



NEWS FROM THE HOUSE of SCOTLAND

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

Balboa Park, San Diego, California 92101

August, 2013

Highlights from the August Meeting

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

Prayers and Remembrances: Kathy Kough surgery was a success; Graham McGruer surgery was also successful; Richard Pillsbury is undergoing treatment for colon cancer; prayers to the family of the burnt victims of Lakeside (Jill and Ethan) and recovery of kidnapped daughter. Welcome back Jessie McGhee. A moment of silence was given to those serving in harms way.

Birthdays and Anniversaries: Wee Seamus Stewart (age 2); Graham McGruer, David McSwain, Archie McAllister and Liz (Schultz) Beaty.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE President Stephen Knight moderates

Secretary's Report: Read by Secretary Heather and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Read by Treasurer Cherie and approved.

HOS Pipe Band Report: Presented by President Steve. Band performing at Ballast Point Brewing Company's 17th Anniversary at the Maritime Museum. On August 24th will be performing at the 1st Annual IHGF U.S. Strong Man Championship and U.S. Amateur Highland Games Championship at Sea Terrance Park in Dana Point. The organizers are trying to expand the games to include piping and drumming competitions in future. Competing in the 148th Pleasanton annual highland games over Labor Day weekend – several pipers will be competing in solo events. John Grant is HOS Pipe Band's new Drum Major. He is a 17 year old solo competitor. Band will be hosting the month of October and will perform at the lawn program on October 27th. Once

again, the HOS Pipe Band is attempting to celebrate their 50th anniversary at the World Pipe Band Championships in Glasgow from August 12 – August 21, 2014. Invitation has been extended to HOS members.

HPR Report: Presented by Courtney. HPR has advised that 2014 will be the dress rehearsal for the 2015 - 100 Year Celebration. All cottage events will need to be accelerated for 2015. The city is requesting that the cottages, starting in 2014, be open on Saturday as well as Sunday. Since the City of San Diego is unable to allocate funds to the International Cottages for repairs – HPR is preparing an application for a grant to supplement the repairs. HPR has requested each cottage to complete a Repair Report and to submit to Delphine on August 11, 2013. The City of San Diego is requesting the International Cottages to sponsor lots of events for 2015; therefore a liaison from HPR has been elected to be the go between the city/park/HPR. A 2015 celebration survey has been sent to each cottage for completion on preparation for 2015.

HOSTING: Heather will be handling hosting for a period of time until Kim's return. September needs to be filled.

Ceilidh Band: David reports. Rehearsal this afternoon. Band will be performing on September 1st between 1 – 2 on the Main Stage. Band may have a job at the end of September. David will speak to Cherie about transference of funds to their own bank account.

Housekeeping: Trustee James Logan reports. He has advised that he has completed the Cottage Repair Report - roof issues, stucco problems, pipe leakage, trim palm tree, flag pole, lamp post, external security light problems. It is reported that wood has been jammed into the front door lock. At this time must open from the inside. James advised that in the event that he is unable to fix the lock himself, he will need to contact a locksmith (approved). Members were

advised that when closing the front doors that we must bolt each door from the inside.

Queen's Report: No report. HOS voted Christina to be our queen for 2013-2014. Heather to submit letter to Queen's Committee.

Old Business

DVD Player: After lengthy discussion HOS voted for James to purchase a DVD Player/VCR Player – capping at \$200.00

La Jolla Student Project: Advised that they did not forward a copy of the brochure to HOS. The brochure they submitted was incomplete to our specifications. Discussion was made to do a brochure ourselves. Dianne Schultz already has one completed – asked to bring to next meeting for further discussion.

Chairs: After lengthy discussion it was voted that Cherie will check out material for the chairs that is similar to our new San Diego tartan. Capping at \$1,000 for material/reupholstering/scotch-guarding 3 chairs.

Other Old Business: None.

New Business

Upcoming Events:

- August 11 – Panama Lawn Program
- August 18 – Hungary Lawn Program
- August 23 – HOS Movie Night – Hamish MacBeth Series
- August 25 – Palestine Lawn Program
- September 1 – Ukraine Lawn Program
- September 6 – HOS Movie Night – Hamish MacBeth Series
- October 27 – Scotland Lawn Program

New Members: None

Other New Business:

Nominations: HOS was advised that we will be promoting early for nomination of all officer positions since there are major changes for 2014 officers. Steve Knight and Cherie McGruer have advised that they will not be running for 2014.

3rd Annual Mini Golf Outing: scheduled for October 5th. Same place, same fundraising luncheon at Applebee's. Further information will follow.

Meeting adjourned at 12:43

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Wilson Secretary.

HOSTING

- August 11 Susan/Stephen Knight
- August 18 Open
- August 25 Cherie/Graham McGruer
- Sept. 1 Beryl Clark and Robert Ayers
- Sept. 8 Holly, Michael, Don Stewart
- Sept. 15 Susan Self and James Logan
- Sept. 22 Beryl Clarke and Robert Ayers
- Sept 29 David McSwain and Kathy Kough

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- August 11** HOS Monthly Meeting
- August 14** Ladies Auxiliary Luncheon – Norway
- August 18** Lawn Program – Hungary
- August 23** Movie Night at HOS
- August 24-25** Celtic Classic World Championship Highland Games/Festival – Sea Terrace Park, Dana Point
- August 25** Lawn Program - Palestine
- September 1** HPR Meeting
- September 1** Lawn Program - Ukraine
- September 8** HOS Monthly Meeting
- September 8** Lawn Program – Puerto Rico
- Sept 11** Balboa Park – Patriots Day
- Sept 11** Ladies Auxiliary Luncheon – Mexico
- September 15** Lawn Program – Finland
- September 22** Lawn Program – Turkey
- September 29** Lawn Program - China
- October 5** 3rd Annual Mini Golf Outing/Luncheon
- October 6** HPR Meeting
- October 6** Lawn Program - Germany
- October 9** Ladies Auxiliary Luncheon – France
- October 12 – 13** Seaside Highland Games
- October 13** HOS Monthly Meeting
- October 13** Lawn Program – Sprain
- October 20** Lawn Program – Czech/Slovak
- October 27** HOS LAWN PROGRAM

November 3 HPR Meeting
November 3 HPR “Sampler” Program
November 10 HOS Monthly Meeting
November 10 Veteran’s Day Memorial – Balboa Park
November 13 Ladies Auxiliary Luncheon – Poland
December 1 HPR Meeting
December 6-7 December Nights
December 8 NO HOS MONTHLY MEETING
December 11 Ladies Auxiliary Luncheon - catered
December 14 Christmas Party

DANCING LESSONS ARE STARTING AGAIN

Hello dancers interested in Scottish Country Dancing,

Our fall dance series is coming up next week! Here’s the information again, in case you misplaced the original email:

When: Every Monday night from 7:30 to 9:30
Beginning September 9 and continuing through October 28.

Cost: First class free! \$40 for 8 weeks

Where: Casa del Prado, Balboa Park room 203 (northeast corner of the building, upstairs near the restrooms.) Info and map link: Casa del Prado

Who: Anyone is welcome (bring a friend!) and a partner is not required.

What to wear: A kilt is not required. Please wear comfortable clothes; ladies often like to wear a skirt.

Shoes: Please wear soft-soled shoes, preferably without heels. Flip-flops or loose sandals are not a good idea. We wear Scottish Ghillies, but if you have dance shoes (ballet or jazz shoes) you can use those as well. You don’t need to buy anything special to start out with, but if you like our dancing (and we hope you will!) you’ll eventually want to invest in some nice shoes. You can find information about dance shoes here:

<http://www.jamesseniior.co.uk/centinal.cgi>

<http://www.scottishdanceshoe.co.uk/>

Celtic Corner/Scottish Treasures down in Coronado also usually has dance ghillies. You can find also find some simpler, cheaper dance shoes at a place like Capezio or any ballet/jazz supply store. Please don’t wear stiff, ballroom dance style shoes.

More information about us, dancing, and our branch of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society can be found here: <http://www.rscds-sandiego.org/>

We also have a Facebook page you can “like” to stay updated on class information and events: www.facebook.com/DanceScottishSanDiego

Thank you, hope to see you dancing!

--Amy Hoffman
Publicity Director
RSCDS-San Diego

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Even though that November is election month, the Nominating Committee is pushing forward with nominations for ALL officer positions.

Our beloved President Stephen Knight and Treasurer Cherie McGruer have advised that they will not be running for office in 2014. Steve, as we all know has moved to northern California. Cherie and Graham will still be members of the House of Scotland, but will be enjoying themselves next year with traveling.

HOS Members, as you can see, WE NEED everyone to put on their “thinking caps” and start nominating hard working, energetic individuals that you believe would be good HOS officers.

If you would like to nominate either a HOS member or yourself, please contact David McSwain or Heather Wilson

INVITATION FROM NORTH COUNTY SCOTS

North County Scots are inviting HOS Members to their annual meeting and potluck luncheon scheduled for September 21, 2013, commencing at 11:30 a.m.

We will be entertained by the Clachan Boys from 11:30 – 1:00 p.m. NCS will provide the meat and drinks – the rest is potluck.

Further information will follow.

KITCHEN CORNER

SCOTTISH FRUITCAKE RECIPE.

You'll need the following:

1 cup of water

1 cup of sugar

4 large brown eggs

2 cups of dried fruit

1 teaspoon of salt

1 cup of brown sugar

Lemon juice

1 cup of nuts

1 bottle of whiskey.

Sample the whiskey to check for quality.

Take a large bowl. Check the whiskey again. To be sure it's the highest quality, pour one level cup and drink. Repeat. Turn on the electric mixer, beat one cup of butter in a large fluffy bowl. Add one teaspoon of sugar and beat again.

Make sure the whiskey is still okay. Cry another tup. Turn off the mixer. Beat two legs and add to the bowl and chuck in the cup of dried fruit. Mix on the tuner. If the fired druit gets stuck in the beaterers, pry it loose with a drewscraver.

Sample the whiskey to check for tonsisticity. Next, sift two cups of salt. Or something. Who cares? Check the whiskey. Now sift the lemon juice and strain your nuts. Add one table. Spoon. Of sugar or something. Whatever you can find.

Grease the oven. Turn the cake tin to 350 degrees. Don't forget to beat off the turner. Throw the bowl out of the window. Check the whiskey again and go to bed. Who the hell likes fruitcake anyway??

Submitted by : Stevan Hogg

World's oldest clipper ship transported to Australia

By **Huw Williams** BBC Scotland reporter



The Scottish Maritime museum could not afford to refurbish the ship

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Final plans are being made to transport themselves world's oldest clipper ship to Australia from a yard in Ayrshire.

The City of Adelaide, which was built in 1864, had been salvaged to the Scottish Maritime Museum at Irvine after sinking in the Clyde.

However the museum could not afford to refurbish the vessel and had applied to demolish it.

The Scottish government accepted a recommendation that the ship should be relocated to South Australia.

Its journey should begin in early September.

The City of Adelaide, or The Carrick as it was also known, was one of the fastest and most luxurious clippers sailing the seas, carrying migrants and other passengers to south Australia and bringing goods back.

But after making 23 annual voyages to Adelaide it was redeployed to the North Atlantic timber trade.

'Maritime heritage'

Later it was used as a hospital ship in Southampton, a sail training ship, and as a clubhouse moored in the Clyde in Glasgow, where it suffered flooding in the late 1980s.



The ship was built in Sunderland in 1864

The vessel, which is older than the famous Cutty Sark, which is a major tourist attraction in London, has been on a slipway in Ayrshire since 1992 while a debate continued about its future.

Trustees of the Scottish Maritime Museum struggled to raise cash to refurbish the vessel, and were on the point of scientifically deconstructing it so important features could be preserved in their collection.

But the voluntary group Clipper Ship City of Adelaide Ltd (CSCOAL) submitted a tender for the job based on relocating it in one piece to form the centrepiece of a new maritime heritage park.

Their proposal had won approval from a conference held in Glasgow that was organised by the Duke of Edinburgh.

A number of firms from across the state of South Australia have contributed components for a steel cradle which has been assembled on the quayside at Irvine.

'Cutty Sark'

The 450-tonne vessel will be raised and the cradle inserted under it, so it can be positioned on to a sea-going barge and moved to London.

There it will be berthed close to the Cutty Sark, before being lifted into the hold of a huge cargo ship which will take it to Australia for the first time in more than 125 years.

The ship is due to arrive by spring 2014.

A rival group based in Sunderland, where the vessel was built, had hoped to provide a new home for the clipper.

A campaigner from Sunderland has twice occupied the City of Adelaide to highlight its plight and to protest against the decision to send the ship to Australia.

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