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Society Budget Meeting

The Society's Annual Budget meeting is set for Saturday, 28 September 2013 starting at 7:30pm. The meeting will convene at the Forest Heights Community Centre, 4909 FOREGO AVE S.E. (see map) and consist of the following agenda: presentation of the budget of anticipated expenditures for 2013 for membership approval and the presentation of the 2014 Scotland Tour by Ryan Mikucki of Collette Tours. The meeting will be followed by a Scottish Country Dance featuring easy beginner dances from the St. Andrew's Ball program — Circassian Circle , Lady Catherine Bruce's Reel, Dei'il Among the Tailors, MacDonald of the Isles (Strathspey), Shiftin Bobbins , Mairi's Wedding, Autumn in Appin (Strathspey), Fort Calgary Reel and Bannockburn Reel with general entertainment by Mercat Cross. This free event is open to the public after 8:00pm. A light buffet of sandwiches, vegetables and dip will be provided and the bar will be open for cash sales. Come out and find out what's up for the coming year, see where you can get involved, or just sit and enjoy the festivities. *Ann van der Wal*



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2014 Society Scotland Tour

The Society has been approached by Collette Vacations who are offering a Discover Scotland tour for 2014. Ryan Mikucki will be presenting a full 10 day plan at the Society's Budget Meeting (see above) for member consideration. Day 1 is the overnight flight; Days 2 & 3 are in Edinburgh; Day 4 goes to St. Andrews, Pitlochry & Grantown-on-Spey; Day 5 is Granttown to Thurso; Day 6 Thurso to the Orkneys; Day 7 Thurso to Loch Ness & Ballachulish; Day 8 Ballachulish to Skye and back; Day 9 Ballachulish to Erskine; Day 10 Erskine. Currently, the start dates to be considered are: 15 May, 9 June, 16 June, 7 July and 11 August and while it would be great to go as a full group, some may find that one start date works better for them, as in the case of student summer vacation and interest in the Commonwealth Games or Edinburgh Tattoo. As a group larger than 15, we would receive one free member and the savings would be a reduction spread over the whole group. Early booking would have an additional reduction and require a \$250 deposit which would not be refundable within 6 months of the departure date. Full payment would be required 2 months before departure. The tour is open to non-members of the Society and please note that air fares do rise for the summer months. Come to the Budget Meeting for the best information and ask any questions you like.

ST. ANDREW'S BALL

The 130th St. Andrew's Ball will be held on Saturday, 30 November 2013 at the MacEwan Hall Ballroom on the University of Calgary Campus. Doors will open at 5:30pm and dinner starts at 6:30pm sharp. The Society will be celebrating the centennial of the Caledonian Highland Games and the tremendous resilience and resourcefulness of Calgarians in light of the recent floods which were



the most devastating in Calgary's history. The dinner will feature Al-

berta prime rib and entertainment by the Society's pipers and the Society's choir. The dinner will conclude with the customary toasts and the singing of 'Auld Lang Syne'. After a short break, the Ball Program, under the direction of Jim Adsamson and to the music of Mercat Cross, will start with (*italics indicates easy dances but you should go to the practice sessions just to be aware of the patterns involved*) *Waltz Country Dance, St. Andrew's Fair, Saltire Society Reel, Lady Catherine Bruce's Reel, Silver Tassie, The Wild Geese, The Bannockburn Reel, The Glasgow Highlanders, The Laird of Milton's Daughter, The Dashing White*



Sergeant, The Garry Strathspey, The Bruddenell Jig, Catch the Wind, MacDonald of the Isles, EH3 7AF, Mairi's Wedding, The Falkirk Lass De'il Amang the Tailors & Last Waltz.

Sessions to review those dances on the Ball Program will be held 5, 12, 19 & 26 November starting at 7:10pm at the Highland Park Centre, 3716—2nd Street NW

Tickets are \$65/person and are available from:

NE—Janyn Bertram, 403-585-3842, Janyn_Bertram@hotmail.com;

NW—Donna Gillespie, (403) 247-6285;

N—Malcolm Stewart, 403-241-8021;

WSW—Barrie Purvis, 403-686-6455;

Central—David Stewart, 403 233 8271, StewartD@shaw.ca.

Those who wish to reserve tables of 8 or more, can contact Janyn Bertram at 403-585-3842, Janyn_Bertram@hotmail.com

Those with food allergies and vegetarians should contact Robert Henderson 403-245-5514. Come out to celebrate Calgary's oldest event, get involved, or just sit back and enjoy the evening.

Bannockburn Bar-B-Que

On Saturday, June 29 the Society held a BBQ for our members at the Highland Park Community Centre. Over 80 members participated in a variety of games and we were entertained by the Society's Pipes and Drums and our Gaelic Choir. Debby Henderson led a mass Highland Fling which was a true treat to watch. After the BBQ the evening was filled with the excellent sounds of Glenmorin as we danced the night away.

The Calgary Highland Games set up a tent to give us more information on volunteer opportunities and Canmore Highland Games also sent us information on their games. We were glad that they could join us and hope we can join together in more opportunities to promote Scottish Culture.

A special thanks to Robert Henderson for leading the pipers, to John Bertram with his drums and to Beth-Ann Friesen for leading the choir through a number of enjoyable tunes both in Gaelic and English. Once again Janyne Bertram organized a great dance programme and even found a dance named the Battle of Bannockburn. Grill-masters Art Gifford, Malcolm Stewart, and Ken Angus ensured our hot dogs and burgers were perfect. We would also like to express our gratitude to Doreen Herdman and Donna Gillespie for organizing games for all. Thank you to all members for the tremendous appetizers and delightful desserts!

Mark your calendars for next year when we celebrate the 700th Anniversary of the Battle of Bannockburn.
Ann van der Wal

15th Annual Society Golf Tournament

The 2013 Golf Tournament was held on Saturday 17th August, at the Carstairs Golf Club. We were very fortunate with the weather yet again, and had a lovely afternoon in the low 20's with little wind, and pretty much perfect golfing conditions.

This year, we had 28 golfers of varying levels from beginner to advanced, which made up 7 teams, and 2 additional dinner guests. Overall, everyone seemed to have a good time, based on the laughter on the course, and talk in the clubhouse. The golf course was a great fit for our group – not too much water, and not too difficult, but enough of a challenge to make it interesting. The dinner was

good and the tournament staff were also excellent to deal with which makes it easier for the organisers!

We introduced a new team challenge this year, where we asked each player to take turns in playing with a "special" ball. Each team who returned with the "special" ball was entered into a draw – only 2 teams managed to return with the ball and team 6 won the draw: Andrew Joo, Bruce Fedirchuk, Robert Henderson and Ann Vanderwal.

We were also lucky enough to have some friends of the Society donate extra funds to sponsor a sand draw, and water draw (players who landed in a designated bunker, or landed in the water on hole 8) which helped spread the prizes over more players. All prize winners are listed below. Only 11 of the 28 golfers are current members which was a little disappointing and we will be following up with previous participants to gather feedback on why so few came out this year.

The main prize winners were: Lowest Scoring team: Michael Cerkvernac, Stefan Cerkvernac, Bill Partridge

Men's Longest Drive : Ron Bachmeier

Ladies Longest Drive: Natalie Bachmeier

Closest to pin: Cindy Hume

Longest Putt: Ilo Torgeson

Sand Draw: Garth Dymond

Water Draw: Richard Bessette

Well done to the prize winners and we look forward to seeing you all again next year.

Neil & Doreen Herdman



Choir Notes

The Choir performed at the Celtic Festival in Water Valley On June 22nd. The "show must go on" was the choristers attitude leaving the flood disaster of Calgary behind for one short day and finding alternate routes to make it to the Celtic festival. The weather became pleasant over the course of the day and we were very much appreciated for making the effort to get there while many acts could not. We sang many favourite

Gaelic songs and a fun time was enjoyed by all. At the end of June we sang at the society barbecue which allowed the choir to showcase some of our favourite songs. We sang in both English and Gaelic. As word gets out about our Gaelic singing abilities we are being asked to sing at a lot more venues. For example this year we have been asked to sing at the Highland games in Springbank and we are looking forward to this opportunity to highlight Scottish folk songs. We are always looking for new members. For info about the choir please call Margot 403-689-4493. *Respectfully yours. Bethanne Friesen Choir Director*

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Society's Scottish Country Dancing

It's time to start thinking of your activities for the coming season and Scottish Country dancing is a wise choice. The Society will be offering classes of Scottish Country Dancing on Tuesday evenings starting Tuesday, 10 September 2013 at the Highland Park Community Centre, 3716—2nd Street NW. Classes focus on the beginner dancer and start at 7:30pm (you should arrive about 7:15pm to be ready) and finish at 9:30pm. Interested persons who have no experience are encouraged to attend and you don't need a partner. The B.B.C. did a study over five years and found that Scottish Country dancing had the highest cardio benefit of all the 27 sports tested. It also lets the participants choose their own level and rate of participation. The classes are geared for beginners and intermediate levels with having fun being the main ingredient but also will allow us to create a dance demo team for the Society's



events. Casual dress and soft comfortable footwear is all that is required.

These classes will be offered to the general public with encouragement to join the Society. The group will take a holiday break at Christmas and finish at the end of June. For further information please contact John Bertram by phone (403) 585-3842 or email John_d_bertram@hotmail.com

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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