



NEWS FROM THE HOUSE of SCOTLAND

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

Balboa Park, San Diego, California 92101

November 2011

Highlights from the October Meeting:

October Birthdays and Anniversaries

Jessie McGhee celebrated her 91st birthday on October 3. Susan Knight and Mike Stewart also have birthdays in October.

Prayers and Remembrances: David McSwain reports that Mayca, from the Ceilidh Band, has lost her beloved dog after a long illness. We extend our sympathy for her loss. A moment's silence was observed for those members of our military serving in harm's way.

Pipe Band Report: Peggy and Hamish Yuile gave the Pipe Band report. The band is in the process of recording the tracks for their CD. Hamish says that the working name for the CD is "Going Home" which will also be one of the tracks. The raw recordings of "Going Home" and "Scotland the Brave" were played for the House membership. The band is working to raise the funds necessary for the production of the CD. A motion was made by Dani McGruer and approved by the House members that the House of Scotland donate \$1000 toward that expense.

HPR Report: President Steve Knight and Jim Scrimgeour shared in giving the HPR report. Steve reports that HPR has revised their fund raising raffle plans. The new plan would sell fewer tickets and have a \$10,000 Grand Prize. There are still legal issues to be determined before a final plan can be adopted. HPR has nominated candidates for their 2012 officers. Hannu Mikkonen from House of Finland and Dr. Zoltan Gidoflavi from House of Hungary are candidates for HPR President. Jim Scrimgeour will be Sergeant-at-Arms for one more year. Both Graham McGruer and Cherie McGruer have been nominated for Man and Woman of the Year. It was announced that beginning January 1, 2012, Styrofoam cups can no longer be used to serve food and beverages. The Ladies Auxiliary luncheons for October and November are hosted

by House of Finland and House of Philippines respectively.

Old Business: Steve moderates.

Hosting: There was no actual hosting report. However, there was a discussion on whether the House of Scotland was going to close on Sunday, December 11, 2011, which is the day after our Christmas party. Heather and Courtney Wilson have volunteered to host that Sunday. HPR is closing all cottages on Christmas Day and New Year's Day, which fall on Sundays this year.

Upcoming events:

Our proposed pub crawl has been moved to early next year. More information will be forthcoming at a future meeting.

Ceilidh Band: David McSwain reports that the band is working on music for the Lawn Program. The band will also be playing at our Christmas party.

Old Business: Steve moderates.

Nominating Committee: The nominating committee reports that Steve Knight is running for President for 2012. All of the McGruers, Jim Scrimgeour, and Dianne Schultz are willing to serve in their current offices for the coming year. They were not able to confirm that Melissa Keith, Kristi Keith, and James Logan are candidates for 2012. Linda Stolliker has expressed an interest in running as House of Scotland's Alternate Delegate to the HPR. Nominations from the floor will be accepted at the November membership meeting. Nominations for Member of the Year will also be accepted at the November meeting.

Other Old Business: Heather Wilson and Susan Self are going to represent House of Scotland and participate in the Girl Scout Brownie cultural workshop on Saturday, October 22, 2011.

Further discussion of continuing Movie Night was tabled until a future meeting.

New Business: President Steve Knight moderates.

New Members: David St John was attending his first meeting as a prospective new member but had to leave to pick up a family member.

Other New Business: Attendance at the House of Scotland Christmas party will again cost \$15 for members and \$30 for guests. The event is again at the King's Inn on Hotel Circle South. Rooms can be booked for the night by calling King's Inn at 1-800-78 KINGS (785-4647) or on line at www.kingsinnsandiego.com.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30
Respectfully submitted,
Dianne Schultz, Secretary



Upcoming Events

Nov. 5 Battlefield Band

Nov. 13 HOS Meeting, 11:30 am

Dec. 10 HOS Christmas Party & Meeting

Battlefield Band

4650 Mansfield Street
San Diego, CA

November 5 ~ 7:30 pm

**Go to www.amsdconcerts.com for
ticket information.**

House Officers

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HOS Pipe Band News

Hi everyone,

Hamish and I wanted to let you know how well Jeff Hahn, Dane Chambers and Andrew Hahn did at the Seaside games this past weekend. They have been winning prizes in solo piping competitions consistently this entire season.

Andrew won two gold medals and the Grade 2 aggregate. Before Seaside, Andrew was ranked 8th in WUSPBA's Grade 2 field of players.

Dane won three gold medals and the Grade 3 aggregate. Before Seaside, Dane was ranked 4th in his grade.

Jeff won two gold medals and the Grade 4 aggregate. Before Seaside, Jeff was ranked 8th in his grade.

I'm confident that after this past weekend's performances, all three will move up in the overall standings.

To put their standings in perspective, the Western United States Pipe Band Association consists of registered solo competitors and pipe bands from Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, New Mexico, Nevada and Utah.

Andrew has been invited to compete at the 5th annual Balmoral Classic on November 12, 2011 at the Mellon Institute in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. This prestigious event is the only solo piping and drumming competition in the United States exclusively for those under 18 years of age. Competition pieces include a Piobaireachd, MSR and a Medley. The piping judges are Brian Donaldson, Scot Walker and Donald Lindsay. Andrew, we will you the best of luck.

I just want to say how proud we all are of you three. You've proven to be top performers in the solo as well as band arenas. We're also very proud that you represent The House of Scotland Pipe Band wherever you compete. Well done!

Peggy and Hamish (10/10/11)



Hearth of the Kitchen



Butter-Scotch Pie

Strictly speaking, this is not a pie but a tart. A pie has pastry above its contents, a tart pastry below. The favourite tart in Scotland as in England and America and probably all over the world is made with apples. There is a story of the small Glasgow boy who looked over the well-lade table of his Aunt Jessie, made a wry face and exclaimed: 'Nae Aipple Tairt! It's no' a pairty if there's nae aipple tairt.' Here is a change from Aipple Tairt:

Ingredients:

- 1 cup brown sugar
- 4 level Tbsp. flour
- 1 cup milk
- 4 Tbsp water
- 4 Tbsp. butter
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1 egg
- 6 oz shortcrust pastry

Method:

Line a tart plate with the pastry and bake blind. Mix the sugar and flour and blend with the water. Bring the milk to boiling point and pour over. Add the butter and mix well. Stir over a low heat and add vanilla and egg yolk. Stir well and pour into pastry case. Make a meringue with the white of egg and 1 ½ oz. caster sugar. Pile on top and brown lightly in a slow oven.

Recipe and comments from *Ena Baxter's Scottish Cookbook*

Girl Scouts – San Diego

On Saturday, October 22, the House of Scotland participated in an event at Girl Scout Headquarters to help young girls learn about Scotland. We would like to thank Susan Self and Heather Wilson for taking coordinating this event with the Girl Scouts. We would also like to thank the McGruer Family and Adri Ramirez for assisting with the event. And we would like to thank Scott Montgomery for coming out and piping for the girls.



Hosting

Nov. 6 Susan Self & James Logan
Nov. 13 Steve & Susan Knight
Nov. 20 McGruer Clan
Nov. 27 Andrew & Melissa Keith

New hosting incentives: 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. (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.

The Cameron Highlanders Pipe Band

Is pleased to invite you and your guests to the 63rd annual **Tartan Ball & Celtic Celebration, Dinner Dance & Highland Floor Show**, on Saturday, November 19, 2011. This will be held in the San Diego Hall of Champions, 2131 Pan American Plaza, Balboa Park. Dinner/dance tickets are \$60, Children's tickets are \$30, and Dance/show tickets only are \$25. Make checks payable to Cameron Highlanders Pipe Band and mail to 9329 Edgewood Drive, La Mesa, CA 91941. Tickets may also be purchased on line at camerons.org. Please include a stamped self-addressed envelope and if possible, a list of names of people in your party. Entrée choices are Beef, Vegetarian, or Kid's Meal. For more information contact Elaine Shoemaker at 619-463-0477.

Dear International Cottages,

We at Mingei International Museum want to inform you of our upcoming popular art sale! Shop for over 4,000 objects from all over the world, including sculpture, jewelry, textiles, dolls, toys, pottery, masks, furniture, and more that have been donated to the Museum, but never accessioned into the collection. Prices from \$1 to \$3,000, and everything in between.

There will be folk art objects from all over the world that we believe you may be interested in.

www.mingei.org/treasures

Friday, November 18, 2011

10:00am – 7:00pm

Members-only shopping day

Saturday, November 19, 2011

10:00am – 4:00pm

Open to the Public (Museum admission just \$1!)

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Best regards,

James Miller

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Thank you!

Thank you to all who participated in the Lawn Program. It take many volunteers to pull off this event. Thanks also to all those who baked and brought goodies to sell. A special thanks to those youth groups who come to perform; this year we had Chrissy Ambler's Highland Dancers and the Naismith Pipers and the Mid-City Young Marines. Thanks to the 42nd Black Watch and to our Pipe Band and Ceilidh Band. Without these groups we could not put on our Lawn Program.

Wick malt named world's best whisky

A single malt distilled in one of Scotland's most remote distilleries has been named the world's best whisky by a leading expert.

Old Pulteney was crowned World Whisky of the Year in Jim Murray's 2012 Whisky Bible.

The 21-year-old single malt scored a record-equalling 97.5 points out of 100.

The whisky is matured in American oak casks and bottled at the Pulteney distillery in Wick, Caithness.

Whisky expert Mr Murray tasted more than 1,200 new drams before deciding on the winner.

He said: "The 21-year-old Old Pulteney absolutely exploded from the glass with vitality, charisma and class.

"Pulteney doesn't have the financial muscle of the major whisky barons to market its malts on the global stage.

"I hope that this award helps one of Scotland's great unsung distilleries to become discovered around the world."

Pulteney has a chequered past in the Caithness town.

New temperance laws saw the parish of Wick vote to end the public sale of alcohol in 1922, a ban that stayed in place for 25 years.

Faced with falling demand, Pulteney closed in 1930 - but reopened in 1951 after prohibition was overturned in a further vote.

A Pulteney spokesman said: "We are absolutely delighted to have won this award. It is a tribute to the traditional craftsmanship we have honed over the centuries and also to the unique character that the town lends to our whisky."

US bourbons took the two runners-up places in the Whisky Bible awards.

George T Staggs was named second best while 10-year-old Parker's Heritage Collection Wheated Mash Bill picked up third.

From: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-scotland-business-15423862>

