



NEWS FROM THE HOUSE of SCOTLAND

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

Balboa Park, San Diego, California 92101

May 2012

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.

April celebrations: April birthdays include Drew Schultz, Dianne’s son, who celebrated his 41st birthday on April 14, and Joshua Beaty, Dianne’s grandson, who will be 16 on April 22.

Thoughts and prayers: A moment’s silence was observed for those members of the military serving in harm’s way.

Pipe Band Report: Daryl Bowen gave the pipe band report. The band did very well with sales of their CD at Tartan Day. The entire band will be participating in a piping and drumming workshop in Pasadena on April 21. The launch concert for the band’s CD is May 6, 2012, at 2:00 at the organ pavilion. The band is also busy preparing for the Costa Mesa Highland Games over Memorial Day Weekend. Susan Self suggested that the sign for the band’s CD should include information on what makes this disc different from other pipe band CDs. It was agreed that Susan should contact Peggy Yuile with this idea.

Old Business: President Steve Knight moderates.

Hosting: Second Vice President, Heather Wilson reports that the hosting calendar is full through the beginning of August. The House of Scotland members did vote to close the cottage on June 24, 2012, which is the Sunday of the Highland Games

Upcoming Events: As previously mentioned, the Pipe Band’s CD launch concert is Sunday, May 6, at 2:00 p.m. The HPR International Food Fair is

Sunday, May 27, 2012. The event will run from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. A signup sheet for workers and dessert donations was circulated. It will also be available at the May membership meeting. The 39th 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: The Ceilidh Band played for Tartan Day although David reports that he was too ill to attend. A gentleman, who inquired about the band at Tartan Day, has contacted David about possibly joining the band. He plays penny whistle and guitar. The band is still on their usual practice schedule.

Housekeeping: There was no housekeeping report. And the subject of volunteer gardening was covered in the HPR report.

Other Old Business: There was no other old business.

New Business: President Steve Knight moderates

New Members: There were no new members attending the meeting.

New TV and Pub Crawl: First Vice President Courtney Wilson is still checking on prices for a new TV. She will have additional information at the May meeting.

Plans for a pub crawl are still up in the air. Courtney is still trying to plan something that will attract participants and at the same time be affordable. If anyone has ideas, talk to Courtney.

Other New Business There was no other new business.

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

Respectfully submitted
Dianne Schultz, Secretary

Hearth of the Kitchen

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.

Traditional Scottish Recipes *- Citrus Cake*

Here is a tasty, tangy cake which is best made with pure juices of the citrus fruit.

Cake Ingredients:

8oz (250g or one stick) margarine
8oz (250g or one and a quarter cups) caster sugar (or fine granulated sugar)
12oz (350g or three cups) self-raising flour (all-purpose flour with baking powder)
4 eggs
1 cup orange and lemon (or orange and lime) juice mixed

Butter Cream Ingredients:

12oz (350g or 2½ cups) icing sugar (frosting)
6oz (175g or 1½ sticks) margarine
2 tablespoons orange juice
2 tablespoons lemon juice (or lime juice)

Method:

Preheat the oven to 160C (320F or Gas Mark 3) or 10C less if a fan assisted oven.
Mix the margarine and sugar together and cream until light and fluffy. Then beat in the eggs, one at a time. Stir in the fruit juices and the flour and mix well. Pour the mixture into a cake tin measuring 8"x12"x1½" (20cmx30cmx3.5cm) which has been lined with baking parchment and spread evenly.
Bake in the pre-heated oven for roughly 35 minutes. Allow the cake to cool in the tin before removal and storage in an air-tight container.

http://www.rampantscotland.com/recipes/blrecipe_citrus.htm

Upcoming Events

May 27 Food Fair, Balboa Park
June 24-25 Vista Highland Games



Hosting

May 13 Cherie and Graham McGruer
May 20 Heather and Courtney Wilson
May 27 FOOD FAIR
June 3 Virginia Anderson and Donald Stewart
June 10 Heather and Courtney Wilson
June 17 Maureen Bennett and James Scrimgeour
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 James Scrimgeour (we need another)
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.



BILLY KAY'S SCOTS LANGUAGE QUIZ

- 1. SYBOS**
 - a. mumps
 - b. warts
 - c. spring onions
- 2. CUNDIE**
 - a. sweets/candy
 - b. an idiot
 - c. gutter
- 3. OXTERS**
 - a. oars
 - b. little cows
 - c. armpits
- 4. SHILPIT**
 - a. skinny
 - b. obese
 - c. gorgeous
- 5. SCUNNERT**
 - a. elated
 - b. stimulated
 - c. sickened
- 6. YESTREEN**
 - a. boat
 - b. vest
 - c. yesterday
- 7. CALLER**
 - a. old, used
 - b. bold, attractive
 - c. fresh, clean
- 8. WAUGHT**
 - a. a gust
 - b. a drink
 - c. a cough
- 9. CHANTIE WRASTLER**
 - a. aroma therapist
 - b. plumber
 - c. singer
- 10. LUM**
 - a. glum
 - b. limb
 - c. chimney
- 11. BIDEY-IN**
 - a. dumb waiter
 - b. concubine
 - c. corkscrew
- 12. BAWBAG**
 - a. hold all
 - b. scrotum
 - c. windbag

THINGS YOU NEVER KNEW ABOUT THE SCOTTISH

Bestselling author of *I Never Knew That About The Scottish* Christopher Wren takes us on a journey around some of Scotland's fascinating facts and customs

1. Ghostly goings on: The 6th Lord Glamis married Jane Douglas, who in 1537 was burned as a witch on the orders of James V during a feud with the Douglas family. In the Chapel at Glamis (which is also where Princess Margaret was born in 1930), there is a seat at the back in which no one sits for it is reserved for the Grewy Lady – said to be the ghost of Jane. It is just one of the many hauntings that occur at Scotland's most haunted castle.

2. Mey favourite: The castle of Mey was built by the Earl of Caithness in 1572 and later became the late Queen

Mother's favourite home. It is the most northerly castle on the British mainland.

3. Family of inventors: James Sinclair, 14th Earl of Caithness, gained a reputation as an imaginative inventor. His achievements included a steam carriage, a tape loom arranged so that the weaver could stop any one of the shuttles without halting the whole loom, and his favourite – the Caithness Gravitating Compass, which is still used by modern shipping companies today. Imaginative inventions must have run in the family. Sir Clive Sinclair (born 1940) invented the world's first slim-line calculator and later the Sinclair ZX80, Britain's first mass market home computer. He also invented the Sinclair C5 – a battery powered tricycle, which, despite being a commercial flop, became an icon of the 1980's. Other famous Sinclairs include John Gordon Sinclair, who found fame in the film *Gregory's Girl*.

4. A turbulent town: The elegant Georgian town of Haddington – the capital of East Lothian and Scotland's first Royal Burgh – has played its part in Scotland's turbulent history, being the birthplace of William the Lion and his son Alexander, and of the Protestant reformed John Knox. The red-headed and determined William the Lion's reign lasted for 49 years from 1165 until 1214 – the longest reign in Scottish history until the Union of Crowns in 1603.

5. A large legacy: St. Andrews Cathedral in Fife was consecrated in 1318 in front of Robert the Bruce and was the largest cathedral ever built in Scotland.

6. The Scottish Play: Inverness Castle, built in 1835, sits on a cliff overlooking the River Ness and is built on the site of the castle where, it is said, Macbeth murdered King Duncan.

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ANSWERS: 1c, 2c, 3c, 4a, 5c, 6c, 7c, 8b, 9b, 10c, 11b, 12b
