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The St. Andrew-Caledonian Society of Calgary

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## Burns Dinner for the Homeless

The Society's Annual Burns Dinner for the Homeless will take place on Sunday January 24 2016 at the Calgary Drop-In and Rehabilitation Centre, 423 – 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue S.E. Volunteers wishing to help out can contact Margot Aftergood at [margotaftergood@shaw.ca](mailto:margotaftergood@shaw.ca).



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Kitchen staff is a priority position, aprons will be provided and you can bring your own head wear. Please feel free to wear your tartan. Car pooling is suggested and a map will be provided. Volunteers should arrive at 10:30 a.m. and proceed to the 6<sup>th</sup> floor to get settled into work

groups. We require people to kitchen serve and table serve. The DI staff will direct the kitchen serving. This is a funday, we begin the activities with the kitchen helpers to set up the kitchen. Then the engo down to start the Robbie Burns 11:30 a.m. The show consists of



ing, highland dancing, poetry reading and the Address to the Haggis. Once the address is finished, the entertainers are piped to the kitchen and the serving begins. It takes about 40 minutes and we serve 900 plus people depending on the weather and the 120lbs of haggis the Society supplies is eagerly anticipated by many of the clients. When all the dinners have been served; please stay for dinner upstairs. The meal we provide is one of the most anticipated dinners of the year and the clients "mark" it on their calendar! *Margot Aftergood*

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morning's going down entertainers Show at piping, singing

## Mobile Burns Unit

Members who are interested in performing on Robbie Burns Day, Monday, 25 January 2016 at seniors' lodges and nursing homes around Calgary should contact Robert Henderson at [roberthenderson@yahoo.com](mailto:roberthenderson@yahoo.com) or (403) 245-5514. The day starts at about 9:00am with two or perhaps three troupes meeting at car rental offices in the north and south of the city and traveling to six and seven lodges each. The show can consist of highland dances, two songs and/or poems, including the Address to the Haggis,



Scottish Country dancing and a piping selection. The Society rents the vans

to travel around and pays for the gas, but will need a driver, who can also be part of the performing troupe. The group usually performs two or three shows before lunch, which the Society sponsors, and three or four shows in the afternoon. We are looking for pipers, singers, poetry readers and Scottish country and highland dancers. In 2015, two Mobile Burns Units performed at a total of 14 locations for about 800 people and were well received everywhere they went.



## Society Burns Night

January is just around the corner and that brings out all thing Burns!! It is time for poems, pipes, humor and haggis! Our annual Robbie Burns' night will be held on Saturday, January 30 at the Austrian Canadian Club, 3112—11 St NE, Calgary with music provided by GlenMorin. The Scottish Country dance list will be published shortly and tickets can be purchased online using PayPal on our website, [www.standrewcaledonian.ca/events](http://www.standrewcaledonian.ca/events), or by contacting Ann Vanderwal ([Annvanderwal@shaw.ca](mailto:Annvanderwal@shaw.ca), 403-912-8086) or Robert Henderson 403-245-5514 ([roberthenderson@yahoo.com](mailto:roberthenderson@yahoo.com)). *Ann Vanderwal*





# Highland Games Report

Once again, the highland games season has come and gone for this year and the Society had a presence at all three games; Okotoks on August 29th, Springbank on September 5th and Canmore on September 6th. The Foothills Highland Games in Okotoks was a rather quiet affair with a relatively small number of vendors setting up their booths. The weather was dry but chilly and the wind was sometimes an issue however this didn't stop the visitors from coming into the tent to see us and the Society piping group once again enthusiastically participated in the massed bands. The Calgary Highland Games in Springbank was a wet and chilly day and unfortunately didn't improve over the afternoon, so the massed bands were canceled for the day. The Canmore Highland Games started



out as a cold morning with snow on the ground but as the morning progressed, the sun came out to visit and everything warmed up. In the end it turned into a very nice day and once again, our piping group joined in the massed bands. The seemed well attended with lots of vendors and visitors alike. We shared our tent with the RSCDS — Calgary Branch an eventually

had to erect the second tent to accommodate the large number of visitors and members who dropped by. I would like to thank all the members who volunteered to greet visitors at our tent and explain to them who we are. Over the course of the three games, we had another 68 members join our Society.



## Budget Meeting 2015

The Society's 2016 Budget was passed at a meeting held at the Confederation Park 55+ Activity Centre on Saturday, 19 September. An important note raised is the time interval between casinos, a major source of funding for the Societies activities. Since 2006, the interval has been 18 months and we are now looking at 21 months between casinos. This means that we have to stretch the funding

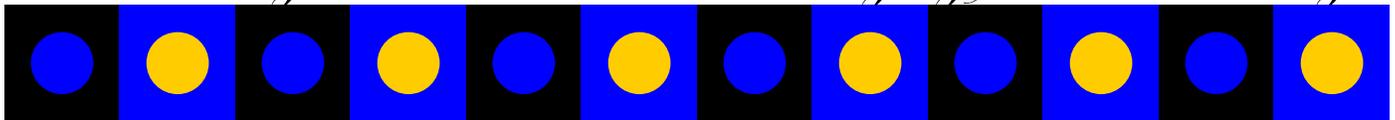
over a longer period and limit budget increases. Forty members were present and the meeting took about 15 minutes after careful consideration and scrutiny. The evening had been held in conjunction with a RSCDS—Calgary Branch Special meeting and was followed by an evening of Scottish Country dance to the music of Glen Morin. A light buffet was served and the evening was enjoyed by all, wrapping up at about 10:30pm.

# Scots Gathering in Canmore

Our first Scottish Cultural Weekend was a great success! We had over 110 attendees who were able to enjoy classes in Scottish Country Dancing, Music, Gaelic, Highland Dance, Step Dance, Needlework, Drawing, Singing, Piping and Whisky Tasting as well as lectures on a wide variety of Scottish topics. Visitors were able to join us from all over Alberta, as well as BC, Ontario, Quebec, the United States and Scotland. We were honored to have Jim Stott, who will manage this year's Summer School in St. Andrew's, Scotland, attend our Gathering and even join in on the keyboard for the Ball. The musicians provided excellent music for both the Ceilidh and Ball and it was

wonderful to dance to such talent. The weather largely co-operated and we had some glorious fall views of the mountains and streams around Canmore. A special thanks to RSCDS Calgary Branch, Canmore Tourism, the Canmore Coast Hotel, Dennis & Morin Orr, Andrew Joo, Freda Osborne, Sharon Barker, Debby Henderson, Nonie Sundstrom, Catherine Hand, Carol Johnson, and Robert Henderson for all their contributions to the success of this venture. We hope to see everyone back again at our next Gathering! Keep an eye on our dedicated website [www.calgaryscots.org](http://www.calgaryscots.org). *Ann Vanderwal*

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## Scots Gathering Sponsors

The Society would like to thank the following businesses for their support of this year's Scots Gathering:

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## 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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