



NEWS FROM THE HOUSE of SCOTLAND

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

Balboa Park, San Diego, California 92101

April 2011

Highlights from the March Meeting:

The meeting was called to order by President Steve Knight at 11:30 A.M. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

March Birthdays and Anniversaries: Ben Beaty, grandson of Dianne Schultz, turns four on March 31, 2011.

Prayers and Remembrances: A moment's silent prayer was observed for the people of Japan as well as for those members of our military serving in harm's way.

Pipe Band Report: Andrew Duncan reports that the pipe band is working on new music for the upcoming competition season. While the band did not compete at the Queen Mary event, three members of the House of Scotland Pipe Band, Jeff and Andrew Hahn and Dane Chambers competed in solo piping with the following results:

- Andrew got 1st in the 2/4 march, second in piobaireachd and third in strathspey/reel in grade 3. He also got the grade 3 champion trophy.
- Jeff placed third in grade 3 piobaireachd, 1st in grade 4, 2/4 march in the first heat and 5th in the play off.
- Dane got 1st in the Piobaireachd in grade 3.

The band is opening the Spreckels Organ summer concert series with Dr. Carol Williams (Civic Organist for the Spreckels Organ Society) on **Monday evening, June 20th**. The theme is 'Celebration'. There will be Herald Trumpeters in addition to the pipe band. The theme was chosen to celebrate the

new Organ console installed last December. This concert will debut our new orchestral chanters that the cottage membership so graciously helped us purchase. Many thanks once again. We hope the cottage membership will attend the concert. We just had a publicity shoot with a photographer on Monday night.

The band continues to work with our piping instructor Lorne Cousin. We have also added world class pipe band snare drummer, Eli Fugate, as our drumming instructor.

See the Band's upcoming events calendar.

HPR Report: First Vice President Dani McGruer reports that there was a presentation at the HPR meeting on alternate suggestions to the Jacobs plan for the Cabrillo Bridge, Plaza de Panama, and parking in Balboa Park.

The Peace Corp will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary on Saturday, June 11, 2011, and they have rented out HPR lawn area. They are planning to invite the HPR Cottages to participate and, perhaps, host the cottages along with former Peace Corp members who volunteered in the countries represented by each cottage.

The San Diego Padres are planning a multicultural night on Saturday, June 4th, at Petco Park.

The Health Department is now requiring each cottage to fill out an application for Sunday Hosting as well as their Lawn Program. The possibility of a food handlers' class for HOS members was mentioned.

Jim Scrimgeour presented a print of the design of the HPR 75th Anniversary pins. Cottages need to order pins in advance at the cost of \$2.50 each pin. Only 1500 pins will be produced and they can be sold from the cottages for \$5.00. House of Scotland members decided to order 40 pins

Old Business: Steve moderates.

Hosting: Melissa reports that she needs people to host on April 10 and April 24. David McSwain volunteered for April 10, and Susan Self and Jim Scrimgeour will host on Easter Sunday, April 24.

501c3 status: Cherie McGruer reports that we are finally incorporated under California law, and we can now file our paperwork to become a 501c3 charity.

Upcoming events: Tartan Day is Saturday, April 2. The celebration will take place on the lawn in front of the Cottages. Cherie McGruer is in charge of the food service part of the program and Jeanne McDougall is in charge of the entertainment. A sign-up sheet was circulated. Anyone interested in participation can contact Cherie McGruer. Donations of desserts are welcome.

The HPR 75th Anniversary Celebration is on Saturday May 28, at the Organ Pavilion and the Cottages. Representatives of each cottage will march into the Organ Pavilion. The cottages are also encouraged to be open to the public that Saturday. The International Food Fair is Sunday, May 29th. More information on both days will be available at our April meeting.

Ceilidh Band: David McSwain reports that the Ceilidh Band is now rehearsing the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month. They will be playing at Tartan Day and will probably be participating in the May Faire at the Point Loma Episcopal Church again this year.

Housekeeping: Cherie will be taking inventory for supplies for Tartan Day.

New Business: Steve moderates.

Kitchen Piping Competition: The San Diego Highland Games has added a “Kitchen Piping” competition to this year’s agenda. Kitchen piping is a free style piping event that attracts the best pipers, with a prizes of \$600.00 being offered this year. The event will probably be held Saturday evening, June 25th, in the Recreation Building at the games. House of Scotland members voted to donate \$200 towards the prize.

Other New Business: First Vice President Dani is organizing a mini golf event which will probably take place the second Saturday in May (May 14th). It was suggested that we could make this a “kilted” golf event. The plan is to go somewhere near the mini golf facility for diner.

The members voted to, again, purchase a second ad in the Highland Games program to advertise our Lawn Program.

During our meeting Pat Kreder of San Diego stopped at the cottage and donated a number of tartan skirts and kilted skirts that had belonged to her deceased sister. One pleated skirt is in Royal Stewart tartan and another is dress Gordon Tartan. The others have not been identified as to tartan at this time. A thank you note will go out to Pat and we’ll see if we can put her donation to good use.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30

Respectfully submitted

Dianne Schultz, Secretary



Upcoming Events

Apr. 2 Tartan Day, 11 am – 4 pm

Apr. 10 HOS Meeting, 11:30 am

Apr. 16 Saturday at the Lawn

Apr. 16-17 Las Vegas Highland Games

Apr. 30 Saturday at the Lawn

May 8 HOS Meeting, 11:30 am

May 14 Kilted Mini-golf?

May 28 HPR 75th Anniversary Celebration

May 29 Food Fair

May 28 & 29 Costa Mesa Games

June 11 Peace Corps Cultural Celebration

June 12 HOS Meeting, 11:30 am

June 25 & 26 SD Highland Games

Dec. 10 HOS Christmas Party

Hearth of the Kitchen



Chewy Oatmeal Raisin Cookies

Ingredients:

1/3 cup canola oil

1/3 cup packed brown sugar

2 Tbsp. sugar

3 Tbsp. water

1 egg white

3/4 tsp. vanilla extract

1/3 cup all-purpose flour

1/3 cup whole wheat flour

2 tsp. ground cinnamon

1/2 tsp. baking soda

1/14 tsp. salt

2 cups old-fashioned oats

1/2 cup raisins

Method:

1. In a large bowl, combine the oil, sugars, water, egg white, and vanilla. Combine the flours, cinnamon, baking soda and salt; gradually add to sugar mixture and mix well. Stir in oats and raisins.
2. Drop by scant 1/4 cupfuls onto baking sheets coated with cooking spray; flatten slightly. Bake at 350° for 10-12 minutes or until golden brown. Cool for 1 minutes before removing from pans to wire racks.

Nutrition facts: 1 cookie equals 144 calories, 6 g fat (1 gr saturated fat), 0 cholesterol, 88 mg sodium, 22 g carbohydrate, 2 g fiber, 3 g protein.

Recipe from *Feb/Mar., Taste of Home Healthy Cooking Magazine*

Hosting



- Apr. 3 Jeanne McDougall & Family & Maureen Bennett
- Apr. 10 David McSwain & Linda Stolliker
- Apr. 17 Earth Day
- April 24 Susan Self & James Logan

If you can host, please call Melissa at (619) 206-6478 or send an email to: minipeaves@gmail.com.

Luxury Whisky Tour October 9-19, 2011

House of Scotland Member Ray Pearson will be your Tour Leader on this 11 day trip. The tour begins in Glasgow and circles clockwise through parts of The Lowlands, Western and Northern Highlands, the Kintyre Peninsula, and Islay before ending in Scotland's capital city, Edinburgh. For more information on this tour go to www.whiskytastings.com. (Note: trip is limited to 20 people.)

HOS Pipe Band Calendar

April 2: Tartan Day

May 28th and 29th: Costa Mesa Highland Games

Monday June 20th: Organ Pavilion Concert with Dr. Carol Williams.

June 25th and 26th: San Diego Highland Games

Monday July 4th: Coronado Parade.

September 3rd and 4th: Pleasanton Highland Games

Saturday September 10th: Poway Parade

Saturday October 22nd: Borrego Springs Parade (tentative)





San Diego Tartan Day



There's a wee bit o' Scot in everyone

Eighth Annual Tartan Day/San Diego Festival

Balboa Park, International Cottages
San Diego, CA
Saturday, April 2, 2011

11 am – 4 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.

And you can find your own tartan too, at the Scottish Clan & Tartan Information Center

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

Eat traditional Scottish fare, including the world's best bangers, and mouthwatering home baked desserts, all at reasonable prices

Enjoy music and dance from 11 am – 4 pm featuring some of Southern California's most exciting Scottish entertainers, including pipers and dancers!

Anticipated line up of entertainment:

- 11:00 Westlin Weavers reunion set
- Noon: opening ceremonies:
 - 42nd Black Watch
 - HOS Pipe Band
 - SDTD members
 - Pledge of allegiance with Queens alums, Dani and Alex
 - National Anthems: Jeanne and Alex McDougall, with American Sign Language by Danielle McGruer
- 12:10: HOS Pipe Band
- 12:30: Brian Caldwell
- 1:00: HOS Ceilidh Band & Geese in the Bog
- 2:00: San Diego School of Highland Dancing (with Cameron Highlanders piper)
- 2:30: Heloise Love
- 3:00 or 3:15ish: final jam

For more information, contact info@tartandaysd.com

Thanks to these wonderful Scottish organizations!

- House of Scotland
- San Diego Burns Club
- 42nd Black Watch Highland Society
- San Diego Scottish Highland Games
- Scottish Clan & Tartan Information Center
- St. Andrew Society of San Diego
- North County Scots
- Clans of the Highlands
- SD School of Highland Dancing

Thanks also to Walker's Shortbread for being our sponsor.



Gaelic Giggles

The pretty Sunday school teacher asked her class, "How many of you want to go to heaven?" They all put up a hand except Tommy Mutch.

"Don't you want to go to heaven, Tommy?" she asked.

"I can't go, Miss," he said, "Ma said I was to come straight home or I'd get a licking."

House Officers

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