

NEWS FROM THE HOUSE of SCOTLAND

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

Balboa Park, San Diego, California 92101

August 2011

Highlights from the July Meeting:

July Birthdays and Anniversaries: Sharon Maxton has a birthday on July 13 and Richard Pillsbury's birthday is July 14. We won't say how old Sharon will be, but she informs us that she no longer has to do hosting duty.

Prayers and Remembrances: A moment's silence was observed for those members of the military who are serving in harm's way.

Pipe Band Report: Scott Montgomery reports that the House of Scotland Pipe Band took second place in the March Medley competition on Sunday at the San Diego Highland Games. Peggy Yuile was interviewed by KUSI Television prior to the concert with the Spreckels Organ. The Band is looking to turning the music from the concert into a compact disc. The band marched in the Coronado Fourth of July Parade and will be at the Poway Days Parade on September 10.

Old Business: Steve moderates.

Hosting: There was no actual hosting report, however, it was noted that both July 31 and August 7 are currently open. Dianne volunteered to host with Heather and Courtney Wilson on July 24. In an effort to get people to host more often, Graham McGruer made a motion that if a House member hosted four times in a year, their membership dues for the next year would be waived. In addition, if a House member hosted six times, both their dues and the cost of the Christmas party would be forgiven. To avoid multiple members hosting on the same day, it was stipulated that a maximum of four people could be credited with hosting on any given Sunday. The members of the House voted to adopt this plan.

Upcoming events:

Movie Night will be Friday, August 5 in the Hall of Nations. Potluck will begin at 6:30 pm. This month's featured movie will be *“Monarch of the Glen.”* See movie highlights in this newsletter.

Ceilidh Band: David McSwain again reports that the band is practicing twice a month. They are working on new music including some Irish numbers.

Housekeeping: Please let Graham know when there are items that need to be restocked at the Cottage. The faucet mounted water filter needs to be repaired. The flag pole is still not repaired. Cherie will contact the City of San Diego again.

Highland Games follow up: Dianne thanked those who came and spent time at the House of Scotland booth at the Highland Games. Volunteers included Virginia Anderson, Don Stewart, Susan and Steve Knight. and Susan Self on Saturday. Sunday's volunteers were Eva McCatty, Kathy Kough, Melissa and Andy Keith (with John Keith as a bonus), and Courtney and Heather Wilson. Courtney's help was especially appreciated in taking down the new House of Scotland banner at the end of the Games. We were able to get the clan area organizer, Susan Abernathy, to give us a new location for the booth, which greatly increased the number of people who came by and visited. Also, a big “Thanks!” to Graham McGruer, who made a picture board showing some of the House activities, including the Kilted Golf event.

Other Old Business: A thank you note was received from Jameena Fulton, from Auburn, California, and from her parents, for our donation of a scholarship to the Summer School of Piping. Jameena is a beginning piper and says that she learned a lot from the week of classes.

New Business: Steve moderates.

New Members: Heather Wilson and Courtney Wilson were attending their second meeting and a vote was taken on their membership. As noted, they have already helped at the Highland Games and have signed up for hosting.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15
Respectfully submitted, Dianne Schultz, Secretary



Upcoming Events

Aug. 5 Movie Night, 6:30 pm
Aug. 14 HOS Meeting, 11:30 am

Sep. 2 Movie Night, 6:30 pm
Sep. 11 HOS Meeting, 11:30 am
Oct. 8-9 Seaside Highland Games
Oct. 30 Lawn Program
Dec. 10 HOS Christmas Party

Hosting

Aug 7 McGruer Clan
Aug 14 OPEN
Aug 21 OPEN
Aug 28 OPEN
Sep 4 OPEN
Sep 11 Bob & Sharon Maxton
Sep 18 V. Anderson, B. Clarke, & D. Swearingen
Sep 25 Kit & Joni Brainard



At the last meeting, new hosting incentives were voted on. To thank our hosting volunteers, if you host four times during the year, your membership dues for the following year will be waived. If you host six times during the year your membership dues for the following year will be waived and the cottage will pay for your Christmas party dinner. **So sign up now!** (There will be a limit of 4 hosters per Sunday.)

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

HOS Pipe Band Calendar

September 3rd and 4th: Pleasanton Highland Games

Saturday September 10th: Poway Parade

The band is looking for volunteers to march and carry the banner. Contact Peggy Yuile if you are interested.

Saturday October 22nd: Borrego Springs Parade (tentative)



Hearth of the Kitchen



Lemon Crumb Bars

Ingredients:

1 pkg (18.25 oz) lemon cake mix
½ cup cold butter
1 egg
2 cups crushed saltines (about 60 crackers)
3 egg yolks
1 can (14 oz) sweetened condensed milk
½ cup lemon juice

Method:

1. In a large mixing bowl, beat cake mix, butter and egg until crumbly. Stir in cracker crumbs; set aside 2 cups of the mixture for topping. Press remaining crumb mixture into a 13 in X 9 in X 2 in baking dish coated with nonstick cooking spray. Bake at 350° for 18-20 minutes or until edges are lightly browned.
2. In a small mixing bowl, beat the egg yolks, milk and lemon juice. Pour over crust; sprinkle with reserved crumb mixture. Bake 20-25 minutes longer or until edges are lightly browned. Cool on a wire rack. Cut into bars. Store in the refrigerator.

Yield 2 dozen

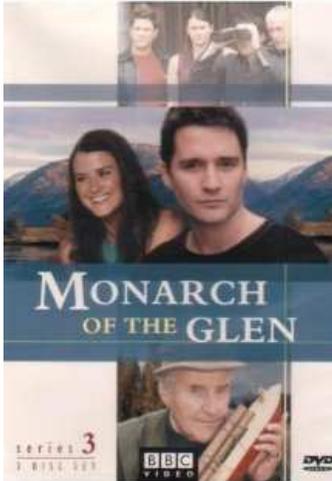
Nutrition Facts: 1 bar = 153 calories, 7 g fat (3 g saturated fat), 46 mg cholesterol, 244 mg sodium, 22 g carbohydrate, 1 g fiber, 2 g protein

Recipe from *Taste of Home, Simple & Delicious*, July/Aug 2007

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**Come and join us for Movie Night
Friday, August 5
6:30 pm potluck, movie at 7 pm.
This month's featured movie:**



Monarch of the Glen

Archie MacDonald, a young restaurateur is called back to his childhood home of Glenbogle where he is told he is the new Laird of Glenbogle.

Writer: Michael Chaplin (series creator)

Stars: Alexander

Morton, Susan Hampshire and Hamish Clark

Donations

The following items were donated:

- ❖ Kilt hose, size 11 (Lochcarron)
- ❖ Black leather sporran
- ❖ Black bow tie
- ❖ XL Jacobite shirt, tan
- ❖ Men's gillies, size Euro 8 1/2

See Steve Knight if you are interested in any of these items.

Seal scales fence to reach pup at St Andrews Aquarium

A seal at St Andrews Aquarium scales a metal barrier to take a dip with the seal pup in the neighbouring pool.

A 14 stone (90kg) harbour seal's successful attempt to overcome a metal barrier to welcome a new pup to her Fife aquarium has been caught on CCTV.

(Go to <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-edinburgh-east-fife-14324444> to watch the video.)

Managers at St Andrews Aquarium said they were "amazed" by Laurel's strength and tenacity to overcome a 4ft (1.2m) fence to reach the new arrival Togo.

Officials had planned to introduce the pair in a few weeks time.

However Laurel, 20, was unable to wait and 15 minutes after the park closed on Friday she broke into the other cage.

When workers arrived on Saturday they discovered Laurel was not in her enclosure and found her playing with one-year-old Togo in his new pool.

Security camera footage from the aquarium shows the seal making several unsuccessful attempts to scale the barrier fencing, hampered by her sheer size and physical make-up.

However, despite physical challenges, Laurel is seen using her front flippers to hoist her large, heavy body onto the top of the barrier, before wobbling slightly and eventually toppling over the fence to the other side to meet Togo.

Togo, a one-year-old seal pup who was flown Denmark to his new home at St Andrews Aquarium, on Thursday, was in a separate pool to allow him time to adjust to his new surroundings.

Laurel was in a pool next to Togo's, separated by the high metal fencing.

John Mace, manager of St Andrews Aquarium, said: "We couldn't believe it when we came in on Saturday morning to find Laurel and Togo swimming around together.

"There was evidence that the fencing was slightly damaged, but when we

watched back the security camera footage we just couldn't believe what we were seeing.

"Laurel was clearly determined to get in to see Togo and obviously wasn't going to let metal security fencing stand in her way.

"We have been amazed by both her strength and her tenacity."

The barrier between both enclosures has now been taken down so the pair have both pools to swim in together.

Article from: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-edinburgh-east-fife-14324444>

Millet painting on public show at Kelvingrove Museum



A painting by the French artist Jean-François Millet, which has not been seen in public for more than a century, is due to go on display in Glasgow.

The pastel – The Angelus – will hang in the city's Kelvingrove Museum for the next four months. It shows two workers praying in a French potato field.

The work was given to Glasgow Museums in lieu of tax by the government.

The oil painting of the same name hangs in the Musee d'orsay in Paris alongside Millet's best known works.

The pastel version has been part of a private collection in Scotland since 1906.

Councillor George Redmond, chairman of culture body Glasgow Life said: "Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum will be the perfect home for this beautiful pastel.

"It follows the hugely successful display of Titian's Diana and Acteon last summer and has extra importance as it appears likely Kelvingrove is offering people their first chance in exactly 100 years to come and see this pastel."

Article from: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-glasgow-west-14324561>

Gaelic Giggles

A technician was sent to Stornoway on the Isle of Lewis on a month's contract.

He arrived on a grey, cloudy, drizzling day. He woke up the next morning to find it

was grey, cloudy, drizzling. The next day it was the same, and the next. On the day after that, as he came out of his lodgings to find it was grey, cloudy, and drizzling, he saw a small boy passing and said in exasperation, "Does the weather here ever change?"

"I don't know," said the child. "I'm only six."

