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The St. Andrew-Caledonian Society of Calgary

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2026 Budget Meeting

Join us for our Annual Budget Meeting and Social on Saturday, September 19 at the Capitol Hill Community Centre, 1531 - 21 Ave NW. Members can gather at 3:00pm to renew old acquaintances.

The **Budget Meeting** will begin at 4:00pm. Members will presented:

1. the 2025 Budget Meeting minutes,
2. Proposed Society Budgets for 2027 (one regular and one that will include the purchase of a building),

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, 403-968-7866. Compostable bags will be available to take used dishes home as we will not be washing dishes or containers.

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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St Andrew's Ball 2026

The Society's St. Andrew's Ball will be held on Saturday, 21 November 2026 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 demonstrations 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 15 November to be ready for the event. The Ball follows dinner and will consist of: The Riverside, Flowers of Dunbeg, MacDonald of the Isles, A Dance for Maisondieu, The White Cockade, The Haar on Skye, Marion's Fancy, Flowers of Edinburgh, A Wee Nothin', Sleepy Maggie, Neidpath Castle, Cutty Sark, Trip to Timber Ridge, Jean Martin of Aberdeen, The Yorkshire Rose, and Mairi's Wedding with the Scott Duncan Group providing the music. Tickets are \$65 for members and \$80 for non-members. Please contact Ann Vanderwal at Annvanderwal@shaw.ca for reserved table seating requests.



Calgary Games Report



The newly formed Calgary Games Society held a Scottish Festival at Spruce Meadows on 4 & 5 July to announce to Calgarians that the Calgary Highland Games were on their way back. The Festival featured two stages with Celtic cultural performances by singers, highland dancers, harpists, the Calgary Burns Choir and the Societies Caledonian Singers. The afternoon featured a



pipe band display in the centre field with six pipe band from Calgary and area. Many clans were present with their tents and the Society was there with out tents and displays and met a good number of current members and some new ones as well. The Calgary Games Society has plans for future events including a full highland games and is looking for persons interested in getting to work and making the highland games an event all can enjoy.

The Mayor

The Society has enjoyed support from Calgary City Hall since City Council adopted the Calgary Tartan in 2003 and the current Mayor, Jeromy Farkas, has been quite enthusiastic about wearing his Calgary Tartan tie which the Society presented to him when he became an Alderman. The Tie has gone on to have its own website and has elevated the popularity of the Calgary Tartan. Director Margot Aftergood has had the idea of producing western style shirts using the Calgary Tartan on the shoulders for several years and Margot put together two prototypes, one in black and one in white, to present to the Mayor at the end of June. The presentation was done on the 30th in the Mayor's Office, and he was so thrilled by the shirt that he immediately put on the black one and went back to Council Chambers for the after noon session in this new attire. The Society has plans to have the shirts for sale by the end of the year. Watch the website for further details.

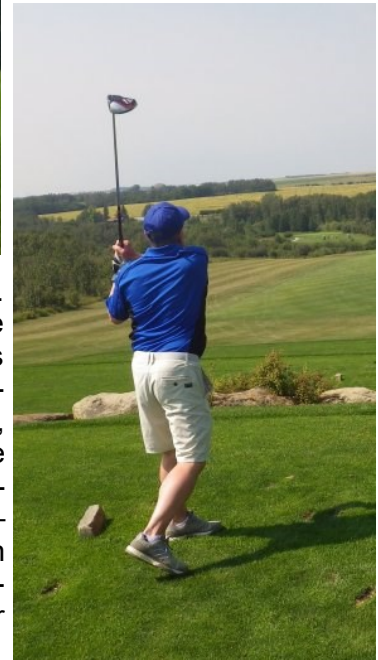


GOLF TOURNAMENT 2026



On Sunday, 16 August, the day was sunny, the course was in fantastic condition, and 23 Society members met to share

a wonderful day pursuing small white balls across the countryside. Tooth of the Dog Golf Course was green and new renovations in the clubhouse made it first class. At the end of the day, After the days exercise, members gathered for dinner and to distribute the accolades of the day's efforts. Team Low net (net= 72 Scott McKenzie, Duncan McKenzie, Ian Binmore, & Bruce Fedirchuk; Longest Drive Beginner—Jayden Aase; Longest Drive Intermediate -Zachary Gibson; Longest Drive Advanced—Scott McKenzie; Open Draw #1—Geoff Gibson; Open Draw #2—Bjorn Johnson; Longest Putt— Ann Marie Aase. The members thoroughly enjoyed the day and look forward to next year's tournament. With many thanks to Andrew Joo for organizing the event.



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.

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*

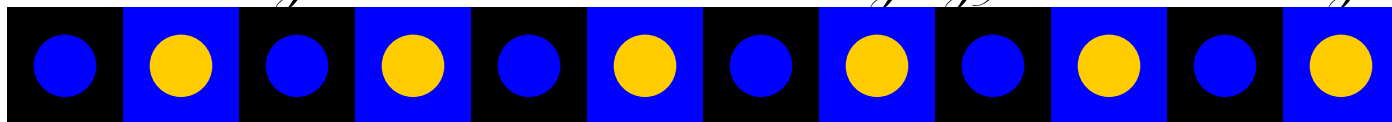
& Calgary Tartan Kilt weight double wide \$60 *\$77*

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.

ALBANY TRUST

In October 2007, the members of the Society adopted the Facility Concepts resolution. The purpose of the Albany Trust is to build a fund through contributions from community-minded persons that would then purchase a facility to be used as a Scottish Cultural Centre. After the purchase of a suitable facility, the Trust would lease the facility to The St. Andrew-Caledonian Society of Calgary to operate the Centre. The Society would then apply for matching grants to purchase the facility from the Trust and once that transaction is completed, the contributors to the Trust would be fully reimbursed for their efforts. Interested persons may contact Robert Henderson at roberthenderson@yahoo.com or (403) 245-5514.

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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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