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The St. Andrew-Caledonian Society of Calgary

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Bannockburn Bar-B-Que

Come celebrate the 699th Anniversary of the Battle of Bannockburn with us! The Society will be holding a free barbeque for our members on Saturday, June 29 from 3 pm to 9 pm at the Highland Park Community Centre (3716 - 2 St NW, Calgary). We will have a selection of beef, and vegetarian burgers, hot dogs with all the condiments and a cash bar will be available inside the hall for drinks. Participate in games, sit and have a good



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blether, answer the burning question, how far can you hurl the haggis and which team has the most accurate horse shoe tossers? Enjoy performances by our choir, dancers and pipers. We are also pleased to have representatives from various local Highland Games and the Globalfest Scottish pavilion to present our members with volunteer opportunities at their upcoming events. The bar-b-que will wrap up with an evening ceilidh featuring live music from Mercat Cross, Scottish Country dances and

solo performances by Society members. Please, contact Ann Vanderwal (Annvanderwal@shaw.ca or 403-912-8086) to let us know if you are planning to attend so we can prepare. Salads and desserts would be appreciated. *Ann van der Wal*



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Golf Tournament 2013

Mark the date in your calendars! The Society's Annual Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, 17th August at Carstairs Golf Club, with a start time of 1:00pm. Carstairs is a lovely 18 hole course that has something for all levels of golfer. There is some water, but not nearly as much as Boulder Creek where we were last year, and the fairways are wide and generally tree lined. Carstairs is North of Calgary, just off highway 2 but check Google or your GPS for directions from your home. The facility has both a driving range and a chipping and putting area where you can practice your skills before going on the course; it will **not** be a shotgun start this year. The cost is \$100 for members, and \$110 for non-members which is a little higher than last year. The price increase is due to the difficulty in finding a course that would entertain a relatively small group, general price increases in golf around Calgary and a slightly smaller subsidy from the Society due to budget constraints. Dinner only option is available for just under \$30. The registration form includes options around car sharing, so please consider this when you enter. We will do our best to organize requests, but it is very dependent on individual preferences and geography. Ideally we would like everyone at the course by 12.30pm but latest would be 30 mins before your tee time. Entry forms should be sent with the rele-

vant fees by Friday 9th August. NOTE: **only registrations (accompanied by payment) received by the deadline, will be entered.** This is important for getting numbers to the golf course, and also so that we can look at car pooling preferences and organise teams. Registration forms will be available via the website or you can contact Neil or Doreen Herdman for extra entry forms and any other information. Tel: 403-239-8224 or e-mail: ndherdman@shaw.ca. *Neil Herdman*



Highland Games

The Society will be out at the highland games this year starting with Foothills Highland Games, 24 August 2013 at Foothills Composite High School in Okotoks—south side of the river o n



Woodhaven Drive. This will be followed a week later with the Calgary Highland Games, 31 August 2013 at the Springbank Park for All Seasons—beside Springbank Arena, just west of Calgary on No 1, take Springbank Road south and Canmore Highland Games will be held Sunday, 1 September 2013 at Canmore's Centennial Park. Please note, Members of The St. Andrew-Caledonian Society of Calgary have been granted free admission to the Foothills, Calgary and Canmore Highland Games when they show their current membership card at the admission gate. The Society will be looking for members to 'mind the tent' during these events and members who can commit to a two hour shift can contact Malcolm at 403-241-8021 to help out.

Society Casino 2013

The Society's Casino has been set for Friday, 9th August and Saturday, 10 August 2013 at the Cash Casino, 4040 Blackfoot Trail SE. This casino is noted for their restaurant and volunteer treatment. Ample parking is on the north side and they have night time escorts to the parking area. The Society truly appreciates the members and friends who have stepped up to support this major fund raising activity. The

Society is looking a chip runners on Saturday evening for an 8 hour Courier shifts (1830-0230hrs) with split shifts available if you have a sharing partner and Count Room Staff (2230-0234hrs) for both Friday and Saturday. Interested members should contact Robert Henderson at roberthenderson@yahoo.com or (403) 245-5514 and he will be calling as well. Your participation helps Calgary's Scottish community activities and is greatly appreciated.

A musical Note from the Choir

As Spring arrives, we are busy preparing for the Water Valley Ceilli (*sic*) in June. Our repertoire will be an equal mix of Gaelic and English, showcasing many different styles and tempos of music. Some are folk songs, some traditional airs, some modern arrangements and some arrangements especially done by me for our own choir. We also have a variety of accompaniment for these pieces. This event will be June 22, and we will be singing in the Upper Schoolhouse at 11:00 am. In the very near future we are preparing several selections for the society's Annual General Meeting to be held at Fort Calgary on May 22nd. We're always interested in accepting new members although helpful, it is not a prerequisite that you can read music to join.
Sincerely, Beth Friesen, Choir Director

St Andrew's Ball 2012

The 129th St. Andrew's Ball was held on Saturday, 24 November 2012 at the MacEwan Hall Ballroom on the University of Calgary Campus. The Ball is the cornerstone event of the Society and attracted 120 members and friends. The evening began with a chance to catch up with friends and then the piping in of the Haed Table followed by the Saltire. Ann van der Wal said the Grace and dinner started off with Flaming Saddledome Soup, followed by Roast Alberta Prime Rib with Madeira Jus topped off with White Hat Cranachan. The company was entertained by Phylis Wheaton, accompanied by Roberta Travis performing some of her original work featuring the significant contribution of Scots to the development of Canada, followed by the Society Choir who took the company through a musical tour of Scotland. The toasts were started off with the President and company toasting the Monarch, then Margot Aftergood, Director, toasting St. Andrew, Ellen Humphrey, Deputy Chief Executive Officer of the Calgary Public Library, which was celebrating the centennial of its official founding by the Carnegie Library Endowment, toasting Calgary, Gael MacLeod, Member

and City of Calgary Councillor, toasted Canada and Malcolm Stewart, Vice-President of the Society toasted Scotland. The company then prepared for the Ball and started off with the Grand March. This year, the Society engaged Mercat Cross, a local group that has Society has been developing. At the intermission, Dennis Orr and Morin Armstrong Orr entertained with the Fort Calgary Reel featuring Dennis' own compositions. The music was very well received—even the Dancemaster, Jim Adamson, joined in several dances and still managed to wrap the whole program up by midnight. The Society wishes to thank Anne Angus, Janyne Bertram, Frank Henderson, Debby Henderson, Sheree Iffla, Barrie Purvis, David Stewart, Pely Stewart and the staff at MacEwan Hall for all their great work in making the St. Andrew's Ball a great success. The 130th St. Andrew's Ball is set for 30 November 2013, MacEwan Hall Ballroom.



Tartan Day 2013

Society members and friends had a great time celebrating Tartan Day this year. Our attendance, at this our second annual



gathering, was double that of last year. Attendees enjoyed a special menu arranged by Murdoch's Bar and Grill, prizes donated by the Calgary Highland Games, Highland Dancers from the Wendy Wilson School of Dance

and Scottish Country Dancing arranged by Janyin Bertram. We are very grateful to our president, Robert Henderson, for being our Master of Ceremonies and leading our own St. Andrew-Caledonian Pipe Band. Mayor Naheed Nenshi was in attendance and read the official proclamation of Tartan Day for the City of Calgary. OMNI TV also dropped by to produce a piece of Tartan Day and explore Calgary's Scottish heritage.

A big thank you to all involved in putting together this event and also to all who came out and showed their support. *Ann van der Wal*



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Scotland 2014

Scotland will be hosting a series of events in 2014 that will celebrate its unique character and the Society has been approached by Collette Vacations as they would like to present group travel opportunities to the Society members. Basic information regarding flight, accommodation, ground transportation and special attraction costs will be available shortly and once the Visit Scotland agency has its calendar of events in order, Collette will make a special presentation to the Society, possibly at the Budget meeting. Opportunities for personalized travel arrangements will be accommodated.



Member Benefits

Benefits of Society membership include:

- reduced rates for pipers at your function,
- 10% discount on purchases at the Highland Scottish Gift Shoppe,
- Free entry to the Foothills Highland Games,
- Free entry to the Calgary Highland Games,
- Free entry to the Canmore Highland Games.
- Free entry to the Foothills Highland Games,
- \$2.00 reduction in the regular adult admission to the Globe Theatre 617—8th Avenue SW.

Members should consider renewing for several years to avoid missing any activities or events.

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