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The St. Andrew-Caledonian Society of Calgary

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2024 Budget Meeting

Join us for our Annual Budget Meeting and Social on Saturday, September 21 at the Capitol Hill Community Centre, 1531 - 21 Ave NW. Members can gather at 4:00pm to renew old acquaintances and the Bar-B-Que starts at 5:00pm with a cash bar. Members are asked to bring a **salad, potato chips or dessert** as well as a lawn chair, plates, and utensils. Please be sure to **bring serving spoons or forks** if needed for your salad or dessert. Hamburgers, hot dogs and condiments will be provided as well as tea and coffee and let Ann know if you need a vegetarian or gluten-free option Annvanderwal@shaw.ca, 403-968-7866. Compostable bags will be available to take used dishes home as we will not be washing dishes or containers. There will be a cash bar and the choir will be singing during dinner.

The Budget Meeting will begin at 4:30pm. Members will presented:

1. the Proposed Society Budget for 2025, and,
2. A motion to increase the Highland Games Operating Grant from \$3,000 to \$4,00 per annum commencing in 2025.

This meeting is free to all members. At 6:00pm there will be a free Scottish Country dance. There will be lots of time to socialize after the meeting and we plan to wrap up by 9:00pm. *Ann Vanderwal*



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SOCIETY ACTIVITIES

The Fall Session of Society activities will commence on 7 September with the bagpipe beginners' class at the Bow River Brewery. Any persons interested in learning the bagpipes can contact Robert Henderson at roberthenderson@yahoo.com.

Gaelic Language classes will commence on 10 September at Northmount Baptist Church. Beginner's Gaelic Class 6pm – 6:45pm taught by Sharron Brooks. Gaelic Reading and Grammar Class 6pm – 6:45pm taught by Adam Dahmer. Gaelic Conversation Circle 6:45pm – 7:30pm led by Sharron Brooks and Adam Dahmer. Any persons interested in learning to speak Gaelic should contact Sharron Brooks at beinnbheir@shaw.ca or text Adam Dahmer at 587-998-8502 for more information.

Scottish Country Dancing classes will also commence on 10 September at Northmount Baptist Church. Any persons interested in learning or attending should contact Ann Vanderwal at Annvanderwal@shaw.ca 403-968-7866

The Caledonian Choir We meet on Fridays at 7 pm at the Robert McClure United Church. 5510 26 Ave NE, Calgary. Please contact Margot Aftergood for more information: margotaftergood@shaw.ca, 403-689-4493

St. Andrew's Ball 2024

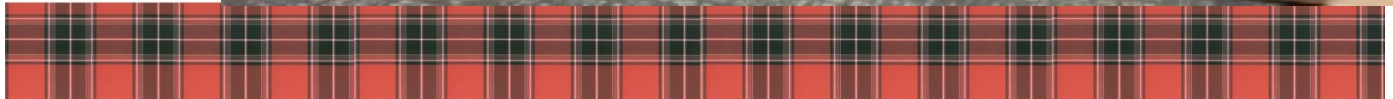
This year will mark the 140th anniversary of the Society's founding purpose - the celebration of St. Andrew. The Society's St. Andrew's Ball will be held on Saturday, 23 November 2024 in the Main Hall at the Polish Canadian Cultural Centre, 3015—15th Street NE. Ball walk through classes, conducted by Ann Vanderwal for dancers with basic Scottish Country skills will be held Tuesdays (Oct 29, Nov 5, 12 & 19) at 7:00 pm at the Northmount Baptist Church Fellowship Hall (451 Northmount Drive NW). Doors open at 5:30pm with dinner to start at 6:30pm. Prior to the dinner, Special groups of the Society will present a demonstration of their group's activity. The St. Andrew's Dinner will feature Island Green Salad, Bay Farms Roast Alberta Beef, Tobermory Roast Mixed Vegetables and Isle of Mull Peach Melba. Special meal requests must be directed to Robert Henderson - roberthenderson@yahoo.com by 17 November to be ready for the dinner. Please contact Ann Vanderwal for reserved seating requests. Dinner will be followed by the traditional toasts and any member wishing to present a toast to St. Andrew, the City of Calgary, Canada or Scotland should contact Robert Henderson with their proposal. The dinner portion concludes with the

company singing 'Auld Lang Syne'. The St. Andrew's Ball will feature the Scottish Country Dance program with: Fish & Chips, The Old Man of Storr, Waltz Country Dance, Miss



Welsh's Reel, Bonnie Geordie's Wig, Lady Glasgow, The Happy Meeting, The Highlandman kissed his Mother, St. Andrew's Fair, The Highland Lass, MacDonald of Keppoch, The Startled Rabbits, Lord MacLay's Reel, Neidpath Castle, The Merry Oddfellows, and, The Reel of the 51st Division

. Tickets are \$65 for members and \$80 for non-members, and along with the dance program, are available on the Society's website www.standrewcaledonian.ca or from Christin Lungren 403-616-7169, Cathy Turnbull cturn1@telus.net, and, Ann Vanderwal, 403-912-8086. This event began in 1884, so come out to enjoy the City's oldest cultural function.



Annual General Meeting 2024

The Society's 140th Annual General Meeting was held 8 June at the Capitol Hill Community Centre. Twenty-six members were in attendance and the meeting accepted the 2023 AGM minutes, annual report and financial statements. The Board's actions for 2023 were ratified and the members approved the Slate of: Sharron Brooks, Adam Dahmer, Brenda Hill, Tracey LaRocke, Rayna Moffatt, Henry Stevens and Ann Vanderwal as directors. Volunteer auditors came forward and memberships were unchanged. This was followed by announcements and the meeting was concluded in fifteen minutes. The weather was poor that day, so the field games were cancelled, but the Barbie followed the meeting and was appreciated by all. The Scottish Country dance that followed featured Scott Duncan, Dennis Orr and students from Dennis' school in Seven Persons and was greatly enjoyed. Thank you to: Sharron Brooks, Andrew Joo, Cathy Turnbull, Scott McKenzie, Robert Earl and all those who helped make the day special.

Golf Tournament 2024

The day was great for weather, getting together, and playing golf. Nineteen members gathered on 18 August at Tooth of the Dog-pound Golf Course for a good walk, 18 holes of triumph or disappointment followed by dinner and the awarding of prizes. The best of the day were: low score team - Carol



Johnson, Roy Smith, Ian Lewis, Bruce Fedirchuk; Longest Drive Advanced - Aidan Stevens; Longest Drive Intermediate - Andrew Joo; Longest Drive Beginner - Cathy Turnbull; Closest-To-The-Pin - Doreen Herdman; Longest Putt - Simran Thakur; Closest to the Barber Pole - Ian Lewis, and; Door Prize - Henry Stevens. In addition to being blessed with warm companionship and great weather, we are grateful that our Tournament was favoured by commercial, corporate and individual donors.

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 \$22 *\$27 limited time*

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 \$60 *\$75*

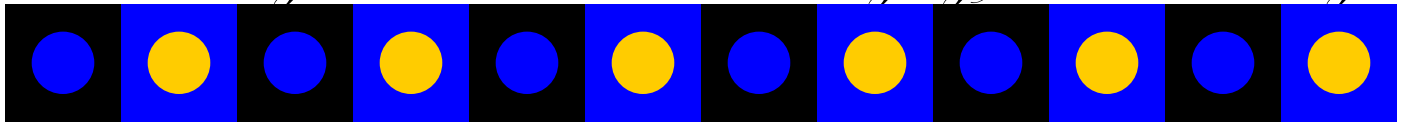
Watch the Society website Merchandise tab at www.standrewcaledonian.ca We are also looking for an assistant sales director to help with new orders and shipping.

Golf Trivia

The offset putter came about in 1892 when Wm Park Jr decided to use a damaged putting-cleek (a flat faced club for short distances). The putting-cleek had a bend in the shaft just above the blade which put the face behind the shaft. He noticed that the golf ball rolled with more accuracy. The offset allowed the player to see the ball down the length of the shaft and contact the ball precisely. He patented the idea and published his findings in 'The Game of Golf' which he published in 1896. William was a four time Open champion and his idea went on to 'progressive' applications for longer distance irons.



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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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