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The St. Andrew-Caledonian Society of Calgary

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## 2025 BUDGET MEETING

Join us for our Annual Budget Meeting and Social on Saturday, September 20 at the Capitol Hill Community Centre, 1531 - 21 Ave NW. Members can gather at 3:00pm to renew old acquaintances and the Bar-B-Que starts at 4:30pm 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](mailto: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 4:00pm. Members will be presented:

1. the 2024 Budget Meeting minutes,
2. two Proposed Society Budgets for 2025—one regular and one that will include the purchase of a building, and,
3. A motion to close the Highland Dance Special Group.

This meeting is free to all members. At 5:30pm 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*

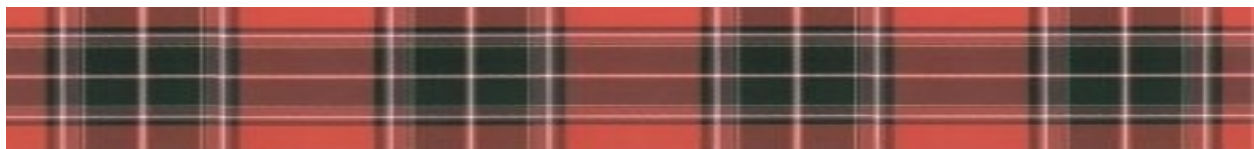


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## SOCIETY ACTIVITIES

The Bagpipe Orientation will be held Saturday, 23 August 9:00am, at Bow River Brewery for those wanting to learn the pipes. Interested members, or their friends, can get further details from Robert Henderson, at [roberthenderson@yahoo.com](mailto:roberthenderson@yahoo.com) or (403) 245-5514.

Gaelic Language classes will commence on 9 September at Northmount Baptist Church. Contact Adam Dahmer at 587-998-8502 for more information.

Scottish Country Dancing classes will also commence on 9 September at Northmount Baptist Church. Any persons interested in learning or attending should contact Ann Vanderwal at [Annvanderwal@shaw.ca](mailto: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:

# ST ANDREW'S BALL 2025

This year will mark the 150th anniversary of the founding of Fort Calgary. The Society's St. Andrew's Ball will be held on Saturday, 22 November 2025 in the Main Hall at the Polish Canadian Cultural Centre, 3015—15th Street NE. 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 including piping, singing and dancing. 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 16 November to be ready for the event. Please contact Ann Vanderwal at Annvanderwal@shaw.ca for reserved table seating requests. Dinner will be followed by the traditional toasts and any

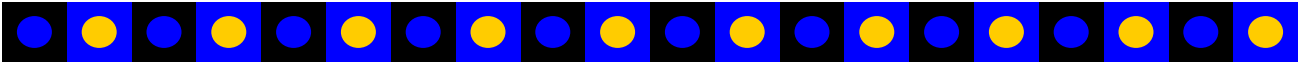


Ball walk through classes, conducted by Ann Vanderwal for dancers with basic Scottish Country skills will be held Tuesdays (Oct 21 & 28, Nov 4, & 18) at 7:00 pm at the Northmount Baptist Church Fellowship Hall (451 Northmount Drive NW). Tickets are \$65 for members and \$80 for non-members, and along with the dance program notes, are available on the Society's website [www.standrewcaledonian.ca](http://www.standrewcaledonian.ca) or from Christin Lungren 403-616-7169, Cathy Turnbull [cturn1@telus.net](mailto:cturn1@telus.net), Debby Henderson 403-852-4242 or [debbyhenderson@yahoo.ca](mailto:debbyhenderson@yahoo.ca); and, Ann Vanderwal, 403-912-8086 or [Annvanderwal@shaw.ca](mailto:Annvanderwal@shaw.ca). This event began in 1884, so come out to enjoy the City's oldest cultural function.



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 will conclude with the company singing 'Auld Lang Syne'. The St. Andrew's Ball will feature the Scottish Country Dance program with walk through easy dances to begin: Jamie's Jig, Virginia Reel, Bonnie Wee Glen, The Avon Reel, Dashing White Sergeant; then moving to more advanced dances with: The Last of the Lairds, The Whistling Wind, Friendships, Neil M Grant, Catch the Wind, MacDonald of Keppoch, Links with St. Petersburg, and The Highland Rambler.





# Annual General Meeting

The Society gathered for our 141st Annual General Meeting on Saturday, 28 June 2025 at Capitol Hill Community Hall. The weather was fine and twenty-four members were present. In keeping with the good weather, the members choose to have a good blether and the field events were forgotten. The assembled members accepted the 2024 AGM minutes, annual report and financial statements. The Board's actions for 2024 were ratified and the members approved the Slate of: Ann Marie Aase, Margot Aftergood, Andrew Auchterlonie, Robert Earl, Robert Henderson and Ian Lewis, as directors. Volunteer auditors came forward and membership dues were unchanged. This was followed by announcements and the meeting was concluded in sixteen minutes. The Barbie followed the meeting and was appreciated by all particularly the haggis burgers. The Scottish Country dance that followed was greatly enjoyed with a good selection of dances and one set plus spares up on the dance floor. Thank you to: Andrew Joo, Scott McKenzie, Robert Earl and especially Ann Vanderwal and all those who helped make the day special.



# Golf Tournament 2025

Nineteen members gathered on 17 August at Tooth of the Dogpound Golf Course for a good walk, 18 holes of triumph or disappointment followed by dinner and the awarding of prizes. The day was great for weather and the course was in excellent shape. The best low score team - Andrew Auchterloine, Bruce Fedirchuk, Geoffrey Gibson, Zachary Gibson, Longest Drive Advanced - Aidan Stevens; Longest Drive Intermediate - Henry Stevens; Longest Drive Beginner - Andrew Auchterlonie; Closest-To-The-Pin -Zachary Gibson; Longest Putt - Duncan McKenzie; Closest to the Barber Pole - Scott McKenzie, and; Door Prize - Scott



McKenzie, Henry Stevens & Simran Thakur. The Lost Ball Team -Cathy Turnbull, Marilyn Clare, Ann Longair, Kelly Fischer. 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. It was a fine opportunity to get together and play golf that was much enjoyed by those who were there. See you all next year. *Andrew Joo*

## 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 Cummerbund \$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](http://www.standrewcaledonian.ca) We are also looking for an assistant sales director to help with new orders and shipping.

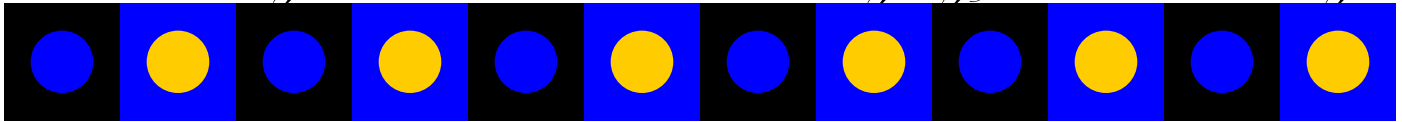
## Society Casino 2026

The Society's next casino will be Monday, 28 December & Tuesday 29 December 2026 at the Ace Airport Casino, 40 Aero Crescent NE,. Their website is: [www.acecasinos.ca](http://www.acecasinos.ca) and they are located off Deerfoot Trail & Airport Trail just off Aero Drive NE between the Clique Hotel and Westin Hotel. There is great parking at the front door and the food is tremendous. 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.

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## Scottish Registry

The Book of Scottish Connections is a public record for people all over the world, who have a Scottish connection. It lets you record an event in our Book that you registered abroad. You can record: births, deaths, marriages & civil partnerships .A commemorative copy of the record (and the Scottish connection) will be preserved as a part of the family history records held by National Records of Scotland. An entry can be recorded in the Book if the event occurred outside Scotland, and either: one of their parents or maternal/paternal grandparents were born in Scotland, or you were normally residing in Scotland at the time the event took place. Each application must be accompanied by: a copy of the relevant birth, death, marriage or civil partnership certificate, and a translation into English of the information contained in that certificate (if applicable).

The fee for applying to record an entry is £40. This also includes provision of a certificate. The fee for an additional copy of the certificate is £15.

For full details, go to: [www.nrscotland.gov.uk/registration/book-of-scottish-connections](http://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/registration/book-of-scottish-connections)

## 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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