



# NEWS FROM THE HOUSE of SCOTLAND

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

Balboa Park, San Diego, California 92101

June 2012

## Highlights from the May Meeting:

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

**May Celebrations:** Cherie McGruer has a birthday on May 21.

**Thoughts and prayers:** A moment's silence was observed for those members of our military who are serving in harm's way.

**Pipe Band Report:** Hamish Yuile gave the Pipe Band report. The band is preparing for the competition at the Costa Mesa Highland Games on Memorial Day weekend as well as the San Diego Highland Games in June. The band will be taking part in a Girl Scout Bridging Ceremony on May 17 and the Coronado July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade and the Poway Days Parade in September. Hamish invited House of Scotland members to march with the band in Coronado. Hamish reports that the Band's CD has received some overseas attention from BBC II and other media outlets. Peggy and Hamish also received an autographed copy of the score of Highland Cathedral from Uli Roever, the composer, with complements on the Band's recording of Highland Cathedral.

**Old Business:** President Steve Knight moderates.

**Hosting:** Heather Wilson reports that the hosting schedule is full through August 5.

**Upcoming Events:** The HPR International Food Fair is Sunday, May 27. The event will run from 10:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M. A sign-up sheet for workers and dessert donations was again circulated.

The 39<sup>th</sup> Annual San Diego Highland Games and Gathering of the Clans is Saturday, June 23 and

Sunday, June 24. Dianne Schultz will be organizing the House of Scotland booth again this year. Volunteers will be needed to man the booth with a ticket to the games provided to the volunteers by the House of Scotland.

**Ceilidh Band:** There was no Ceilidh Band report.

**Housekeeping:** James Logan reports that he has worked on the garden area around our cottage. He inquired about adding live plants to the decorative planter rings on the cottage. Since the members had already authorized the purchase of silk flowers for that purpose, we will be staying with the original decision.

**Other Old Business:** The members of the House have agreed to see the new Disney Pixar movie "Brave" on Saturday, July 14, at the theater in Parkway Plaza shopping center. Courtney, who works at the theater, explained that to get the reduced price, we need be there before noon. We will be treated to an exclusive screening for House of Scotland members only. We will be going to lunch as a group after the movie. Final details will be available at the June meeting.

**New Business:** President Steve Knight moderates

**New Members:** Bob McKenzie was attending his first meeting as a prospective new member. Bob is a retired history teacher. Bob's wife, Sharon, also plans to join House of Scotland.

**New TV:** Courtney Wilson is still trying to find an appropriate flat screen TV to replace the current TV. The authorized expenditure was raised to \$500.00 by the House membership.

**Other New Business** There was no other new business.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 P.M.

**Reminder:** Membership dues of \$7 are due! Dues can be paid at the next scheduled membership meeting or mailed to Cherie McGruer at 65 E. Shasta Street, Chula Vista, CA 91910. Thank you.



### Upcoming Events

**June 10** HOS Monthly Meeting  
**June 24-25** Vista Highland Games  
\*Pipe Band competing and performing  
**July 4** Pipe Band presenting at the

Coronado Parade

**July 14** Movie "Brave", Parkway Plaza Regal Cinemas, El Cajon

**September** Pipe Band presenting at the Poway Day Parade \*\*HOS members welcome to march with band



### Hosting

June 10 Heather and Courtney Wilson  
June 17 Maureen Bennett and James Logan  
June 24 VISTA HIGHLAND GAMES CLOSED  
July 1 Kristi and John Keith  
July 8 Sharon and Bob Maxton  
July 15 Susan Self and James Logan  
July 22 **OPEN**  
July 29 Cherie and Graham McGruer  
Aug 5 **OPEN**  
Aug 12 Melissa and Andrew Keith  
Aug 19 **OPEN**  
Aug 26 **OPEN**

If you can host, please call Heather at (215) 421-8383 or send an email to: [scottie1956@aol.com](mailto:scottie1956@aol.com).

### THINGS OF INTEREST AT 2012 SAN DIEGO SCOTTISH HIGHLAND GAMES – VISTA

The **HOS Pipe Band** will be playing outside of Hennessy's Tavern in Vista, Saturday night (June 23) after the Games. They will begin about 7:00, so if you are going to the Games, go to Main Street in downtown Vista to have dinner (most local merchants will be open) and enjoy the band! After the band plays, there will be a Kitchen

Piping event beginning around 7:30. **Kitchen Piping is where solo pipers sign up to WOW the crowds.** This is a competition which requires audience interaction as the audience votes on the best piper.

### Story Telling at the Games!



Feuding clans. Clever women. Brave warriors. Fairies and selkies. Ghosts. Powerful swords and strong magic. Friday, June 22nd at 7:00 p.m. Brengle Terrace Park, 1200 Vale Terrace Drive, Vista, CA. Admission to the event will be \$10 for

adults, \$5 for children 5-18, free for children under 5.

Seven popular storytellers, well-known nationally as well as locally, will kick off the Highland Games weekend with "Sea Spells and Moor Magic: Tales and Legends from Scotland."

[Read more...](#)

### Darts! \$3,500 Guaranteed - San Diego Open

Pre-pay for two events and get in the games FREE! Check out the tournament, sponsored by Ballast Point Brewing Spirits! Two days of fun-filled dart competitions!

[Get the details!](#)



## Games & Entertainment Schedules!



**Everything is arranged, so check out the two schedules. To see the general schedules for both days, [click here.](#)**

To check out the Entertainment Schedule for both days, [click here.](#)

## Tickets On Sale Now!

Save yourself some money and order your San Diego Scottish Highland Game tickets online.... On Sale Now!

Online ticket sales close June 1, 2012.

[Get my tickets!](#)

All information on 2012 Highland Games - Vista courtesy of San Diego Scottish Highland Games Newsletter. Further information can be obtained at <http://www.sdhighlandgames.org>

### Hearth of the Kitchen

#### **Rumbledethumps**

This is a traditional dish for the Scottish Borders region, and it is a terrific way to use leftovers, especially after a meal of roasted meat and vegetables. To make it fresh, light saute shredded onions and cabbage in some butter. When the onions are transparent and the cabbage wilted, add in potatoes that have been mashed with butter and seasoning. Mix it all up, it doesn't hurt to have a bit of other veggies thrown in, either. Put it all in a greased baking dish, and top it with lots of shredded cheddar cheese. Bake it at 400F until the cheese is melted and turns golden brown. You can take a lot of liberty with this recipe, both in ingredients and quantities and it is

fun to experiment with variations. You can add garlic, kale, leeks, mashed carrots or turnips, ham, or bacon.

This can be served right out of a saucepan with a sprinkle of cheese on each plate, and is called Bubble & Squeak by the English. Substitute the butter for cream and it is called Kailkenny. It is similar to the Irish Colcannon dish. Courtesy Wikipedia

### SCOTS LANGUAGE QUIZ

**. If someone told you it was a "braw" day, which would it mean?**

- It is the third day of the working week
- The weather is cold enough to freeze the horns off a highland cow
- The weather is extremely clement today
- It was the first day of the local horse festival

**2. If someone was a "clipe", what unpleasant characteristic would they have?**

- Jealous
- Tell tale
- Stubborn
- Arrogant

**3. When in Dundee, if you are told to turn left at the "Circle", what are you looking out for?**

- It's a roundabout
- It's a railway turntable, built in

the hey day of the Victorian railways

- It's a round hill, also known as the Law
- It's a mall or shopping centre

#### 4. What is "uisge-beatha"?

- Whisky
- An small island east of the Shetlands
- Wine
- Gaelic for a small farmhouse

#### 5. What would you do with a "syboe"?

- Wear it
- Play it
- Drink it
- Eat it

### ***THINGS YOU NEVER KNEW ABOUT THE SCOTTISH***

People have been living in what is now [Scotland](#) since the retreat of the last ice sheets around 10,000 years ago, and making their mark on the landscape for at least 5,000 of those years. A wide scattering of stone circles and burial cairns, and even a few homes, link us back to our later Stone Age ancestors (from 3000 BC). And as we move forward through the Bronze Age (2000 BC to 700 BC) and Iron Age (700 BC to the Romans) we find more and more evidence of human activity across Scotland in the form of hillforts, brochs, pottery and a very wide range of other structures and artefacts.

But there is nothing in writing from this era, which leads many to consign it to "pre-history", leaving "history" to be defined as the bits we can read about. On this measure, the history of Scotland began with conquest of the southern two thirds of the island we live in by the Romans in the years after AD 43.

Between AD 80 and AD 209 the Romans advanced north on at least three separate occasions, perhaps most determinedly in the campaign that culminated with their victory (according to Roman accounts) at the Battle of Mons Graupius in AD 84. Afterwards they fortified a line between [Loch Lomond](#) and [Stonehaven](#) to guard the exits from the main highland glens, before withdrawing from Scotland and building Hadrian's Wall in AD 105. In AD 139 they returned, this time to control the area up to a new frontier, the Antonine Wall, which they constructed between the Rivers Forth and Clyde. In AD 170 they withdrew to Hadrian's Wall again.

The Romans were pushed back from Hadrian's Wall by the "*Picti*", the "the painted ones", as they called their northern neighbours, in AD 367. Thereafter the northern third of this island entered what many call the Dark Ages. Illumination (in the form of the writings of later generations of clerics) started to arrive when, in AD 397, [St Ninian](#) founded the first Christian Church in Scotland at [Whithorn](#). Over the following several centuries Christian missionaries worked to convert first the resident Picts, and then other arrivals on the scene.

History information is courtesy of the Internet – continue next month with further history knowledge.

#### **House Officers**

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# 2012 San Diego Scottish Highland Games Schedule

June 23 & 24, 2012 from 9 am to 5 pm.

To listen to Big Blend Radio's interview from last year, please [click here](#). Participants include Ray Pearson on Whisky Tasting, Dave Garman on Scottish Heavy Athletics, Kay Hamilton on Highland Dancing, Dan Jager on the Dart Tournament, and Brian Caldwell from the Highland Way Celtic Band.

SUNDAY only – Kirkin' O the Tartan Church Service will be on the Main Stage with Rev. Bill Brooks, Col USMC (retired) Piper – Kathleen Mars. Vox Nobili Singers.

## SATURDAY ONLY – PROFESSIONAL ATHLETICS

### Activities Saturday & Sunday

Opening ceremonies – 12.00 Noon on the Main Stage.  
Anthems by Tara Pool  
42<sup>nd</sup> Black Watch Color Guard  
The Official Guard for the San Diego Scottish Highland Games.

### EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR & TASTING “SINGLE MALT WHISKY”

BY: Ray Pearson and Jude McKenzie

### GENEALOGY SEMINAR– Judith Brooks.

10.30 am and 4.00 pm ,Dance Room Recreational Center.

### STORY TELLER

Daily from 11:00 am to 11:45 am and 2.50 pm to 3.30 pm in the Children's Area

### CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

Kid's Games: Caricature: Face Painting: and more.  
Continuous from 10.00 am to late afternoon in the Children's Area.  
Child I.D. Program by Vista Masonic Lodge in the Vendor Area

### BAGPIPING & DRUMMING

Continuous from 9.00 am to late afternoon in the Piping & Drumming Area.

**KITCHEN PIPING** will be held at Hennessey's Pub in Vista. Saturday night.

### HIGHLAND DANCING

**Highland Dancing will be held in the Gymnasium**

**Saturday** 9.00 am to noon then 1.30 pm to late afternoon.

**Sunday** 9.00 am to noon and then 1.00 pm onwards.

**Sunday 12.30 pm at the Main Stage**

The Robert Lyall Lowe Award for the Highland Fling Dancers under 6 yrs. of age.

### DRUM MAJOR WORKSHOP AND INSPECTION .

Drum Major Inspection – Sunday 10.00 am

Drum Major competition – Sunday 11.00 am

Drum Major, Juvenile

Drum Major Adult.

### HEAVY ATHLETICS

Continuous from 9.00 am to late afternoon each day in the Athletic area.

### DART COMPETITION

Both days starting at 10.00 am in the Rec. Center

### SHEEP DOG TRIALS

Continuous from 9.00 am to late afternoon each day in the Sheep Dog area.

### SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING DEMONSTRATIONS.

Throughout the day with a Demonstration on the Main Stage on Saturday at 12.30 pm

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# BRAVE

**The ancients spoke of it. It is the heart of this fierce land. It is carried in the wind. Born of our legends and when we are put to the test, it is the one thing that we must always be.**

Join us for a special viewing of the Disney Pixar movie BRAVE.

*Set in Scotland in a rugged and mythical time, "Brave" features Merida, an aspiring archer and impetuous daughter of royalty. Merida makes a reckless choice that unleashes unintended peril and forces her to spring into action to set things right.*

Written by [Walt Disney Pictures](#)

Date: July 14<sup>th</sup> 2012

Time: 9:30am

Location: Regal Cinemas at Westfield Parkway Plaza, El Cajon

Price: \$6 per person, Checks and Payments can be made to the House of Scotland by July 1<sup>st</sup> and tickets delivered at the meeting on July 8<sup>th</sup>.

Lunch following movie: Applebee's at Westfield Parkway Plaza, El Cajon

Hosted by: The House of Scotland located in Balboa Park

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Subject Brave Movie.