

# NEWS FROM THE HOUSE of SCOTLAND

“Sgeoil nan Taigh”: Scots-Gaelic for  
“News From The House”

Balboa Park, San Diego, California 92101

March 2010

## Highlights from the February Meeting:

The meeting was called to order by First Vice President Bob Maxton at 11:30 A.M. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

**February Birthdays and Anniversaries:** Beryl Clark has a birthday in February. David McSwain's father is celebrating his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday this month.

**Prayers and Remembrances:** A moment of silence was observed for that member's of our military serving in harm's way.

**Pipe Band Report:** There was no Pipe Band report as they are attending the Queen Mary Games.

**Queen's Report:** There was no Queen's report.

**HPR Report:** Jim Scrimgeour reports that the 2010 Lawn Programs schedule is out. Because of the cost, only 10,000 were printed. Each cottage will be supplied an 11 x 14 laminated copy of the schedule. The House of Scotland Lawn Program is October 24. The 2010 HPR directory is available for our officers. The next Ladies Auxiliary luncheon, on March 10 at 12:30 P.M., will be hosted the House of the Czech and Slovak Republics. Jim thanked Taylor Wilson and her parents for attending the HPR Installation of Officers.

**Old Business:** Bob moderated.

**Hosting:** Hosting Holly was not at the meeting. In her absence, Mike circulated the hosting calendar.

## Upcoming events:

- The North County Scots' Casino Night is March 20 at the Vista Masonic Temple. The price is \$15.00 if purchased in advance and \$20.00 at the door.
- Tartan Day is Saturday, April 3, 2010, on the lawn in front of the cottage. A sign-up sheet will be available at the March meeting for anyone interested in working at Tartan Day or in donating desserts for sale.

**Ceilidh Band:** David McSwain reports that the band is working to improve their music. The Ceilidh Band will be performing at Tartan Day and at the Food Fair on Memorial Day weekend.

**Housekeeping:** There was no actual trustee's report. Mike Stewart did report that the kitchen had been flooded during the heavy rains in January.

**Audit Committee:** Steve Knight reports that the House of Scotland and Pipe Band books were audited on Sunday, January 10. The band books were found to be in order with no discrepancies. The House books had one discrepancy that did not affect the bank balance.

**Faucet & filter:** The replacement of the kitchen faucet with one that will accommodate a faucet-mounted water filter was discussed. Bob Maxton reports that the cost of hiring a plumber to install the faucet is estimated at \$86.50 per hour, with two to three hours required for that installation. Because there were not enough members present to form a quorum, the issue was tabled until a later meeting.

**New Business:** Bob moderated

**New Members:** None of the prospective new members from our January meeting were present at the February meeting, solving the problem of not having enough members at the meeting to vote on memberships. James Seth Burns was attending his first meeting as a prospective new member.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 P.M.  
Respectfully submitted  
Dianne Schultz, Secretary



### Upcoming Events

- Mar. 7** Band of the Irish Guards/Royal Regiment of Scotland
- Mar. 14** HOS Meeting, 11:30 am
- Mar. 20** NCS Casino Night
- Apr. 3** Tartan Day
- Apr. 11** HOS Meeting, 11:30 am
- Apr. 18** Earth Day
- May 9** HOS Meeting, 11:30 am
- May 15** NCS "The Supper Club" Cabaret Show
- May 23** Food Fair
- Jun. 13** HOS Meeting, 11:30 am
- Jun. 26-27** SD Scottish Highland Games
- Dec. 11** HOS Christmas Party

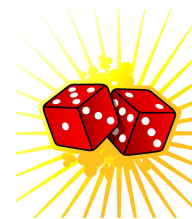
### Hosting

- Mar. 7** Nancy Ross, Claire Hoffmann, & Jesse McGhee
- Mar. 14** Open
- Mar. 21** Danielle & Cherie McGruer
- Mar. 28** Nancy Ross, Claire Hoffmann, & Jesse McGhee
- Apr. 4** Jeanne McDougall
- Apr. 11** Steve Knight
- Apr. 18** CLOSED – Earth Day
- Apr. 25** McColly's

**Please call Holly at (619) 287-7812 if you can host. Thank you to all who have volunteered to host so far!**



## Casino Night



March 20, 2010  
6 pm – 10 pm

Come and join in some high-rolling, high-action fun!

Play Black Jack, Craps, and Roulette; win tickets for a chance to win the bucket prizes.

We are looking for table sponsors. You or your business can sponsor a full table for \$200 or a partial table for either \$50 or \$100.

We are also looking for donors for bucket prizes and opportunity drawings.

Advance ticket sales are \$15 and will be available through March 10.  
Tickets at the door will be \$20.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of tickets: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail in ticket orders to: North County Scots,  
P O Box 1953, Vista, CA 92085-1953

THANK YOU!

### EVENT INFO

The Band of the Irish Guards/The Royal Regiment of Scotland,

March 7, 2010 2 pm

Experience the pomp and pageantry of one of the world's most famous and popular bands and regiments...a unique performance in the intimacy of the historic Balboa Theatre! Run time is approximately 2 hours, children must be at least 6 years of age to attend. Pricing: \$39, \$49, \$69 (includes \$2.50 Facility Fee). Discounts are



available for seniors, students, active military and groups of 10 or more.

More information can be found on line at [www.sandiegotheatres.org/eventstickets/eventdetails.cfm?eventID=2152](http://www.sandiegotheatres.org/eventstickets/eventdetails.cfm?eventID=2152).

Thanks to Bill Simpson for providing this information.



## *San Diego Tartan Day*

*There's a wee bit o' Scot in everyone!*

Seventh Annual Tartan Day/  
San Diego Festival

Balboa Park, International Cottages  
San Diego, CA

Saturday, April 3, 2010

Noon-4:00 PM FREE ADMISSION

The San Diego Tartan Day Steering Committee invites you to join a celebration of Scottish heritage -- and tartans, the national fabric and symbol of Scotland.

Explore displays by many Scottish organizations from all over Southern California, including individual Scottish clans.

Eat traditional Scottish fare, including bangers and wonderful desserts, at reasonable prices.

Enjoy music and dance from noon-4:00 PM featuring some of Southern California's most exciting Scottish entertainers, including pipers and dancers!

For more information, contact [info@tartandaysd.org](mailto:info@tartandaysd.org)

## Hearth of the Kitchen



### *Zinfandel Strawberry Trifle*

#### Ingredients:

1 ½ cups Zinfandel wine or grape juice  
½ cup sugar, divided  
1 qt. fresh strawberries, sliced  
1 tsp. vanilla extract  
2 loaves (10 ¾ oz. each) frozen pound cake, thawed  
2 cups heavy whipping cream  
Additional fresh strawberries

#### Method:

In large saucepan, combine wine and 1/3 cup sugar. Bring to a boil; cook until liquid is reduced to about ½ cup. Set saucepan in ice water and stir the mixture for 3 minutes. Stir in strawberries and vanilla.

Meanwhile, cut one cake in half widthwise (save the other half for another use). Cube remaining cake; set aside.

In a small bowl beat cream until it begins to thicken. Add remaining sugar; beat until soft peaks form. In a 3 qt. trifle bowl or glass serving bowl, layer a third of the cake cubes, strawberry mixture, and whipped topping. Repeat twice. Chill until serving.

Yield: 15 servings

Recipe from *July/Aug 2009, Taste of Home Magazine, Simple & Delicious*

### Gaelic Giggles

Mary's been offered a job working in the Cold Store," said her mother.

"That's nice," said her friend.

"No, no, I made her turn it down. It was too cruel, poor lassie!"

"Too cruel?"

"Yes, they said she had to work in short shifts."

From: *Scottish Jokes, Lomond Books*



The North County Scots will  
be featuring

**“The Supper Club”**

A Cabaret Show to be held on  
May 15.

Pre-sale tickets are \$15 or \$20 at  
the door.

Social hour ~ 6 pm

Show ~ 7 pm

Join us for this fun and exciting new event.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of tickets: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail in ticket orders to: North County Scots, P  
O Box 1953, Vista, CA 92085-1953

**About “The Supper Club”**

Since 2005, this cabaret-style vocal performance group has been providing quality entertainment for San Diego residents and visitors. For two summers “The Supper Club” was the resident entertainment troupe at Café Lautrec of La Jolla. Other engagements have included everything from a talent show at The Torrey Pines Christian Church to high society galas at The Westgate Hotel. Our repertoire includes popular standards, musical theater and specialty comic songs. “The Supper Club” features the saucy and delicious vocal talents of Nicole Mullet, Skyler Dennon and Rick Hernandez; with piano and additional vocals expertly served up by Sylvia Lorraine Hartman. Each performer is a well-seasoned local favorite.

***Did You Know?  
- Forth Rail Bridge***



Instantly recognisable because of its unique design, the Forth Rail Bridge was one of the greatest achievements of 19th century engineers.

The original designer was Thomas Bouch - but his rail bridge over the River Tay collapsed on 28 December 1879 and Sir John Fowler and Benjamin Baker were appointed instead.

The main contractor was William Arrol and construction of the three diamond-shaped steel towers began in 1883.

The bridge stretches 1.5 miles across the River Forth estuary from Fife to Lothian, nine miles west of Edinburgh.

At its highest point it is 361 feet above the water and 55,000 tons of steel, 640,000 cubic feet of Aberdeen granite, 8 million rivets and 145 acres of paint went into its construction.

It was built between December 1882 and January 1890. The number of people employed on construction reached 4,600 at one point.

The last rivet was ceremoniously driven home by the Prince of Wales on 4 March 1890.

From mid winter to mid summer it expands almost by a metre.

It is now one of the largest structures in the world to be floodlit – 1,000 high-powered lights illuminate the 1.5 miles of the bridge at night.

- from [www.rampantscotland.com/know/blknow5.htm](http://www.rampantscotland.com/know/blknow5.htm)

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