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GOLF TOURNAMENT 2026



The Golf Committee has set the Society's 28th Annual Golf Tournament for members and their friends, for Sunday August 16, 2026 at the Tooth of the Dog-pound Creek Golf Course. Food costs are up, so registration will be slightly higher with member at \$105 and non-members at \$120 which includes: green fees, golf cart (shared), practice range, prizes, Bar-b-que dinner, Society membership and great company. Non players who prefer to have dinner are \$30. 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.



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June Ceilidh

We are happy to report that the summer cèilidh dance of the St. Andrew-Caledonian Society of Calgary will take place the 20th of June at the Crescent Heights Community Centre in Calgary, from 6.30pm to 10pm!

Admission is \$10 for Society members and \$25 for non-members. The non-member price includes the purchase of a Society membership.

A cash bar offering beer, wine, and whisky will serve from 6.30pm, with last call at 9.30; and a buffet of light refreshments (cookies, chips, fruit, water, etc) will be accessible to all comers throughout the event for



the price of admission.

All dances will be taught and walked before dancing, and called while danced, so no prior experience is necessary. Feel free to come solo, or with a friend or friends (most of the dancing will be partner dancing, but, if you come alone, you can easily find a partner for each dance).

Doors will open at 6.30, and the first dance will start at 7pm and the address is:

1101 2 St NW, Calgary AB T2M 2V7
For more information, contact Dr. Adam Dahmer at atdahm01@gmail.com

Calgary Games Report



Highland Games are one of Western Canada’s oldest cultural gatherings consisting of iconic celebration of music, dance, athleticism, and Scottish heritage. After a decade of disruption and uncertainty, a new and experienced organizing body called The Calgary Games Society, is now ready to restore the Games with integrity, professionalism, and long-term financial sustainability.

Our inaugural event in partnership with Spruce Meadows, will happen on July 4th and 5th. It will be promoting a two-day Celtic Festival and Tattoo. This event includes demonstrations of Piping, Drumming, and Highland Dance. Also participating are Clans and Societies as well as various Celtic Musicians. The purpose of this event is to promote our future intentions and highlight what to expect at the Celtic Festival and Highland Games in the summer of 2027.



Leading up to next summer the Society will be planning a fundraising Ceilidh in the fall as well as an Online Silent Auction. So, as you can see, we are heading into this summer with all gun’s blazing...!!



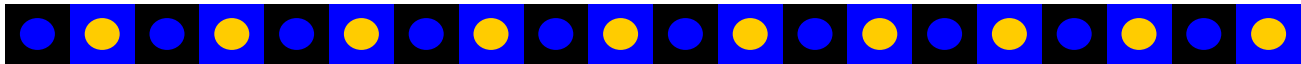
Highland Games Tent Minding

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





Society Classes for Fall 2026

GAELIC - Gaelic Language classes for this semester have been completed. The fall semester will held Tuesday evenings at Northmount Baptist Church commencing on September 15th. Grammar and reading classes begin at 5:30 and the conversation class starts at 6:15. Contact Adam Dahmer at 587-998-8502 for more information.

SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING - Scottish Country Dancing classes have also finished for the summer. Classes will restart on September 15th and run every Tuesday evening at Northmount Baptist Church. Anyone interested in learning or attending should contact Ann Vanderwal at Annvanderwal@shaw.ca 403-968-7866.

GAELIC CHOIR - The Caledonian Choir meets 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.

PIPING - The Society's Pipe Band is always looking for new pipers. If you are a piper and want to play in a band, we have openings available. The band meets every Saturday, 9:00 am at Bow River Brewery, inside the Tap Room, #110, 5769 - 4th Street SE.

DRUMMING - The Practices for The Society's drummers will take place every Saturday, 10:30 at Bow River Brewery, inside the Tap room, #110, 5769 – 4th Street SE. We are still accepting names from people who may be interested. All skills and abilities are welcome, please contact Rob Earl at robartmaker@gmail.com .

How Tough Are the Scots?

The following comparisons of the attitude of the Scots to different levels of temperature, compared with those in some other parts of the world, has been circulating on the Net.

40 degrees - Californians shiver uncontrollably. People in Scotland sunbathe.

35 degrees - Italian cars won't start. People in Scotland drive with the windows down.

20 degrees - Floridians wear coats, gloves, and wool hats. People in Scotland throw on a T-shirt.

15 degrees - Californians begin to evacuate the state. People in Scotland go swimming in the sea.

0 degrees - New York landlords turn the heat on. People in Scotland have a last barbecue before it gets cold.

-10 degrees - People in Miami are extinct. People in Scotland lick flagpoles instead of ice lollipops.

-20 degrees - Californians all now live in Mexico. People in Scotland throw on a light jacket.

-80 degrees - Polar bears begin to evacuate the Arctic. Scottish Boy Scouts postpone winter survival exercise until it gets cold enough.

-100 degrees - Santa Claus abandons the North Pole. People in Scotland wear a vest and put something on under their kilts.

-173 degrees - Ethyl alcohol freezes. People in Scotland are angry 'cos they can't thaw their whisky bottles.

-297 degrees - Microbial life starts to grind to a halt. Scottish cows complain of farmers with cold hands.

-460 degrees - ALL atomic motion stops. People in Scotland start saying "Aye it's a bit cooler today... eh?"

-500 degrees - Hell freezes over. Scottish people support England in the World Cup



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*

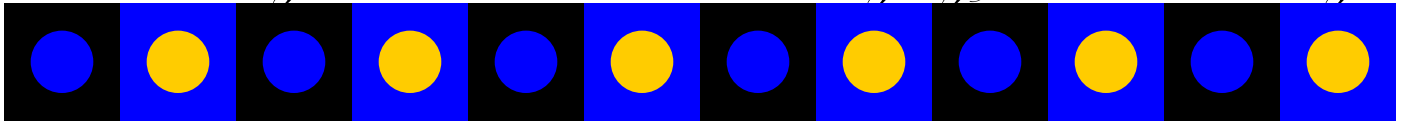
& Calgary Tartan Kilt weight double wide \$60 *\$77*

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.

Carstairs Heritage Festival

The Carstairs Heritage Festival was held on Saturday, 30 May in Carstairs Memorial Park. The weather was rough but the tents were set up by clan societies, vendors, and craft artisans, as well as food trucks. The curling rink was used to showcase Scottish talent with highland dancers and our own Caledonian Singers performing for the audience. Other vendors were also there with a good selection of food opportunities. The Parade of Kilts marched the streets around the park composed of Scottish displays and eight pipe bands. In the centre of the park, pipe bands performed for the spectators including our own Society Pipes and Drums—their first public outing, for most of the afternoon. Heavy events were displayed, and some even tried them out, in the sports field beside the park. The day concluded with the Massed Pipes and Drums and words of thanks.

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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 are looking for night shift chip runners, and count room staff plus back-up members to help out if someone cannot make their shift. 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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