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The St. Andrew-Caledonian Society of Calgary

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Kilt Skate 2024

On Sunday, February 11, 2024, at Olympic Plaza in downtown, citizens of Calgary will take to the ice in their kilts, tartans and other Scottish regalia to participate in the 9th Annual Great Canadian Calgary Kilt Skate. Again, this year the Kilt Skate will be the last event in the City's annual two week Chinook Blast winter festival.

The annual Great Canadian Kilt Skate began as a modest house party in our nation's capital but spread throughout the country as a tribute to Canadian Scottish culture and heritage.

Calgary has strong Scottish roots, it's an integral part of our multicultural heritage. The name of our city itself comes from the Gaelic word for *harbour pasture*.



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For the past eight years, Calgarians have come out to celebrate our common Scottish roots with bare knees and ice. Previous years Kilt Skates have featured not only kilted skaters, but pipers, Highland dancers and the Scottish Society Gaelic Choir singing 'O Canada' in English and Gaelic all while offering the public free Hot Chocolate.

You don't have to wear a kilt to be part of the kilt skate. The Great Canadian Calgary Kilt Skate is an opportunity to celebrate the inner-Scot that lives in many of us. After all, tartan is Canada's favourite colour!

The kilt skate will take place at Calgary Olympic Plaza, in front of City Hall, on Sunday, February 11, 2024, from noon until 4 p.m.

Official opening ceremonies will start at 12:30 PM.

For updated information, check 2024 events page at www.kiltskate.com/new-events

Margot Aftergood



COME TO OUR CÈILIDH DANCE!

Society members Dr. Dhanya Baird and Dr. Adam Dahmer are calling a cèilidh dance on Saturday, the 24th of February, from 7pm to 11pm at the Capitol Hill Community Hall, 1531 - 21st Ave NW.

Musical accompaniment will be provided by musicians of the award-winning local musical collective, Prairie Flower! All dances will be called and walked, and no prior experience or pre-arranged partner is necessary - feel free to come solo, or with friends!

Dancers will have access to a range of light snacks, and a cash bar.



Tickets can be purchased at the door on the night, or online in advance (recommended) through the website of the Society. In the meantime, if you'd like to register your interest, just send your name and contact info to atdahm01@gmail.com, with the subject line 'February Cèilidh', and we'll keep you abreast of future developments.

Tickets will be \$20 per person for members of the St. Andrews-Caledonian Society, and \$35 per person for non-members. The non-member tickets include Society membership with the price of admission!

Doors will open at 6.45pm, the dancing will start shortly after 7pm, and the venue will empty at 11pm.

Chì sinn an sin sibh! (We'll see you there!) *Adam Dahmer*

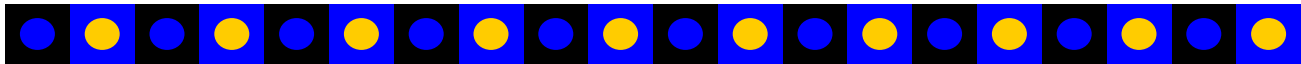
Tartan Day 2024 Board Member Opportunities

The Society is celebrating Tartan Day 2024 with a social get-together at Murdoch's Pub, 1935 — 37th Street SW, 6 April, starting at 4:00pm. Plans include: membership prizes, Scottish trivial pursuit, highland dancing, piping, singing, Scottish Country Dancing, the Mayor's Proclamation, and much more.

Murdoch's will be putting on a Tartan Day menu just for this occasion. Members should wear their tartan, tell their friends—all are welcome.



The Society's Board of Directors is looking for members who would like to get involved with the operation of Society events and activities. The Board is the place for those who would like to make a difference in the Society. Board positions are elected for two year terms, and meetings are usually held the first Saturday afternoon of the month. A Director would be expected to take on a project during their term to determine: 1. the funding required, 2. source of the funds, 3. the member participation and, 4. to bring the project to commencement and/or to completion. Interested members are asked to contact Andrew Joo at andrewjoo@msn.com via an email indicating their interest, or if they are proposing someone as a candidate. The Board appreciates your consideration.. *Andrew Joo*



St. Andrew's Ball 2023

The Society's 139th St. Andrew's ball was well attended with 116 members and guests gathering on Saturday, 25 November 2023 at the Polish Canadian Cultural Centre Combatants' Hall. The program started in traditional fashion with the pipers and highland dancers from the Wilson School of Highland Dance presenting piping selections and dances. The dinner started with a tossed green salad, then on to Alberta prime rib, roasted mixed vegetables, beans almandine and roasted potatoes, finishing with peach melba. The dinner portion concluded with the President toasting our King, Mayor Jyoti Gondek toasting St. Andrew, Vice President, Stuart Clark, toasting Calgary, new Life Member Nonie Sundstrom toasting Canada, and Society Treasurer, Andrew Auchterlonie toasting

music of Prairie Flower who are new to the Scottish Country dance program and garnered praise for their performance. The Society sincerely thanks the outstanding contribution of Ann Vanderwal for conducting the dance lessons prior to the ball and directing the dance portion during the Ball, and Dhan-ya



Baird for decorating the tables in the Combatants' Hall. The Society also wishes to thank the Polish Canadian Cultural Centre for an outstanding dinner. Overall, everyone enjoyed the food, music, company and dance at this year's St. Andrew's Ball. Due to the increased attendance, the

Scotland. The Mayor received a standing ovation when she arrived and all the speeches were well received after which the company sang Auld Lang Syne. A short intermission followed before the Grand March and then into the Scottish Country Dance program with the

2024 St. Andrew's Ball will be held in the Main Hall.



Calgary Tartan Sales



The Society is offering the following items (*non-member prices in italics*):

Ladies Sash \$75 *\$80*

Mini Rosette Sash \$25 *\$30*

Calgary Tartan Wool Scarf \$25 *\$40*

Calgary Tartan Lambswool Wrap \$145 *\$155*

Calgary Tartan Long Tie \$18 *\$23*

Calgary Tartan Bow Tie - \$17 *\$21*

Calgary Tartan Cumberbund \$45 *\$50*

Calgary Tartan wool yardage (per yard)

Calgary Tartan 11 oz double wide. \$55 *\$70*

& Calgary Tartan Kilt weight double wide *Out of stock*

Watch the Society website Merchandise tab at www.standrewcaledonian.ca We are also looking for an assistant sales director to help with new orders and shipping.

Society Calendar

Society events for the coming year:

12 February **KiltSkate**, Olympic Plaza 12noon to 4:00pm

24 February **Ceilidh**, Capitol Hill Community Hall, 1521—21st Avenue NW, doors open at 6:45pm

6 April **Tartan Day**, Murdoch's Pub, 1935—37th Street SW, 4:00pm to 8:00pm

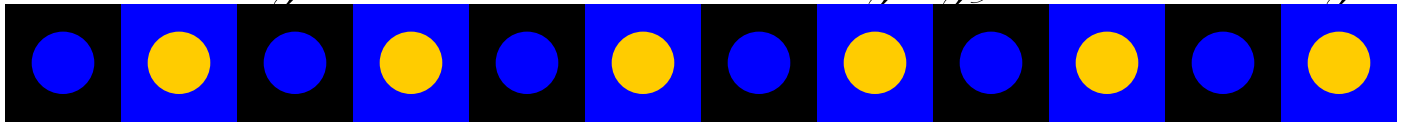
8 June **Annual General Meeting**, Capitol Hill Community Hall, 1521—21st Avenue NW,

21 September, **Budget Meeting and Dance**, Capitol Hill Community Hall, 1521—21st Avenue NW,

23 November, **St. Andrew's Ball**, Polish Canadian Cultural Centre, 3015—15th Street NE.

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Society Casino 2025

The Society's next casino will be in the third quarter (July-September) 2025 and we have applied for the Ace Airport Casino, 40 Aero Crescent NE. Their website is: www.acecasinos.ca and they are located off Deerfoot Trail & Airport Trail next to the Clique Hotel. More details will be made available once our date has been drawn, but we will be looking for general managers, alternate general managers, bankers, cashiers, chip runners, Count room supervisors and count room staff. Your participation helps Calgary's Scottish community activities and is greatly appreciated.



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.
- \$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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