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## Kirkin' of the Tartan



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The Society will be hosting a Kirkin' of the Tartan at Knox United Church, 4<sup>th</sup> Street & 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW, on Sunday, 14 June 2015 to celebrate the Scottish community in Calgary. The service will be conducted by Rev Linda Hunter and will focus on the role the Scots' community has played in the development of Calgary. Participating in the service will be the Knox United Choir, The St. Andrew-Caledonian Gaelic Choir and the Caledonian Pipers. Parking is free on the street, \$1.00 in the parkade 3<sup>rd</sup> Street & 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW and full daily rate at the Impark lot west of 4<sup>th</sup> Street. Please arrive by 10:45am to be seated. Members are encouraged to bring their tartan to be part of the procession and blessing ceremony. Members who wish to contribute to the social afterwards can bring baking and take it to the kitchen before the service.

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## Society Casino 2015

The Society's Casino will be held Monday, 22 June and Tuesday, 23 June 2015 at the Cash Casino, 4040 Blackfoot Trail SE. We are looking for Alternate General Managers and count room persons for the night shift. Please contact Robert at [roberthenderson@yahoo.com](mailto:roberthenderson@yahoo.com) or 403-245-5514 if you'd

## Bannockburn Bar—B—Que

Come to our annual Bannockburn BBQ on Saturday, June 27 starting at 3 pm! This year it is being held at the Uplands Community Centre (20 Hawkside Close NW, Calgary). During the afternoon there will be games and time to socialize. The BBQ is free to all members and the society will provide Hot Dogs and Hamburgers. It would be appreciated if everyone would bring a salad or a dessert to share. Dinner will begin at 5:30 pm and a cash bar will be available. After dinner we will have entertainment and Scottish Country dancing with the band Glen Morin. Anyone wishing to attend should register with Ann (email [Annvanderwal@shaw.ca](mailto:Annvanderwal@shaw.ca) or [403-912-8086](tel:403-912-8086)) so we know how much food will be required. *Ann*



*Vanderwal*

# Society Golf Tournament 2015

Save the date! The Society's Annual Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, 15th August at Muirfield Lakes Golf Club, with a start time of 1:00pm. Muirfield Lakes is located in Lyalta which is approx. 20 minutes **east** of the city boundary or a 40 minute drive from downtown Calgary. Check out the web-site <http://www.muirfieldlakesgc.com/> This is a new location for us and is a par 70 18-hole course that has something for all levels of golfer. There is some water, as the name implies, however the fairways are pretty generous and it has a links-style feel. There is a "water draw" prize for those who are scared of, or can't avoid the water so come out and play! The facility has a chipping and putting area where you can practice your skills before going on the course (no driving range). A limited number of rental clubs are available so please add a note on your registration if rentals are required. The cost is \$100 for members, and \$110 for non-members which is the same price as last year. Dinner (choice of Steak or Chicken) only option is available for \$30. 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 relevant fees by Friday 7<sup>th</sup> 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 organise teams. Registration forms will be available shortly via the website or you can contact Doreen Herdman at [djherdman@shaw.ca](mailto:djherdman@shaw.ca) for registration forms and any other information.



2014 Champion Team

## SCOTS GATHERING CANMORE 2015

The Society, in conjunction with the Royal Scottish Country Dancing Society—Calgary Branch, is presenting a Scottish cultural weekend in Canmore, 9 - 12 October 2015. Classes are \$10 each and include: celtic knot artwork, country dance music, country dancing, Gaelic language, highland dancing, cultural lectures, piping, silk ribbon em-



broidery, singing, step dancing and whisky tasting. Instructors are coming from Calgary, Ontario, California, Nova Scotia, Regina and Seven Persons AB. Interested persons can stay wherever they like, but it is recommended that reservations be made early. The host hotel for the Scots Gathering 2015 is the Coast Canmore Hotel & Conference Centre, ([www.coastcanmore.com](http://www.coastcanmore.com)), and is offering a basic room for \$129/night. The hotel can be contacted at: 403-678-3625, 1-800-716-6199, please mention Scottish Cultural Weekend to

secure the Scots Gathering Special Rate or <http://coa.st/8vyg> for online booking. After 9 September 2015, regular rates will apply subject to availability. Meals are part of the \$140 registration and include a Buffet dinner and the Three Sisters Ceilidh on Saturday night, a sit down Thanksgiv-



ing turkey dinner and the formal Wild Rose Ball on Sunday and the Farewell Lunch on Monday, all in the Wild Rose Ballroom. All other meals are at the participants discretion. Full details are available at the website listed above and includes a wide range of links to local activities and sights to see in the Canmore area.

[www.calgaryscots.org](http://www.calgaryscots.org)

## St Andrew-Caledonian Curling

The fun Curling event was held on 22<sup>nd</sup> March at Northhill Curling Club with twenty eight brave souls of all ages (23 current Society members + an additional 5 family members) taking to the ice. After a safety talk and some very basic instruction, curlers proceeded to deliver their stones and sweep with some enthusiasm - once they found their "ice legs", there was no stopping them!



Each team played the other, with only bragging rights as the reward to the teams who won a few ends.

A random prize draw was held at the end with a St Andrew-Caledonian polo shirt being the main prize, along with ½ dozen miscellaneous Scottish themed prizes - we did invent the game after all!



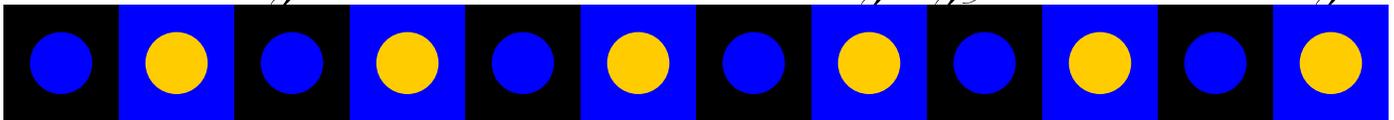
Everyone made it off the ice safely and there was much chatter and laughter as the teams enjoyed a very nice tea/coffee with fruit and cake squares after the game. A good time seemed to be had by all and I hope we inspired a few to get out and start playing on a more regular basis. *Doreen Herdman*

# Tartan Day 2015

Tartan Day is a celebration of Scottish heritage that takes place on April 6<sup>th</sup>, the date on which the Declaration of Arbroath was signed in 1320. Around 75 St. Andrew's Society members were on hand to celebrate Tartan Day on April 4<sup>th</sup> at Murdoch's Bar and Grill. The evening's entertainment consisted of Highland Dancers from the Wendy Wilson School of Highland Dance, our own society member pipers, and the second year (and very tough) quiz on Scotland, provided and run by Malcolm Stewart. The Sean Connery question was by far the best

one. Glenmorin entertained with fine live music for the Scottish Country dancing which was directed by Janyn Bertram. We were once again well-equipped by Glenmorangie Distillers as they supplied us with a whisky tasting that was enjoyed by many. Going well with the whisky Murdoch's treated us to our own special menu with a couple of uniquely Scottish dishes. We hope everyone who came out enjoyed themselves and if you missed it we invite you join us for next year's event. *Jay Ly-chak*

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## Highland Games

The Society will be out at the highland games this year starting with Foothills Highland Games, 29 August 2014 at Foothills Composite High School in Okotoks—south side of the river on Woodhaven Drive. This will be followed a week later with the Calgary Highland Games, 5 September 2015 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, 6 September 2015 at Canmore's Centennial Park. 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 [malcolmstewart@shaw.ca](mailto:malcolmstewart@shaw.ca) to help out.

## 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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