

*By Thistle Senior Writer Armand C. Hayes*

Of course, no one can deny that William Wallace and Sir Robert the Bruce have their place in the line-up. There must be a heroine; Scottish history records Flora Macdonald, that she risked her life to help Bonnie Prince Charlie to escape capture following the Battle of Culloden. One of the Jacobite Captains, Captain O'Neill passionately presented Prince Charles case and won her support. At age 24 and being of the household of a MacDonalds Chief (of Clanranald), she procured a pass from the Hanovarians and helped him escape. Of course, another was King James VI of Scotland and at the same, James I, King of all of England and Ireland during the Union of Crowns for the last half of the 17th Century. His mother, Mary Queen of Scots was recorded as a second heroine by Scotland that, not much more of a child, she faced adversity from all sides, and seemed destined to fail no matter what. She is seen as a heroine that she faced the adversity head-on; and that she was seen as the legitimate Queen by the Catholics in England.

And we must have one of Man's best friend who is seen as a Scottish hero, Greyfriars Bobby. Bobby was a Skye Terrier who was faithful to his master's side, at the grave, 14 years after the death of John Gray, an Edinburgh City Police night watchman.

In the mid 1800's we are given Lieutenant Francis Edward Henry Farquharson, who fought to quell an Indian Mutiny at Lucknow, by leading part of his company into heavy enemy fire and he makes the Black Watch Medal Roll with a Victoria Cross. Sergeant David Finlay, from Fife, Scotland was awarded the Victoria Cross as well for his bravery at Rue de Bois, France. He led 12 of his men in an attack to place explosives. During the attack, he lost 10 of the men under heavy fire. When they retreated, he ordered the remaining two back while he crawled to the rescue of one of his wounded, pulling him over 100 yards under intense ground fire to safety. He is remembered on the Iraqi Basra Memorial as well as the War Memorial in Moonzie, Fife, and also

on the War Memorial at the Leuchars Parish in Leuchars, Fife and listed in the Rolls of Honour in the Remembrance Room of the Black Watch.

And for not the least, the 10th would undoubtedly be Lieutenant-Colonel John Malcolm Thorpe Fleming "Jack" Churchill. Of Scottish parentage and born in Hong Kong and a British Army officer, he was nicknamed "Fighting Jack Churchill," also "Mad Jack". Mad Jack, being a unique Scot, went into the fray of WWII battles armed with a longbow, bagpipes, and a Scottish broadsword. This hero actually killed German soldiers with his ancient weaponry, inspiring his troops with the pipes. And now you have it, 10 heroes of Scotland.

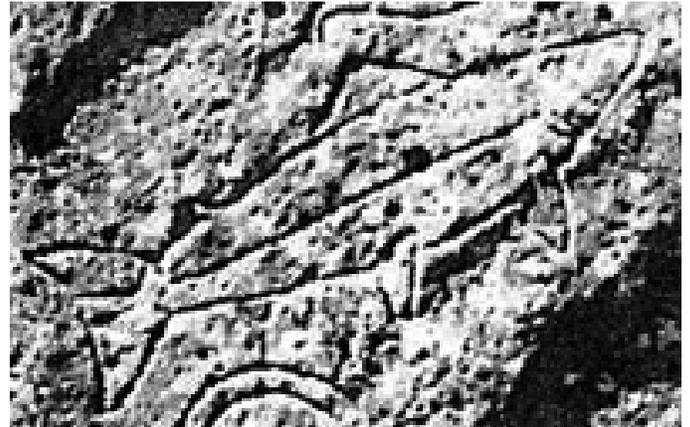


## Celtic Symbols

### SALMON OF WISDOM

By Thistle Senior Writer Armand C. Hayes

A symbol of prophecy, knowledge, and wisdom, the symbol is often found on sacred wells. The ancient Celts believed that the eating of salmon gave one wisdom and an ability to prophecies the future. Above is a Druid stone with the symbol of the salmon carved into it. The salmon was considered the oldest and wisest of animals and is also considered one of the magical creatures. As well, the salmon appears in many ancient Celtic stories which when the salmon was cooked, imparted its magical gifts on the persons who ate and partook of it.



## Whisky Office Update

## The Balvenie

### Single Malt Scotch Whisky

By Armand C. Hayes, Senior Whisky Writer

Distilled at Banffshire, Scotland in casks that once held Caribbean rum for five generations, this rich and smooth, single malt whisky is considered to be handcrafted the traditional way. The Balvenie Distillery still grows its own barley and still MALTS in its own traditional floor maltings. The distillery still employs a team of coopers and coppersmith to maintain the casks and stills. Located in Dufftown on Speyside, nestled in the heart of Banffshire lays between Morayshire and Aberdeenshire in the North of Scotland, near the Moray Firth.

A carefully metered amount of peat and boil of juniper adds to the meld of flavors in this Scotch. A truly delightful, golden speyside Scotch; hats off to the Balvenie Malt Master!

**NOSE:** Spicy and sweet with a slightly smokey aroma, with tones of fresh pear.

**PALATE:** A flavor of rich honey and spice, enriched with a hint of vanilla as it melts across the tongue.

**FINISH:** Gliding to a pleasantly creamy hint of tropical mango, pear and vanilla finish.

**PRESENTATION:** Very sip-able on its own! Slante!





## RESOURCES

### Magazines

**The Highlander Magazine** is a magazine of Scottish Heritage, including articles of cultural history, military history, famous Scots, castles, heritage, traditions, legends, genealogy, clan news, music and celebrations, and event listings. The magazine is published bimonthly thru Angus J. Ray Associates, Inc. [www.highlandermagazine.com](http://www.highlandermagazine.com)

**Scottish Life Magazine** is a magazine of past and present events, culture, and heritage. Learn of events and travel in Scotland. There are Featured articles, book, reviews, and music. Printed in full color, this quarterly magazine will help you with current travel planning. [www.scottishlife.org](http://www.scottishlife.org)

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### Books

Society of Antiquaries of Scotland; [www.socantscot.org/shop](http://www.socantscot.org/shop).

### Online Publications

**ElectricScotland.com** is a site with many links. If you enjoy a good read or want to do some serious research then you're in the right place. Read our many biographies of Famous Scots, and our histories of places in Scotland. We have histories of every aspect of Scottish history and probably the largest collection of information on the Scots Diaspora and Scottish Clans and Families. News, including history, travel, culture, and heritage. There are links to connect you with clans and current events. Alastair McIntyre GOTJ, FSA Scot does a fabulous job connecting you with all things Scottish. [www.electricscotland.com](http://www.electricscotland.com)

### Organizations accessible on line

**Council of Scottish Clans and Associations, Inc. (COSCA)** is a service and advocacy organization that provides support and assistance to the many Scottish clans and organizations active in the United States. Heritage should never come to an end. But who makes sure? Heritage, language, places, relics, culture, values, ancestry. They can all pass away in a surprised and exasperated heartbeat. Unfortunately there is no governmental 'Department of Scottish American Heritage' that will keep our very special culture and history alive and relevant in this forward looking age. [www.cosca.scot](http://www.cosca.scot)

**Scottish Tartans Museum** is in Franklin, NC; and is a non-profit heritage center. They fund themselves by the sales from their gift shop. It was founded in 1963 as a tribute and study of the history of origins and the development of tartans and the Scottish emigration experience into North Carolina. [tartans@scottishtartans.org](mailto:tartans@scottishtartans.org)

### Language

**\*NEW\* LEARN GAELIC** is a free interactive site which offers lessons, videos, grammar tutorials, a dictionary and more. The site was launched by Scottish actor Gary Lewis, who had to learn Gaelic for his role as Colum McKenzie, Laird and Chief of Clan McKenzie in the *Outlander* television series. <http://learngaelic.scot>

**American Scottish Gaelic Society:** (An Comunn Gaidhealach Ameireaganach) Gaelic is the language of the Scottish Highlands and islands and is one of the few surviving Celtic languages, once spoken throughout Scotland. Gaelic has existed in the British Isles far longer than English and is closely related to Irish and Manx. Scottish Gaelic is more distantly related to Welsh, Cornish, and Breton. ACGA's mission is to nurture and preserve Scottish Gaelic language and culture, particularly in North America. <http://www.acgamerica.org/>