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The St. Andrew-Caledonian Society of Calgary

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2026

The Society's 142nd Annual General Meeting will be held Saturday, 6 June 2026 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 2025 AGM minutes,
2. the Annual Report for 2025,
3. the audited financial statements of 2025,
4. ratification of the 2025 Board actions,
5. presentation of the Slate of Directors for the Board,
6. membership dues, and,
7. 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.

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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GOLF TOURNAMENT 2026

The Golf Committee is in the process of putting together the Society's 28th Annual Golf Tournament for members and their friends, set tentatively for Sunday August 16, 2026 at the Tooth of the Dogpound Creek Golf



Course. Registration includes: green fees, golf cart (shared), practice range, prizes, Bar-b-que dinner and great company. This is a Society sponsored event, so do watch the Society website for confirmation

of the date, place and registration form or contact Andrew Joo at andrewjoo@msn.com.



Calgary Games Report

A new group of interested persons is reviving the Calgary Games and they are currently awaiting final confirmation of their corporate status. Once this is approved, they will proceed with the formal call for membership. They are meeting with key representatives at Spruce Meadows to develop a memorandum of understanding and define the terms of a longer-term partnership. Their initial event is planned for July 4 where available pipe bands will be invited to participate in a halftime performance at the North American Tournament. This inaugural event will be presented as a Celtic Festival, more social in nature, serving as a public re-introduction of the Calgary Games. Subject to the success of their initial collaboration with Spruce Meadows, they are considering staging the first Calgary Highland Games in early August. At present, we have not yet determined whether this will proceed in 2026 or 2027.

Highland Games Tent Minding

The highland games' season will be slightly different this year with the Calgary Games Festival on 4 July at Spruce Meadows, the possibility of regular Calgary Games in August and the traditional Canmore Games on Labour Day - Saturday 5 September and Sunday 6 September 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 robhthenderson@yahoo.com or 403-245-5514 if you are available to help.



Strathbogie Mist

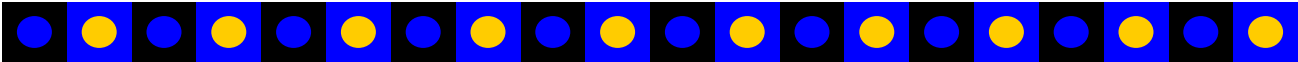
(from Rampant Scotland)

Ingredients:

Medium tin of pears
 Half pint double cream (whipping cream)
 5 tablespoons (75ml/3 fluid ounces) ginger wine
 Juice of half a lemon
 Grated rind of half a lemon
 2oz/60g/quarter cup caster sugar (fine granulated sugar)
(Crabbies Ginger Wine is recommended)

Method:

Lightly mash the pears and place in the foot of four individual dessert glasses. Mix together the sugar, lemon juice, lemon rind and ginger wine until all the sugar has dissolved. Mix with the double cream and whip lightly. Pile the cream on top of the pears and serve chilled.



BURNS NIGHT 2026

The Society celebrated Robbie Burns on Saturday, 31 January at the Polish Canadian Cultural Centre. The Main' Hall was filled with 128 members and guests and began with a selection of music from the Society Piping Group which was followed by the Society's Caledonian Singers with a medley of Scottish favourites. Andrew Joo brought in the haggis, with escort Rob Earl, while Andrew Auchterlonie presented the Address to the Haggis, and then the buffet dinner commenced. The dinner consisted of two salads, beef and/or chicken, haggis, potatoes, rice, grilled mixed vegetables, broccoli in cheese sauce and Peach Melba. Food preferences and allergies were accommodated and they assembled company very much enjoyed the dinner. The Immortal Memory was presented by Robert Henderson, the Toast to the lassies by Jamie Matheson and the Reply by Kim Retallick. Ann Vanderwal led the company through the dance program to the wonderful music of Scott Duncan and Robyn Albright. The Society would like to thank Ann Vanderwal for conducting the dance classes and program, and arranging the table settings, and Dhanya Baird for the excellent table decorations. It was a tremendous evening thanks to work of many Society members.



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Cèilidh Dancing with the St. Andrew-Caledonian Society

The Society's Spring 2026 Cèilidh, took place the evening of Saturday, the 14th of March, at the Capitol Hill Community Hall. This particular cèilidh was Saint Patrick's Day-themed and around twenty five people attended. The dances, called by Drs Dhanya Baird and Adam Dahmer, themselves were too numerous to restate here, but standouts included 'The Riverside Jig', 'The Dashing White Sergeant', and 'The Orcadian Strip-the-Willow'. The singing at the intermissions featured both Scottish and Irish selections. Highlights included 'Loch Lomond', 'Wild Mountain Thyme', and 'Whisk(e)y in the Jar'. The dancing concluded at 9.45 pm with a circle dance accompanied by the singing of 'Auld Lang Syne'. The Society thanks Robert Earl, barman, who kept everyone well refreshed between sets; and both Robert and Zoe Jenkins for piping in the grand march! The Society aims to host at least three cèilidh dances per calendar. The next cèilidh is tentatively slated for late May or early June of this year. If you or anyone you know would like to take part, keep a weather eye on the Society's website, and feel free to reach out by email to atdahm01@gmail.com.



Calgary Tartan Sales

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

Calgary Tartan Note Cards: \$5

Calgary Tartan/Society coffee mugs \$15

Ladies Sash \$75 *\$80*

Mini Rosette Sash \$25 *\$30*

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

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*

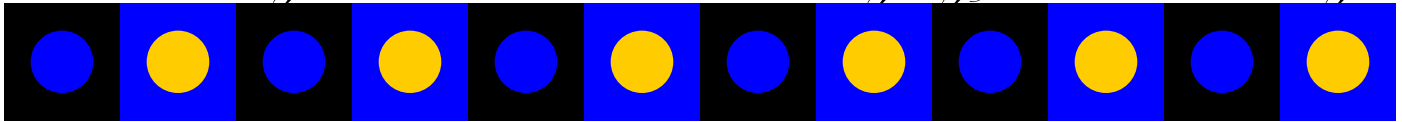
Watch the Society website Merchandise tab at www.standrewcaledonian.ca We are also looking for an assistant sales director to help with new orders and shipping.

Board Member Opportunities

The Society's Slate for the upcoming Annual General Meeting has one opening for a Sales Director. The Board of Directors is looking for a member 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. The Board appreciates your consideration..

Andrew Joo

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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 and they are located near 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 a general manager/alternate general

manager, night shift chip runners, a Count room supervisor 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.

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

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