

## The Scottish Society of Indianapolis

# The Whistle

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Fellow Scots,

In August, I had the privilege of emceeing “The Great Scottish Summer Celebration ’17”. The event was held outdoors in the pavilion on the Latvian Center grounds with over a hundred and twenty people in attendance. Over the course of the evening, we shared fellowship as we made another installment to the Scottish Foundation McMath Scholarship, and listened to the piping of the Gordon Pipers. We finished the evening listing to the sounds of Celtica. Thanks to all who participated in our first silent auction which raised money for the scholarship fund.

The summer of 2017 is rapidly drawing to a close, and fall brings a busy time for the Scottish Society of Indianapolis. We will have already attended Indy Irish Fest, Columbus Scottish Games, and Oktober Fest at German Park by the time this newsletter is published. I hope that many of you were able to attend these events, keeping our Scottish profile high as we move towards hosting our own festival.

In just a few short weeks, the Scottish Society of Indianapolis will host the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Indianapolis Scottish Highland Games and Festival at German Park. The Games committee has been hard at work preparing for this event. I am most impressed by the dedication and attention to detail that everyone is invoking as they move forward to the 14<sup>th</sup> of October. There will be many exciting changes to the layout of the festival, including moving the athletic field to the west side of the upper level driveway. In doing so, we can accommodate a larger number of athletes and provide them a safer environment in which to throw. At last count there are 99 registered men and women athletes competing at our Games. This makes our event the largest non-championship event in the Mid-west. A by-product of moving the field provides a number of much needed parking spaces. We have more vendors, more food, more music, more parking, and free whisky! It should be an outstanding event indeed, and I am looking forward to seeing everyone there.

As always, it is my honor to serve as your president. Remember to attend, volunteer, and participate in Gach ni Albanach

Sláinte!

Robin Jarrett, FSA Scot

President, Scottish Society of Indianapolis



*From the Desk of the President*

# CALENDAR of EVENTS

## October

Oct 11 <sup>th</sup>	Monthly Dinner Meeting, Games discussion for volunteering, and tree decoration fabrication. 6:30pm Latvian Center, 1008 W. 64 <sup>th</sup> St. Indpls.
Oct 14 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup> Annual Indianapolis Scottish Highland Games and Festival, German Park 8006 S. Meridian St. Indpls.
Oct 26 <sup>th</sup>	Semi-Annual Scottish Foundation Meeting and Scottish Society Trustees Meeting, Claddagh 3835 E. 96 <sup>th</sup> St. Indpls.

## November

Nov 9 <sup>th</sup> –11 <sup>th</sup>	41 <sup>st</sup> Annual Indy International Festival, Indiana State Fairgrounds 1202 E. 38 <sup>th</sup> St Indpls.
Nov 18 <sup>th</sup>	St. Andrews' Dinner, Fort Harrison State Park Inn 5830 N. Post Rd. Indpls. 317-638-6000

## December

Dec 7 <sup>th</sup>	Trustees Meeting, 7:00pm Claddagh 3835 E. 96 <sup>th</sup> St. Indpls.
Dec 13 <sup>th</sup>	Monthly Dinner Meeting – TBA 6:30pm Latvian Center 1008 W. 64 <sup>th</sup> St. Indpls.
Dec 25 <sup>th</sup>	Merry Christmas!

## Beyond

Jan 10 <sup>th</sup>	Monthly Dinner Meeting – “Burns Lite” 6:30pm Latvian Center 1008 W. 64 <sup>th</sup> St. Indpls.
Feb 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Scottish Society of Louisville 26 <sup>th</sup> Annual Burns Night Gala Celebration

## Bulletins

### October 7<sup>th</sup> Games Committee Meeting

The last Games Committee meeting before the Games will be a pitch-in breakfast October 7<sup>th</sup> at the Douglasses', 11564 Senie Lane, Carmel IN 46032. The meeting is open to all and is our last chance to prepare before the event.

### October 11<sup>th</sup> Dinner Meeting

The Scottish Society of Indianapolis is sponsoring a Christmas tree at the Indiana Historical Society over the coming holiday season. Individuals who are interested are welcomed to help with the Scottish themed decorations. Talent and time will make our tree a show-piece of the event.

### Annual Elections Announcement - Nominations for 2018 Board

The Scottish Society of Indianapolis annual elections will be held at the November 18<sup>th</sup> meeting. Submit any nominations to Trustee Andy Thompson, handyandy1@frontier.net. The Constitution of the Society requires that nominations close at the October meeting until the day of the election. Nominations will again be accepted during the meeting prior to the election.

### Scottish Foundation Meeting

The Semi-Annual Scottish Foundation of Indianapolis Board Meeting will occur October 26<sup>th</sup> during the regular Society Trustees meeting. The meeting will be held in the Round Room at the Claddagh Precedent (north) location on 96<sup>th</sup> street, Indianapolis.

### Games Sponsors Needed

Please visit the Sponsor page, <http://indyscotgamesandfest.com/sponsor>, we need your help to make this year's event a success. Sponsorships are tax deductible. Proceeds fund the Scottish Foundation of Indianapolis McMath Scholarship at IUPUI. 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: [polyhedra1977@gmail.com](mailto:polyhedra1977@gmail.com).

### Calling all Clan Regents and Conveners

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

# Games News

*By Games Co-chair Deneice Jarrett*



Dear Members and Friends of SSI,

As the co-chairs of the Eighth Annual Indianapolis Scottish Highland Games and Festival, we wish to extend a personal invitation to attend this event on October 14th, 2017.

Much planning and preparation has gone into bringing our Scottish Society, families, friends, and community a fun day of celebrating all things Scottish. Through the joint efforts of our dedicated president, Robin Jarrett, the SSI board members, committee members, sponsors, and volunteers, we are able to anticipate our best day yet!

Read on below for updates on progress and planning over the past few months.

We are almost ready for the big day. Please join us!

Best regards,  
Deneice Jarrett and Lise Douglass

## **Progress and Planning:**

- With the help of athletic directors, Tracey and David Mills, we finally sealed the deal with the Soccer Club and are expanding to the upper fields. This will mean a big change including expanding area for the athletics layout in the highlands, moving vendors and clans, and adding hundreds of parking spaces.
- We are working with an Explorer group to support a new and improved parking plan.
- Athlete registration had to close early this past week due to a record number registered. Last count: 99 athletes!
- All permits have been issued. Insurance is in place.
- The Lowland layout for food/beverage and other vendors is being reworked to allow for more vendors.
- New cash drawers and a money counter (in addition to Steven!) have been ordered.
- Sponsorship \$\$ continues to come in.
- Admissions are planning to launch new technology for record keeping at the gate.
- Security and EMT's are booked.
- Adorable, hand-crafted Fairy Houses are ready for the kiddos.
- Big Red pencils and other fun prizes are ordered.
- Beer from two vendors and Mead is on the way!
- The Banner has been placed on the fence at German Park. Posters are going up around town. We are almost out of Save the Date cards.
- Members have appeared at multiple events and festivals promoting the Games and Festival. Did I mention we are almost out of cards?
- Volunteer sign up continues as sponsorship badges and other credentials are being prepared.
- The Whisky sponsor is ready, and three tastings are scheduled. (Thanks for your research in Scotland, Matt!)
- The Mayor's visit is planned, and the proclamation has been requested.
- Final numbers for chairs, tents, and toilets are being tallied.
- Radios and golf carts are ordered.
- Seven new cabers and new 45 foot standards ready for 2017 are ready for action.
- Plans for the Opening Ceremony to include a Calling of the Clans with a musical flare thanks to Tudor Rose Players are being finalized.
- The Bonnie Prince Charlie and his court are scheduled to tour the lowlands and highlands.
- The Closing this year will be athletic awards only to accommodate our growing event.
- More clans are registering daily. We are currently at 20 which is way up from last year.
- The Facebook page is heating up with over 7,000 views of the schedule just days after it was posted.
- Articles have gone out to magazines and community news, and the promotional spot for Indy Style is in the works.
- Patches and T-shirts which incorporate the newly-designed Games logo are ordered.

# 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

	October	November	December
Date	Wednesday the 11th	<u><b>Saturday the 18th</b></u>	Wednesday the 13th
Meat Dish	Carson and Patty Smith	Fort Harrison State Park Inn	Lise Douglass
Program	Games (+volunteer training) and Christmas tree decorating	St. Andrew's Dinner Annual Elections	Hogmanay. Possibility of doing Scottish holiday trivia?
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
<p>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.</p> <p>Meeting Costs: Members \$5, Returning Guests \$7, First-Time Guests are free.</p> <p>Bring place settings and beverages of your choice.</p> <p>Scotch whisky available, \$3 a shot.</p>			

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

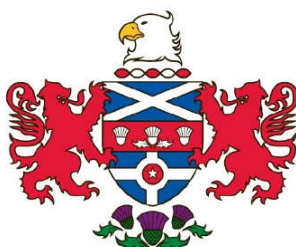
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October 14, 2017



## INDIANAPOLIS SCOTTISH HIGHLAND GAMES AND FESTIVAL

Stage I Covered Pavilion		Stage II Tented Stage		Athletic Field	Royal Court	Kids' Activities	Pipers		
Lowlands		Lowlands		Highlands	Lowlands	Lowlands	Lowlands	Highlands	
9:00 AM	Opening Ceremony - Highland Athletic Field					Visit the Kids' Booth 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM  Free Face Painting  Prizes  Join the Quest to be Knighted or made Lady of the Realm! Details at the Kids' Booth.  Free Face Painting  Prizes  Visit the Kids' Booth 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM	9:00 AM		
9:15 AM	Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard; Ginny Spillman - National Anthem; Honored Clan - Donald;						9:15 AM		
9:30 AM	Calling of the Clans with Royal Court - Tudor Rose Players & Pipers of Fountain Trust Pipe Band						9:30 AM		
9:45 AM	Indianapolis Mayor Joe Hogsett will appear on Stage I. Time: TBA			9:30 - 5:30 Highland Games	Prince's Walkabout		9:45 AM		
10:00 AM				CLAN TENTS Vendor Booths Food and Beverages	KNIGHTING	Court Pastime	10:00 AM		
10:15 AM	10:15 - 11:00 Celtic Rain	Celtic Merchandise, Food, & Beverage vendors are open 9:00 to 9:00 in the Lowlands.					10:15 AM		
10:30 AM							10:30 AM		
10:45 AM							10:45 AM		
11:00 AM			11:00 - 11:30 Ed Miller	9:00 - 6:00 Highland Games	Rat Pucking 11:15 - 12:00 with Drunk & Sailor		Gordon Pipers	11:00 AM	
11:15 AM	11:15 - 12:00 Highland Reign			9:30 - 5:30 Highland Games	PRINCE'S FEAST	Court Pastime	Fountain Trust	11:15 AM	
11:30 AM					1:00 - 1:30 Kids' Knighting				11:30 AM
11:45 AM		11:45 - 12:15 Whisky Tasting I							11:45 AM
12:00 PM									12:00 PM
12:15 PM	12:15 - 1:00 The American Rogues		12:30 - 1:00 Scottish Country Dancing	9:00 - 6:00 CLAN TENTS Vendor Booths Food and Beverages		Court Pastime	Gordon Pipers	12:15 PM	
12:30 PM								Piping Contest Highlands	12:30 PM
12:45 PM									12:45 PM
1:00 PM	Fountain Trust on Stage							Fountain Trust	1:00 PM
1:15 PM	1:15 - 2:00 Drunk & Sailor	1:15 - 1:45 IRISH BLESSING DANCERS		9:30 - 5:30 Highland Games		Court Pastime		1:15 PM	
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1:45 AM									1:45 AM
2:00 PM		2:00 - 2:30 Ed Miller						Gordon Pipers	2:00 PM
2:15 PM	2:15 - 3:00 Celtic Rain			9:00 - 6:00 CLAN TENTS Vendor Booths Food and Beverages	Prince's Walkabout	Court Pastime	Fountain Trust	2:15 PM	
2:30 PM					Touring Highlands and Lowlands				2:30 PM
2:45 PM		2:45 - 3:15 Whisky Tasting II			Rat Pucking 3:15 - 4:00 with Drunk & Sailor				2:45 PM
3:00 PM	3:15 - 4:00 Highland Reign	3:30 - 4:00 Celtic Motion Dancers						Gordon Pipers	3:00 PM
3:15 PM				9:00 - 6:00 CLAN TENTS Vendor Booths Food and Beverages	4:00 - 4:30 Kids' Knighting	Court Pastime		3:15 PM	
3:30 PM									3:30 PM
3:45 PM									3:45 PM
4:00 PM	4:15 - 5:00 Ed Miller	4:00 - 4:30 Scottish Country Dancing						Fountain Trust	4:00 PM
4:15 PM				At close of events: Athletic Awards		Court Pastime		4:15 PM	
4:30 PM									4:30 PM
4:45 PM		4:45 - 5:15 Drunk & Sailor							4:45 PM
5:00 PM	Gordon Pipers on Stage	5:15 - 5:45 Celtic Motion Dancers						Gordon Pipers	5:00 PM
5:15 PM	5:15 - 6:00 The American Rogues	5:45 - 6:15 Ed Miller		Highlands close for the evening. Join the fun in the Lowlands!	Prince's Walkabout	Court Pastime	Fountain Trust	5:15 PM	
5:30 PM					Touring Highlands and Lowlands				5:30 PM
5:45 AM									5:45 AM
6:00 PM	6:00 - 7:00 Celtic Rain	6:30 - 7:00 Whisky Tasting III							6:00 PM
6:15 PM	6:15 - 7:00 Drunk & Sailor							6:15 PM	
6:30 PM								6:30 PM	
6:45 PM	Bonniest Knees Contest							6:45 PM	
7:00 PM								7:00 PM	
7:15 PM	7:15 - 8:00 Highland Reign							7:15 PM	
7:30 PM								7:30 PM	
7:45 PM								7:45 PM	
8:00 PM								8:00 PM	
8:15 PM	8:15 - 9:00 The American Rogues	Vendors remain open in Lowlands until 9:00 pm.						8:15 PM	
8:30 PM								8:30 PM	
8:45 PM								8:45 PM	
9:00 PM	Games and Festival Close - Thank you for attending!							9:00 PM	







# Highland Heavy Athletic Events

*By Thistle Senior Writer Armand C. Hayes*

## **CABER TOSS**

The Caber toss is always a crowd favorite. It is a log, usually measuring 20 feet in length and weighing from 75 lbs. to about 175 lbs., with a few cabers weighing over 200 lbs., in amateur competitions. The Caber is stood on end to an almost vertical position for the contestant who then raises it in a squat, cupping the narrower end with his clasped hands, and holding it in balance. The Caber is then tipped forward and the contestant lifts and hoists the Caber's upper end/larger end forward, flipping it end over end. For the perfect toss, the Caber must land length-wise at a 12:00 position to the candidate with the small (hand held end) facing away from the candidate. There are many athletes who have thrown perfect throws; now records are set for how many consecutive perfect throws.

## **HAMMER THROW**

The Scottish Hammer Throw or Toss is an event with a metal, spherical shaped ball weighing 16 to 22 lbs attached on a wooden handle that is thrown to the rear of the contestant for distance. The contestant has his back to the throwing field and must anchor his feet (cannot turn around). He swings the hammer around over his head 2 to 3 times to create momentum and releases the hammer behind him. The world record for the 22 lb. Hammer throw was done by Daniel McKim at 132 feet, 10 1/4 inches at the Utah Highland games in 2014.

## **STONE THROW OR "BRAEMER STONE" THROW**

A large stone of variable weight (men 16-22 lbs. and for women, a 13-18 lbs.) is thrown from a standing position. The contestant must cradle it into his neck until the stone is thrown. The stone cannot be touched with the other hand prior to, or on the throw. This event is similar to the track and field shot put event. John O'Neil holds the world record of the "Braemer Stone" throw, of 43 feet, 10 1/2 inches, achieved at the 2014 Utah Games.

## **WEIGHT THROW FOR DISTANCE**

A large metal weight, attached to a short chain and handle is thrown as a separate event for distance, as both a light weight and also a heavy weight. The light weight weighs 28 lbs. or 12.7 kg where the heavy weight, weighs 56 lbs., or 25.4 kg. For women contestants, the light weight weighs 14 lbs. or 6.4 kg, and the heavy weight is 28 lbs. or 12.7 kgs. For the "Masters Class", the weights are light weight, 28 lbs. and the heavy weight is 42 lbs. The weight is thrown with one hand, from behind the trig (toe board), and may turn or spin to increase the momentum of the throw, as long as the contestant does not go over the trig. Each contestant is given 3 attempts and the best distance is used for the score. The world record is 31 feet 3 inches, thrown by Michael Nease of Mooresville, NC in 2009 at the Grandfather Mountain Games.

## **WEIGHT FOR HEIGHT**

Given 3 attempts, each contestant tries to throw a 56 lb. stone attached to a handle over a horizontal bar. The contestants can use only one hand. Once they have cleared the bar with the weight, the contestant advances to the next round in which the bar is advanced to a higher height until all but one contestant is eliminated. If a second contestant ties, the contestant of the two who makes the most successes breaks the tie. "Game of Thrones" actor, Hafþor "Thor" Bjornsson of Iceland, became the World Record holder for Weight over Bar thrower, in Sept 23, 2014. During Europe's Strongest Man contest, Thor threw an amazing 28 foot throw of the 56 lb., 25 kg weight over the horizontal bar!

## **SHEAF TOSS**

Is a bale like bundle of straw, wrapped in a burlap type material, weighing for men, 20 lbs. or 9 kg, and for women, 10 lbs. or 4.5 kg. The sheaf is tossed with a pitchfork over a horizontal bar; with scoring similar to the Weight for Height event. There are three attempts, and the contestant must clear the bar to pass on to the next round until all but one are eliminated. The world Record holder for the Sheaf Toss was at Portland, Oregon in 2008, for the 20 lb Sheaf Toss, reaching a height of 49 foot 10 inches, by Eric Frasure.

## We have new cabers!

They are brand new with the bark still on, cedar, and pine weighing from 65 to 125 pounds. Thanks to Tracy and David Mills who personally hewed them out of a northern Michigan forest, (not really, but almost) and brought them back in time for the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual ISHGF!



## 2017 Whisky Tasting Marquee



The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Indianapolis Scottish Highland Games and Festival will again provide whisky tasting that is free to patrons on a first-come first-served basis. There will be 3 sessions throughout the day. Special thanks to Arnie Lewin, Elite Beverages Cumberland Pt and RNDC Beam/ Suncory Distributing for providing time, talent and product so we may continue this tradition. Your Master of Ceremony, Vice President of Whisky Mathew Douglass will give tasting notes and direction.



## 2017 Indianapolis Highland Games and Festival Entertainment Lineup:

The American Rogues <https://theamericanrogues.com/>

Highland Reign <http://highlandreign.com>

Drunk & Sailor <http://www.drunkandsailor.com/>

Celtic Rain [celticrain3.wordpress.com](http://celticrain3.wordpress.com)

Ed Miller [songsofscotland.com](http://songsofscotland.com)

Tudor Rose Players [tudorroseplayers.com](http://tudorroseplayers.com)

Indy Royal Scottish Country Dance Society [IndyRCSD@gmail.com](mailto:IndyRCSD@gmail.com)

Celtic Motion [celticmotion.org](http://celticmotion.org)

Irish Blessing Dancers [facebook.com/Irish-Blessing-Dancers](https://facebook.com/Irish-Blessing-Dancers)



The American Rogues at the World Music Festival, Quebec Canada!

### THE AMERICAN ROGUES

The American Rogues have performed internationally, and are the official band of the Navy Seals Museum. The AR is known from the beaches of California to New York's Statue of Liberty; across the world from Asia to South America, Canada and Europe. The American Rogues have performed their version of Celtic rock for our troops and veteran groups all over the world. AR has helped raise money for the USAF Society, Homes for Our Troops, and The Wounded Warrior Project. Since 2009, the American Rogues have given a variety of audiences breath-taking music, and demonstrated their ability to command the stage, electrify the audience, and animate the crowd. Please welcome their return to the Great City of Indianapolis!



### HIGHLAND REIGN

My friends and Celtic brothers and sisters, Highland Reign being in nature a more local band from Indianapolis, Indiana, having played in several surrounding states and venues such as the Minnesota State Fair and "Nine Irish Brothers", is a player of not only Scottish and Irish Folk but more importantly, Celtic Rock! Having produced several CD's and DVD's, they are a high energy band that will rail you into wanting to dance your socks off and show you the "Highlands" as never before!



## DRUNK & SAILOR

What fun you will have with a more foot stomping band, playing a foot stomping' kind of Celtic Rock / sea shanty type music that will have you OFF of the edge of your seats! This highly interactive band has played from Michigan to Kentucky and points in between at venues such as the Michiana Renaissance Faire, the Kentucky Pirate Festival and Central Kentucky Celtic Festival! You'll at times feel that you're riding their musical cannon ball with spirited tunes that are the "Drunk & Sailor"!



## CELTIC RAIN

Formed by members of the Scottish Society of Indianapolis, Celtic Rain is a more down to the earth and basics band that labels themselves as an 'original Celtic Spiritual Fusion Folk band'. You will feel the purity of traditional Celtic tunes infused with their own twist of jazz, classical, and acoustic sound and style. They will touch your very hearts in a spiritual way and yet tantalize your very senses like a dancing rain!

## ED MILLER "SONGS OF SCOTLAND"

Citizens, I share with you the more folk side of Scotland, a man born of Edinburgh Scotland and living in Texas, Ed Miller Songs of Scotland. The music captures the very essence of the Scottish people, lulling you with his musical imagery which will take you magically away to the very highlands and lowlands of the Scottish countryside and its people!



## THE FOUNTAIN TRUST PIPE BAND

These pipers will have you marching down the lanes with their glorious pipe music. Under the trees and over the hills, it will float you away to the lofty green hills and dales of Scotland. You will want to march in line with them away to the sunny land of dance and reel, thistles and heather, coos and falcon. Indiana based Fountain Trust Pipe Band is the state's only Grade 3 competition band.

## INDIANAPOLIS 500 GORDON PIPERS HORSE SHOE PIPES AND DRUMS

And if that's not enough, lads and lasses, Indianapolis's very own, Indianapolis 500 Gordon Pipers- Horse Shoe Pipes and Drums. Founded in 1962 by Dr. Wallace Gordon Diehl, they have been performing at the Indy 500 since 1963. You'll feel like you're marchin' off tae the battles and hear the roar of the Speedway as they come a marchin' down the lane with pipes and drums a blaring!



## THE TUDOR ROSE PLAYERS

Indianapolis based Tudor Rose Players will again portray in historical interpretation, The Bonnie Prince Charlie at the 2017 ISHGF. The attention to detail the TRP staff brings to the games will give a glimpse into the summer of 1745 when the Jacobite cause was at the height of its success. The group will hold court in the lowlands and tour the highlands during the day.



## CELTIC MOTION

Come and dance with “Celtic Motion”, an Irish dance ensemble that enjoys lively step dancing. You will be enthralled with their precision stepping and want to dance the day away!



## IRISH BLESSINGS DANCERS

And if that is not enough, let me introduce you to the wonderfully talented Irish Blessings Dancers who formed an international dance company in 1978, to use the Gift of dance that God gave to enjoy fellowship with other and to entertain you with precision step dancing. What a wonderful gift to watch; be filled with joy!

So whether you are dancing, marching, listening, eating, walking, sitting, enjoying, or shopping, we entertain you and beseech you to come join us! Irish Blessing is now offering Adult Irish Dance Class at the Fishers YMCA Sept 29<sup>th</sup> –Dec 15<sup>th</sup>

## INDY ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

Scottish Country dancing has been a tradition at the ISHGF since its beginning. The group was formed and is maintained by members of the Scottish Society of Indianapolis. The Group sponsors dancing every Monday evening for anyone interested in joining.



# Indianapolis Scottish Highland Games and Festival

## Honored Clan 2017



### CLAN DONALD

CLAN MOTO: "Per Mare Per Terras"  
(By sea by land)

**History of Clan MacDonald:** The Clan Donald has exercised a powerful influence on Highland history. Translated literally as 'children of Donald' it was named after Donald, grandson of the medieval Gaelic hero Somerled.



Donald gave his descendants and followers the name of MacDonald or the son of Donald. The Clan's leaders were Lords of the Isles until the forfeiture of the Lordship in 1493, when the Scottish King took the title away. However, the influence of Clan Donald survived.

The seven main branches of the Clan (Antrim, Ardnamurchan, Clanranald, Glencoe, Glengarry, Keppoch and Sleat) held extensive estates from Ulster to Skye. Gradually, these lands were sold or confiscated. In 1971, the last remaining lands to be held by one of the Clan chiefs came up for sale. These were the lands in Skye of which Armadale is the heart. They were purchased by a charitable trust, the Clan Donald Lands Trust, founded by (and now supported by) Clan Donald members worldwide. Clan Donald is still the largest clan in Scotland and the descendants of thousands of MacDonalds who emigrated also make it the largest in the world.

*"Na sloigh as feart san gcruinne A muirn a mire a bhfighnamh; Ni comhnairt bheith ' na bhfeagmhais: Ni h-eibhneas gan Chlainn Domhnall"*

"The best people in the round world, their joyousness, their keenness, their effectiveness; without them is no strength; it is no joy without Clan Donald".



### Friends of Armadale Castle, Gardens and the Museum of the Isles

Armadale Castle, Gardens and the Museum of the Isles is operated by the Clan Donald Lands Trust, a non-profit charitable organisation. It was established in 1971 with the aim of promoting an understanding and appreciation of the history and traditions of Clan Donald and the Lordship of the Isles. The Trust purchased the last remaining 20,000 acres (8000 hectares) of the once vast MacDonald lands. They have acted as custodians of the land, and developed high quality facilities for all people interested in the conservation of Highland heritage.

These facilities include the Museum of the Isles which collects, preserves and makes available information on Clan Donald, the other Clans of the Lordship, and the West Highlands and the Isles of Scotland. The Trust also

preserves the remains of Armadale Castle, and oversees the tending and development of the historic Castle gardens.

By professionally managing and maintaining these resources, the Trust provides members of Clan Donald, the other Clans in the Hebrides and West Highlands, and the general public with the opportunity of learning about their individual and shared heritages in a beautiful setting overlooking the Sound of Sleat.

**Surname distribution in Scotland:** The MacDonald surname is common right across Scotland. The highest concentrations are to be found in Highland (includes the former Highland Region districts of Sutherland, Caithness, Ross and Cromarty, Skye and Lochalsh, Inverness, Nairn, Lochaber and Badenoch and Strathspey), Aberdeenshire (includes all of the historic counties of Aberdeenshire and Kincardineshire with part of Banffshire), Moray (Elginshire), Angus (Forfarshire), Dundee City, the Western Isles (the main islands are Lewis and Harris, North Uist, South Uist, Benbecula and Barra), Glasgow City, Argyllshire, Dunbartonshire and Renfrewshire.

Today, the center of Clan Donald is Armadale Castle, Sleat, on the Isle of Skye. The castle is now in ruins. It was built in 1815 by Lord Macdonald of Sleat. The palatial ruins for the Lords of the Isles, lies in Finlaggan on the Isle of Islay. Also in ruins of the seat of the MacDonalds of Islay and Kintyre, also on the Isle of Islay is Dunnyvaig.

In Glencoe, there is the North Lorn Folk Museum which is where the memorial is located to the McIan MacDonalds who perished there in the 1692 massacre. There is also a monument to commemorate the men who fought for Prince Charles Edward Stuart in the '45 Jacobite Uprising, in Glenfinnan, Inverness-shire. Raised at the headwater of Loch Shiel in 1815 by Alexander MacDonald of Glenaladale, it is now maintained by the National Trust for Scotland.

## SEPTS :

Alastair, Allister, Anderson, Ballach, Beath, Beaton, Bethune, Bowie, Brodie, Budge, Buie, Bulloch, Cambridge, Cathal, Cathil, Cochran, Cochrane, Coll, Colson, Conn, Connal, Connell, Cook, Cooke, Coull, Coulson, Cririe, Cromb, Croom, Crum, Daniel, Daniels, Darrach, Darroch, Donald, Donaldson, Donnell, Drain, Dannel, Forrest, Forrester, Galbraith, Gall, Galt, Gauld, Gaul, Gilbride, Gill, Gorrie, Gorry, Gowan, Gowans, Hawthorn, Heron, Hewison, Houstoun, Houston, Howat, Hoew, Howie, Howison, Hudson, Hutcheon, Hutcheson, Hutchin, Hutchinson, Hutchison, Hutchon, Hutson, Isles, Jeffrey, Keegan, Keighren, Kelly, Kinnell, Laing, Lang, Leitch, MacArthur, MacBeath, MacBheath, MacBrayne, MacBride, MacBryde, MacCaa, MacCairn, MacCambridge, MacCarron, MacCaw, MacCAy, MacCluskie, MacCodrum, MacColl, MacConnal, MacConnell, MacCooish, MacCook, MacCosham, MacCrain, MacCran, MacCririe, MacCrorie, MacCrum, MacCuaig, MacCuish, MacCuitheine, MacCutchen, MacCutcheon, MacDaniell, MacDrain, MacEachern, MacEachran, MacElfrish, MacElhearn, MacGaa, MacGaw, MacGeachy, MacGeachie, MacGee, MacGhee, MacGhie, MacGill, MacGorrie, MacGorry, MacGoun, MacGow, MacGowan, MacGown, MacGrain, MacHugh, MacHutchen, MacHutcheon, MacIllrick, MacIlreach, MacIlrevie, MacIlriach, MacIlwraith, MacIlwrack, MacKay, MacKeachie, MacKee, MacKellaig, MacKelloch, MacKerron, MacKey, MacKie, MacKiggan, MacKinnell, MacLairish, MacLardy, MacLarty, MacLaverty, MacLevery, MacMurchie, MacMurchy, MacMurdo, MacMurdoch, MacO'Shannaig, MacQuilkan, MacQuistan, MacQuisten, MacRaith, MacRorie, MacRory, MacRuer, MacRury, MacRyrie, MacSorley, MacSporran, MacSwan, MacSween, MacWhan, MacWhannell, Mark, Marquis, Martin, May, Murchie, Murchison, Murdoch, Murdoson, Murphy, O'May, Paton, Patten, Peden, Purcell, Reoch, Revie, Riach, Roderick, Rorie, Rorison, Ryrie, Shannon, Shennan, Sorley, Sorlie, Sporrn, Train, Whannell, Wheelan, Whelan, Wilkie, Wilkinson.

Current Chief: Godfrey James Macdonald of Macdonald, 8<sup>th</sup> Lord Macdonald, is currently high chief of Clan Donald and resides at Kinloch Lodge on the Isle of Skye, with his wife Claire Macdonald who is a food writer.





## Recent Events

### August 19<sup>th</sup> Meeting: Summer Celebration

*By Kristy Byers Stewart*

On a balmy Saturday evening in August, about 130 of us gathered under the pavilion at the Latvian Center for The Great Scottish Summer Celebration. And it sure was great! The Indy 500 Gordon Pipers kicked off the event in style. We enjoyed picnic fare with friends, family, and a number of guests that we hope to see again. Throughout the evening, we listened to Celtica play some beautiful music. We were graced by the presence of The Queen and her royal court (Tudor Rose Players). Princess



Margorie de Bruce, Maid of Scotland presented a Proclamation for the Summer Celebration. The Society presented IUPUI Major Gifts Officer Liz Goodfellow, with a check for \$12,000 for the McMath Scholarship for Scottish Studies. Doug Hardwick of the Gordon Pipers was awarded the Order of the Unicorn and a donation of \$500 was given to the band's Kilt-a-Piper campaign. The silent auction and other donations that night raised \$457 for the McMath Scholarship.



Doug Hardwick of the  
Gordon Pipers Awarded  
the Order of the Unicorn



Tammera Lane and Celtica play

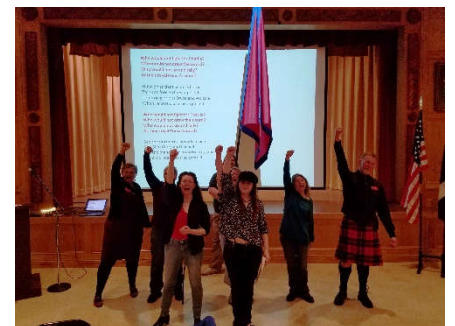


Silent Auction

### September 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting

*By Steven Johnson*

Tina Dunn presented the second part of her presentation on Prince Charles and His Ladies, providing exciting information in anticipation of the appearance by Bonnie Prince Charlie and his royal court at the Indianapolis Scottish Highland Games and Festival on October 14. Women were deeply involved in politics and more able to speak their minds, as the 18th century was a time of unprecedented freedom for women in Great Britain. Being Jacobite became a “fashion trend,” and many events were held in support of Prince Charles’ claim to the throne. We closed the evening by practicing a special event to be held during the opening ceremonies of the festival.





# 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 Glaze*

*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

# Pictish Sculpture, Key Pattern and the Rosemarkie Panel

*By Thistle Senior Writer Armand C. Hayes*

Support from the Society of Antiquaries' Fellows enabled a researcher to study Pictish sculpture patterns at Easter Ross, in June of 2016. The study involved the key pattern carved in stone. The pattern is shown on the below stone and is a geometric patterned formed with straight-sided zigzags and has been overlooked in the past as not significant. The sculptures studied were at the Groam House Museum (in the village of Rosemarkie on the Western side of the Moray Firth from Fort George), the Nigg Old Church (located on the Eastern coast of the upper peninsula, North of Inverness) , and at Rosemarkie (both on the standing stones and the Christian-Pictish monastic ruins). Ms. Cynthia Thickpenny of the University of Glasgow has now formed a new theory after analyzing the pattern in both its physical structures as well as its abstract and its unique arrangement. The unique pattern interlaces both spiral and an 'interpenetration of motifs'. Because of the grant, new information was gained which supports the theory as to the sculptures and how they facilitate the medieval working processes.



The 'Rosemarkie panel 3.1', is one of the main stones studied by Ms. Thickpenny at Groam House Museum, one of the medieval stones in the area, a collection of medieval Insular art. The study was inspired by a recent researcher who had studied other Pictish interlacing patterns, a Michael Brennan, Cambrian Medieval studies. Professor Brennan has also studied the Pictish alphabet or Ogham alphabet, most of which have not yet been deciphered.



## **Bowmore 12 Year Islay Single Malt Scotch Whiskey**

*By Thistle Senior Writer Armand C. Hayes*

On the isle of Islay in the Inner Hebrides, on the Southeastern shore of Loch Indaal, Bowmore is one of the oldest distilleries in Scotland. Established around 1779, the distillery was being produced during our American Revolution. The distillery is owned by Morrison Bowmore Distillers Ltd, pronounced “B’more” with the emphasis on “more.”

Established by John P. Simson, and later purchased by a local German family, during which time James Mutter introduced a number of innovative processes that prepared this delicious single malt for export to the mainland and abroad. First exported to Glasgow, it has survived several ownership changes and two World Wars.



Bowmore Malting Floor

Much of Bowmore's barley is grown on the island of Islay and the distillery still uses traditional floor malting. Traditional wooden washbacks are used before it is steamed through two wash stills and two spirit stills.

Bowmore 12 year reflects the raw essence of thrashing waves, windswept landscapes and generations of tradition:

**Nose:** Subtle notes of lemon and honey, there is a beautiful balance of peaty smokiness which is Bowmore’s Trademark.

**Palate:** A deliciously sweet taste of heather honey and vanilla ice cream, it blends well with a ever so gentle peat smoke.

**Finish:** Smokey honey and vanilla, with a stay on the mid tongue and throat.

## **Celtic Symbols**

### **MISTLETOE**

Mistletoe was believed to take on the properties of its host tree, since it feeds on the host tree (aerial parasitic plant). Though attaching itself to a variety of trees, the mistletoe with the most magic grew on the sacred oak. There are many tales in different cultures other than Gaelic connecting it with the sun-god. Its magical properties were harvested during the winter solstice with great ceremony for a variety of medical and magical uses. It was considered protection from lightning and fire and to cure poisoning as well. Also called Allheal and Golden Bough, it was used to bring forth healing for all kinds of ailments, like epilepsy and cancer. Mistletoe was hung up in the stable areas as a protection from mischievous brownies and also hung over cribs to protect babies from witches.





## 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)

**Scots Heritage Magazine** brings Scotland's culture, clans and fascinating history to you with interesting editorial and beautiful photography. Each issue is like a passport to the Scottish diaspora as the unique and authentic articles on Scotland's rich history and its vibrant past and present, and is indeed prescribed reading for those with a passion for our country. [www.scotsheritagemagazine.com](http://www.scotsheritagemagazine.com)

### 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://learnghaelic.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/>