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The St. Andrew-Caledonian Society of Calgary

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Society's 141st Annual General Meeting will be held Saturday, 28 June 2025 at Capitol Hill Community Hall, 1531 - 21st Ave NW. The day starts at 3:00pm with a social time followed by field games at 3:30pm with potato races, foot races, and other games (weather permitting). The AGM starts at 4:30pm and will consist of the following items:

The meeting will present for membership approval:

1. the 2024 AGM minutes,
2. the Annual Report for 2024,
3. the audited financial statements of 2024,
4. ratification of the 2024 Board actions,
5. the Slate of Directors for the Board,
6. closing the Highland Dance special group,
7. membership dues, and,
8. appointment of auditors

The Barbie follows the meeting, about 5:00pm and the dance will start at 6:30pm. Cost: free to members but please bring a salad or dessert and let Ann know which you will be bringing. Also contact Ann regarding allergies.

Dance program: Bannockburn BBQ dance diagrams

Contact: Annvanderwal@shaw.ca

*we are not able to supply gluten-free buns but will provide gluten-free burgers and vegetarian burgers for those who request them by emailing Ann

Robert Henderson

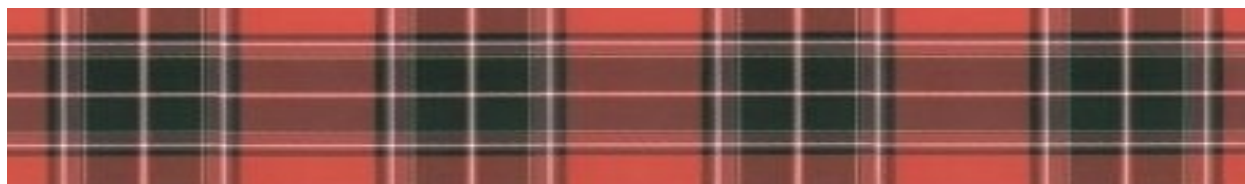


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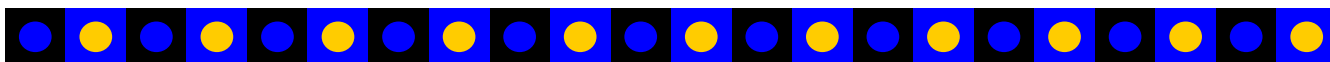
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Kirkin' 2025

Society members gathered Sunday, 25 May 2025 at Knox United Church for a Kirkin' of the Tartan. The service began with choral pieces by the Society's Caledonian Singers which included 'Out on the Mira' and 'Who but I'. This was followed by the Caledonian Pipers who played the tartans in with 'Highland Cathedral'. The service attracted about one hundred and fifty people and featured many new portions. The Society choir sang 'Down to the River to Pray', while the recessional was played by the Pipers with 'Amazing Grace' and the choir concluded the service with a Celtic Benediction.





Tartan Day 2025

The Society gathered for Tartan Day 2025 at Dorset Pub on 6 April for a most enjoyable event. Fifty members were present for an afternoon of activities celebrating the Scottish contribution to Canada's development and culture. The afternoon started with Dr. Adam Dahmer singing several songs in Gaelic accompanied by Chris Fines. including one about the orange man in the white house which was well received. The President read the Mayoral Proclamation declaring 6 April as Tartan Day in Calgary to cheers from the members. The Scots trivial pursuit was presented in word search form with the unused letters being used to compose the slogan used by many Scottish organizations and societies, including our own, "Scotland Forever". The winners of the quiz were: Steven Campbell, Kathleen Ryan and her friend Karen, and Ron Kennedy. This was followed by the Caledonian Pipers and Wendy Wilson School of Highland Dance who presented a number of selections which went over well with the members. The Caledonian Singers, directed by Beth Ann Friesen, were on next with a number of rousing songs that got the crowd going. The excellent food was coming out by this time and the members enjoyed the menu selections and bar. Scottish Country dancing led by Ann Vanderwal followed with lots of room for two or more sets dancing going through their favourites. The evening concluded with another piping set and more dancing. Members were quite positive about the new location and we look forward to next year's event—all are welcome.



Casino 2025

The Society's casino at Ace Airport Casino on 21 & 22 April was well staffed at one of Calgary's busiest casinos. Forty four Society members came out to help raise funds for the Society's activities and due to their efforts, the Society will continue to operate and our programs will carry on. Members from the choir, piping, Gaelic and Scottish Country dancing as well as members who regard the Society's programs as valuable volunteered in this major fund raising effort. The Society wishes to thank: AnnMarie Aase, Jaden Aase, Jonathan Aftergood, Margot Aftergood. Ian Binmore, Sharron Brooks, Bill Campbell, Marilyn Clare, Adam Dahmer, Suzanne deMos, Robert Earl, Steve Frost, Sondra Gantner, Geoff Gibson, Florence Horman, Zoe Jenkins, Andrew Joo, Tracey LaRocke, Karen Larson, Christin Lundgren, Carol Mayer, Jeannie McCauley, Kim McKenzie, Scott McKenzie, Linda McLeod, Drew McNicol, Kathy Moorcraft, Bill Mulloy, Jane Rowlands, Wendy Runge, Val Shaw, Ross Smith, Henry Stevens, Lois Torfeson, Cathy Turnbull, Ann Vanderwal, Robert Watson, Bob Warwick, Jim Weisert, and Blair Wood. And a special thanks to those members who took a double shift: Chris Fines, Robert Henderson, Ken Persson and, Bruce Robertson To date, 216 members and friends have volunteered for the Society casinos contributing 4,400 hours to maintain Society programs. Your participation helps Calgary's Scottish community activities and is greatly appreciated.

Highland Games Tent Minding

The Society will be out at the highland games this year. The Calgary Highland Games have not yet announced their intentions for this year, but the Canmore Highland Games are on Saturday, 30 August and Sunday 31 August at Canmore's Centennial Park. The Society is looking for members who are willing to volunteer for two hours to 'mind the tent' giving out Society information promoting the Society's programs during these events.



We plan to have a full display of St. Andrew and Calgary tartan items for sale, plus a good spot to sit down and get out of the sun. Please contact Robert Henderson at robthenderson@yahoo.com or 403-245-5514 if you are available to help.

Cranachan

This is a popular Scottish dessert and there are many variations and names such as Cream Crowdie.

Cranachan

Ingredients:

3 oz (half cup) pinhead or coarse oatmeal

Half pint double cream

1 tablespoon Drambuie (optional)

Method:

Toast the oatmeal in a frying pan on a high heat until lightly brown. Whisk the cream into a soft consistency and mix in the oatmeal and Drambuie (alternatively, use a few drops vanilla essence or other flavouring of your choice). Serve in tall glasses. A popular variation is to mix in 6oz (one and a half cups) of fresh raspberries. Or use vanilla ice cream instead of cream. *Thanks to Rampant Scotland*

GOLF TOURNAMENT 2025

The Golf Committee is in the process of putting together the Society's golf outing for members and their friends, set tentatively for 17 August at the Tooth of the Dogpound rural course. Registration includes: green fees, golf cart (shared), prizes, Bar-b-que dinner and great company. This is a Society sponsored event. Andrew has sent out a survey requesting member input and watch the Society website for confirmation of the date, place and registration form or contact Andrew Joo at andrewjoo@msn.com



Calgary Tartan Sales £15,000 For Oldest Whis-

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 metre)

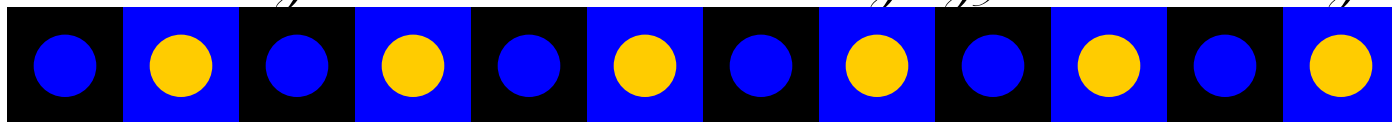
Calgary Tartan 11 oz double wide. \$55 *\$70*

& Calgary Tartan Kilt weight double wide \$60 *\$77*

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.

A bottle of whisky, which experts believe is the oldest in existence, was sold at auction in 2006 for £14,850. The unusually small bottle of "Glenavon Special Liqueur Whisky" is believed to have been bottled between 1851 and when the distillery ceased operation, at the Glenavon Distillery in Ballindalloch, Banffshire. The bottle contains only 14 fluid ounces (about 400ml compared to the more usual 700ml of today). Glenavon stopped operating in 1858 prior to a consolidation on a site not far away, which later became the present Glenlivet Distillery. There were bids from as far away as the Far East and the US and it eventually went to an anonymous bidder.

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The Wee White Ball

In my hand I hold a ball, white, dimpled and rather small. Oh how bland it does appear this harmless looking little sphere?

By its size I could not guess, the awesome strength it does possess. But since I fell beneath its spell, I've wandered through the fires of hell.

My life has not been quite the same, since I chose to play this game. It rules my mind for hours on end, a fortune it has made me spend.

It has made me curse and cry. I hate myself and want to die. It promises a thing called par. If I can hit it straight and far.

To master such a tiny ball should not be very hard at all. But my desires the ball refuses and does exactly as it chooses.

It hooks and slices, dribbles and dies, or disappears before my eyes. Often it will have a whim to hit a tree or have a swim.

With miles of grass on which to land, it finds a tiny patch of sand. Then it has me offering up my soul, if only it would find the hole.

It's made me whimper like a pup and swear that I will give it up. And take to drink to ease my sorrows, but the wee ball knows . . . I'll be back tomorrow!

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.

Members should consider renewing for several years to avoid missing any activities or events.

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