

NEWS FROM THE HOUSE of SCOTLAND

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

Balboa Park, San Diego, California 92101

January 2011

Highlights from the December Meeting:

The meeting was called to order by President Graham McGruer

December celebrations; Anniversaries: Rob and Janette McLintock, Jim Scrimgeour and his wife Birthdays; Marilyn McGruer, Maureen Bennett, Kathy Kough, and Chris (Connie Malar's friend).

Thank you's and gifts were presented to past officer and new officers were installed.

Thanks to the House of Scotland Pipe Band and the Ceilidh Band for providing entertainment. Also, thanks to John McColly for being our auctioneer and to Danielle McGruer and new member Taylor Wilson for helping to pass out the gifts. We raised \$1069 during our auction. Thank you to all who participated.

Audit committee: Danielle McGruer, Andrew Keith, and Jim Scrimgeour.

January Annual Burns Dinners



The North County Scots Annual Burns Dinner will be on Saturday, January 22. It will be held at the Rancho Carlsbad Recreational Center, 5200 El Camino Real, Carlsbad. Cocktails

will begin at 5 pm with dinner following at 6 pm. Cost is \$40 per member and \$45 for non-members. Dinner choice of beef, chicken, fish, or vegetarian. Mail your check to the North County Scots, P. O. Box 1953, Vista, CA 92085-1953.

The Robert Burns Club of San Diego is holding their Robert Burns Dinner on January 15, 2011, at Admiral Baker Clubhouse. The cost of non-members is \$60.00. Additional information can be found at www.robertburnsclubofsd.org.

Reminder: Membership dues of \$7 are due! Please pay your membership dues by January 9. Dues can be paid at the January 9th meeting or mailed to Cherie McGruer at 65 E. Shasta Street, Chula Vista, CA 91910. Thank you.

The 8th Annual Robert Burns Supper, by the Saint Andrew Society of San Diego, will be held Saturday, January 22, 2011. 6-7 PM No host bar & social; 7:00 PM Dinner and Ceremonies. Holiday Inn, Point Loma Cafe, Banquet Room, 4865 North Harbor Drive (at Nimitz), San Diego 92106. Seating will be limited to the first 40 reservations. Please email me soonest at asandie@cox.net to book the number in your party. The deadline for payment is January 15th. The cost per person is \$50.00. Checks should be mailed to SASSD, 7442 Conestoga Way, San Diego, CA 92120.



Upcoming Events

- Jan. 9** HOS Meeting, 11:30 am
- Jan. 21** HPR Installation Dinner
- Jan. 22** Burns Dinners
- Feb. 12 & 13** Queen Mary Highland Games
- Feb. 13** HOS Meeting, 11:30 am
- Mar. 13** HOS Meeting, 11:30 am

ROBERT BURNS SPECIAL DINNERS
Thursday, Friday and Saturday, January 20,
21, and 22, and

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28, and 29

Sixth Avenue Bistro
1165 Sixth Avenue (corner of Sixth
Avenue and B Street)
San Diego

Menu:
Haggis
Leg of Lamb
Mashed Taddies
Rutabaga
Petite Peas
\$14.95

Also available: haggis by the pound, at
\$10/pound. Average weight: 2 - 2.25 pounds.

Hosting

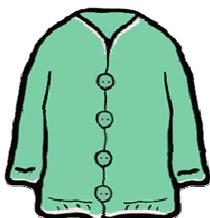
Jan. 2 John & Kristi Keith
Jan. 9 Steve & Susan Knight
Jan. 16 Jim Scrimgeour & Gwenda Measel
Jan. 23 Jessie, Claire, & Nancy
Jan. 30 Jessie, Claire, & Nancy
Feb. 6 Andrew & Melissa Keith

If you can host, please call Melissa at (619)
578-1537 or send an email to:
MKeith@missionbayhilton.com.



Gaelic Giggles

When Hamish left home, his mother sent him a woolly cardigan that she had knitted. "Dear son," she wrote, "to save weight and postage, I have cut the buttons off. You'll find them in a little bag in the right hand pocket."



Hearth of the Kitchen



Apple-raisin Bread Pudding

Ingredients:

3 Tbsp. butter, melted
1 loaf (1 lb) day-old cinnamon-raisin bread,
cubed
3 cups chopped peeled tart apples
7 eggs
2 ½ cups milk
¾ cup sugar
3 tsp. vanilla extract

VANILLA SAUCE:

2/3 cup sugar
1 Tbsp. cornstarch
1/8 tsp. salt
1 cup cold water
1 Tbsp. butter
1 tsp. vanilla extract

Method:

Pour butter into a 13 X 9 in baking dish. Combine bread cubes and apples; sprinkle over butter. In a large bowl, whisk the eggs, milk, sugar and vanilla. Pour over bread.

Bake uncovered at 325° for 40-45 minutes or until a knife inserted near the center comes out clean.

In a small saucepan, combine the sugar, cornstarch, salt, and water until smooth. Bring to a boil over low heat, stirring constantly. Cook and stir for 1-2 minutes or until thickened. Remove from heat; stir in butter and vanilla. Serve with warm bread pudding.

Recipe from *October/November 2009, Taste of Home Magazine*

A team of farm boys from Moray decided to climb Ben Nevis. They borrowed a van load of equipment and set off. Unfortunately, they only got about 40 feet up before they ran out of scaffolding.

Did you know? Basketball was invented by a Scotsman.

Naismith's rules for basketball should draw frenzy at auction

By J. BRADY McCOLLOUGH
The Kansas City Star

NEW YORK | The staff of world-famous Sotheby's is preparing for today's auction, and, as is the custom here on the Upper East Side, the sell is on.

Three items will be up for grabs. The expectation is that millions of dollars will change hands. With so much at stake, presentation is everything.

The first item you see when taking the escalator to the second floor, where the exhibition begins, is not the battle flag found in the pocket of a dead soldier at the Battle of Little Bighorn, which raged across the plains of Montana in 1876. And it is not one of the 20 original copies of the Emancipation Proclamation that President Abraham Lincoln signed in 1863, a document that would later be owned by U.S. Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy.

No, for this auction, the main attractions are the two prominently displayed yellowed sheets of paper that spell out James Naismith's original rules of basketball, typewritten by Naismith's secretary in 1891 to be hung in the gym of the YMCA Training College in Springfield, Mass. Now they hang in protective glass frames with a price tag estimated at a low of \$2 million....

...Naismith's rules help to explain the simple origin of a game that has stolen countless hearts and imaginations across the globe, and there's no telling the sum such a joyous manuscript could garner.



"We've had responses from all over the world," said Ian Naismith, James Naismith's grandson. "It's amazing."

Ian Naismith will be in New York today to see the rules that have been with his family for 119 years find a new home. He has the most invested in the process, which will involve bids coming in person, by phone and from the Internet. The winning bid will benefit the Naismith International Basketball Foundation, which is run by Ian Naismith and serves underprivileged children.

The foundation has fallen on tough times in line with the economy, forcing Ian Naismith to approach Sotheby's. Ian Naismith says that in the past he was offered as much as \$5 - \$10 million for his grandfather's 13 rules, which resided in Lawrence for 41 years following James Naismith's arrival in 1898, when he joined the KU faculty and became the Jayhawks' first basketball coach. Naismith retired in 1937 and died in 1939.

Naismith's rules were built around four fundamental principles: no running with the ball, no tackling or rough body contact, a horizontal goal above the heads of the players and freedom of any player to obtain the ball and score at any time.

"The genius," Kiffer said, "is the rules were elastic enough that the game could develop around them."...

... "Really, I don't know who it might be. Could be a player. Could be a team owner. Could be a frustrated player who wanted to be a star and never made it but made it in business. It will be fun."

As Kiffer is saying this, a frequent buyer walks up to the Naismith display, which stands tall around a small hardwood replica of a basketball court.

“By definition, it is unique,” the buyer said.

But it is out of his price range.

“Shaq could buy it and not even think about it, right?” he joked.

A man like Shaquille O’Neal may have the funds, but there’s no way that he could want the rules as badly as Josh Swade, a 36-year-old New York resident who grew up in Overland Park and attended KU for a few years.

Swade is in the TV industry, and being a Jayhawk, he came up with an idea when he heard about the auctioning of the rules. He went to his bosses and wanted to make a documentary about basketball’s impact on the world with an eye on helping to bring the rules back to Lawrence for good in the Booth Family Hall of Athletics, which is adjacent to Allen Fieldhouse on Naismith Drive.

Swade started a website — bringtheruleshome.com — and has traveled the country for the past month interviewing former KU coaches and players, among others. After all of it, Swade believes that the group of interested parties he has assembled will be a player today.

“It’s gonna come down to crunch time,” Swade said. “Those rules belong in Lawrence, Kansas. To me, it’s a no-brainer. I think Dr. Naismith would want them to be in Lawrence. He’s buried there.”

And it was there that James Naismith sat down with his son, Jimmy, over breakfast at the family’s Massachusetts Street home in 1931 and decided to authenticate the rules he’d carried with him for 40 years. Even then, they realized the rules would be worth a large chunk of cash someday.

It pains Swade to think of the rules ending up somewhere else, but especially outside the country.

“You hear of these wealthy folks in places like Italy, Russia and Lithuania,” Swade said. “I can’t begin to talk about them. They belong in the United States, on display.”

Ultimately, though, this is Ian Naismith’s decision, and he can live with whatever happens. His hope is that the Smithsonian Institution in

Washington, D.C., will win the bidding. If not, he accepts that the love for the game his grandfather created is strong enough to take the rules anywhere.

“Basketball is played in over 230 countries,” Ian Naismith said. “It’s a world game. That’s how we’ve always looked at it as a family.”

Editor’s note: the rules sold for \$4,338,500 USD.

Go to **KansasCity.com** to read the original Naismith basketball rules.

Read more:

<http://www.kansascity.com/2010/12/09/2510111/james-naismiths-rules-for-basketball.html#ixzz19wNPFvG3>

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*My heart's in the Highlands, my heart is not here,
My heart's in the Highlands, a-chasing the deer,
A-chasing the wild deer and following the roe,
My heart's in the Highlands wherever I go.*

Robert Burns

'My heart's in the Highlands', *Scots Musical Museum*, 1790

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