



NEWS FROM THE HOUSE of SCOTLAND

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

Balboa Park, San Diego, California 92101

June 2010

Highlights from the May Meeting:

May Birthdays and Anniversaries: Kit Brainard celebrated his birthday on May 1. Cherie's birthday is May 21 and Don Stewart's sister has a birthday this month.

Prayers and Remembrances: It was reported that Beryl Clark is under the weather. A moment's silent prayer was observed for Beryl and for those members of our military serving in harm's way.

Treasurer's Report: Cherie reported that House of Scotland now has its own Facebook page and that we've had 30 plus visitors each of the past two weeks.

Pipe Band Report: There was no Pipe Band report. The Pipe Band has extended an invitation for members of the House of Scotland to join the band for the Coronado Fourth of July Parade. Because the Fourth of July is a Sunday, the parade is actually on Saturday, July 3.

Ceilidh Band Report: The Ceilidh Band played at the May Fair Market on Saturday, May 8th, at the All Souls Episcopal Church in Point Loma. (This is Virginia Anderson's church.)

HPR Report: A request was made that all groups sandbag the flags at the HPR stage. A spectator was hit twice by a flag that was blown over by the wind. The Ladies Auxiliary has donated \$500.00 toward permanent flag poles at the stage.

Mary Jane Dabalack read the letter from House of Scotland detailing our closing the cottage on the Sunday of the Highland Games.

Cherie McGruer shared information on the Balboa Park Committee and their plans to set up a special 501c3 to fundraise and set up an endowment for the Park. Anyone interested in being on that board can email Beth Connelly and

let her know they're interested. Graham McGruer was asked by HPR to be their representative on that board. However, the Balboa Park Committee will select members for the board based on a person's meeting the qualifications specified by the board.

Old Business: Graham moderated.

Hosting: Holly reports that she has no one to host today, so she'll be only serving tea and lemonade. Joni Rossi and Doris Greeson are hosting May 16 and May 23 and the Food Fair is May 30. James Logan and Janette and Rob McLintock are hosting June 6. Volunteers are needed for June 13 and June 20. Please let Holly know if you can host one of those Sundays.

Upcoming events:

- The HPR International Food Fair is Sunday, May 30, 2010, from 10:00 AM until 5:00 PM. A sign-up sheet was circulated. Volunteers are needed to serve food both outside and in the cottage. We also need salads and desserts. The sign-up sheet was circulated. Setup will begin about 8:30 that morning.
- The San Diego Highland Games are Saturday, June 26, and Sunday June 27, 2010. Volunteers are needed to man our booth in shifts of about three hours. If you volunteer, you get a ticket for the games. A sign-up sheet will be available at the June membership meeting. If you can help, you can contact Dianne via email.
- The Tannahill Weavers will be performing in San Diego on Sunday, July 18, at the same venue where the Battlefield Band appeared last year. Information can be obtained by going to www.acousticmusicsandiego.com. The Tannahill Weavers are a long established Scottish traditional music group.

Housekeeping: Steve Knight requested that people not put open packages of food in the cupboards. There was a large bag of instant



potatoes in the cupboard that had an open top, which only invites small pests to feast on the contents. A second request was made that when storing anything in plastic containers, those containers be labeled as to the contents. Steve suggested attaching a piece of paper with scotch tape, at which time Rob McLintock objected, saying that the requirement to use "scotch" tape was racial profiling.

Other Old Business: Delphine Malone is organizing a memorial for Louisa Lawson on Saturday, May 22, in the Hall of Nations. The time of the memorial is not yet definite.

New Business: Graham moderated

New Members: Andrew Keith, along with his wife, Melissa, and daughters, Myla and Emily, were attending their second meeting as prospective new members. A vote was taken on their membership and they will be notified by mail of the result. Kristi and John Keith, Andrew's parents, were attending their first meeting as prospective new members. John says that he is a native San Diegan, is retired, and grows tomatoes and peppers. We welcome the extended Keith family to House of Scotland.

Other New Business: There was no other new business.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Dianne Schultz, Secretary



Upcoming Events

- Jun. 1** The Sinking of the German Battleship Tirpitz
- Jun. 9** Ladies Auxiliary Luncheon (Mexico)
- Jun. 13** HOS Meeting, 11:30 am
- Jun. 24** Bagpipe Concert 7 pm
- Jun. 26-27** SD Scottish Highland Games
- July 11** HOS Meeting, 11:30 am
- July 18** The Tannahill Weavers
- Aug. 8** HOS Meeting, 11:30 am
- Sep. 12** HOS Meeting, 11:30 am
- Oct. 10** HOS Meeting, 11:30 am
- Oct. 24** HOS Lawn Program
- Nov. 14** HOS Meeting, 11:30 am
- Dec. 11** HOS Christmas Party

Hosting

- June 6 Jim Logan & the McLintocks
- June 13 Susan Self
- June 20 Jim Scrimgeour & Gwenda Measel
- June 27 CLOSED-Highland Games
- July 4 OPEN
- July 11 Bob & Sharon Maxton
- July 18 Jim Scrimgeour

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

Bagpipe Concert

The College of Piping, Glasgow, The California Summer School of Piping will present a bagpipe concert on Thursday, June 24, at 7 pm. Admission to the concert is free and it is held at the Army and Navy Academy, 2605 Carlsbad Blvd.

AMSDconcerts presents The Tannahill Weavers, Sunday, July 18 at 7:30 pm. The Tannahill Weavers are one of Scotland's premier traditional bands. Their diverse repertoire spans the centuries with fire-driven instrumentals, topical songs, and original ballads and lullabies.

The Tannahills have that unique combination of traditional melodies, driving rhythmic accompaniment, and rich vocals that make their performances unforgettable. Over the years the Tannies have been international trailblazers for Scottish music, and their tight harmonies and powerful, inventive arrangements have won them fans from beyond the folk and Celtic music scenes. They are firmly established as one of the premier groups on the concert stage. From reflective ballads to foot-stomping reels and jigs, the variety and range of the material they perform is matched only by their enthusiasm and lively Celtic spirits.

Tickets are \$20/*\$45 *Dinner package

Tickets can be purchased on line at AMSDconcerts.com. Venue is 4650 Mansfield Street, San Diego, CA 92116. Questions? Call (619) 303-8176.

Hearth of the Kitchen



Grilled Pineapple Butterscotch Sundaes

Ingredients:

2 fresh pineapples
6 Tbsp. plus ½ cup butter, divided
2 Tbsp. sugar
¼ tsp. ground nutmeg
1 cup packed brown sugar
½ cup heavy whipping cream
½ tsp. vanilla extract
Dash salt
3 cups vanilla ice cream

Method:

Peel, core and cut each pineapple into six spears. In a small saucepan, melt 6 Tbsp. butter with sugar and nutmeg. Brush over pineapple. Grill, covered, over medium heat or broil 4 inches from the heat for 7-10 minutes or until lightly browned, turning occasionally.

For sauce, in a small saucepan, melt remaining butter. Stir in brown sugar and cream. Bring to boil, stirring constantly. Remove from the heat; stir in vanilla and salt. Serve sauce with ice cream and grilled pineapple.

Yield: 6 servings

Recipe from *June/July 2010, Taste of Home Magazine*,

Gaelic Giggles

After discovering they had won £15,000,000 in the Lottery, Mr. and Mrs. MacKemble sat down to discuss their future.

“After 20 years of washing other people’s stairs,” said Mrs. MacKemble, “I can throw my old scrubbing brush away at last.”

“Of course you can, hen,” said her husband. “We can easily afford you a new one now.”

From: *Scottish Jokes, Lomond Books*

The Sinking of the German Battleship Tirpitz

This lecture is sponsored by the House of England and the House of Norway and will be held in the Hall of Nations on Tuesday, June 1 at 7 pm.

Thee San Diego County residents who in various ways were directly connected to this historic event will talk about their personal experiences that day. In addition, the history of the *Tirpitz* and her operations along the Norwegian coast will be presented as an introduction. This event will last about 2 hours.

Light refreshments will be served, please contact Delphine at (619) 435-3631 or Lizzie at (619) 523-8822 if you plan to attend.

Scotland's Highland Games

The history and background to these cultural annual jamborees

Hugely important in Scottish culture, Highland Games dominate the summer calendar. This article looks at their evolution and history.

Exactly how Highland Games started – like so much of Scottish folklore and culture - is still unknown, but in all probability they derived from the trials of strength, speed, agility and skill which were commonplace at the various religious fairs, military musters and cattle fairs of medieval Scotland.

Foot-racing, horse-racing and wrestling were traditional features of St Michael's Day (29 September) celebrations. Racing and athletics contests sprang up at fairs on other holy days, as well as at cattle fairs on the quarter days of the Scottish calendar.

Similar sporting contests also took place at the conclusion of military musters called ‘wappinschaws’ that were staged by different clans.

The clans' warriors used these events to test their physical prowess in much the same way as modern soldiers engage in physical training.

THE HISTORY

According to one historical source, it was at one such muster in 1574 that 'tossing of ye barr' (cabers-tossing) first appeared on record. Yet these original competitions did not call simply for feats of strength since poets, bards and musicians also performed and competed.

The formalisation of Highland Games, and their establishment as annual events, dates back to the 1820s. And yes, it WAS all part of that famous 'romanticisation of Highland culture', so beloved of the British ruling class, and indeed the monarchy, of that time.

Historical accounts from the games of this period describe a programme of contests that are remarkably similar to those of today: the Invergarry Games, for example, featured 'dancing, piping, lifting a heavy stone, throwing the hammer and running...'. Thankfully, the more specialised pursuit of 'twisting the four legs off a cow for which a fat sheep is offered as a prize' does not feature in today's slightly more civilised repertoire of the modern games!

TODAY....

These days a good Highland Games is hard to beat. The all-inclusive nature of them, where you meet the entire community, from grannies to the newest members of a family, is one of the charms, as well as the draw they have for visitors from overseas and the UK.

All gather together to watch the running and jumping, throwing stones or hammers, tugs-of-war, tossing the caber, as well as the often-excellent displays of piping and dancing that takes place. One of the most famous is held in the late summer at the Braemar Gathering, traditionally attended by the Royal Family.

Each year the number of games seems to get bigger, and the content better. This summer past

saw over 100 Highland Games in Scotland from June to September.

Worth noting is that Highland Games are NOT just for Highlanders. They are fun events for all – even the English can be included!

Read more at Suite101: Scotland's Highland Games: The history and background to these cultural annual jamborees
http://scotland-travel.suite101.com/article.cfm/scotlands_highland_games#ixzz0ozeh7WC9

Scottish Time Line

June 1 1843

Dr Henry Faulds, who established the uniqueness of fingerprints, born in Beith, Ayrshire.

June 1 1878

First Tay rail bridge opens. It was to collapse 18 months later in the Tay Bridge Disaster.

June 1 1946

First TV licences issued in Britain, costing £2.

June 1 1957

First Premium Bond prizes were drawn by the computer "Ernie" (Electronic random number indicator equipment).

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