



Tundra Thistle

The Newsletter of the Alaskan Scottish Club

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Coming Events:

Celtic Spring Festival

Club Swap Meet

The 2019 Celtic Spring Festival will be on April 20th at the Anchorage Senior Activities Center. The Scottish Club is renting two booth spaces in the vendor area this year, and part of that space will be for a "swap meet." Any club member who has Scottish things to sell, such as kilts, sashes, gillies, etc, is welcome to come display and sell your items at no cost as part of this event.

It will be the item owner's responsibility to be there to sell the item, no drop offs, please. Of course, you can get together with other members to figure out who's going to man the space and haggle over your prices!

Note on Swap Meet

You need to be a current member to sell items at the Club booth. Not sure if your membership is current? Call Joan Massart-Paden, President and membership coordinator, to find out (229-0022)! You can pay your dues on line at www.alaskascottish.org.

Classes and Craft Fair Vendors

Class brochures will be sent to members in early March, and you will be able to sign up on eventbrite or by mail starting March 10th. Check www.akcelts.org for updates.

Vendors: Would you like to be a vendor at the event? Contact Marie at maries@mtaonline.net.

Annual Meeting Report

Twenty-eight voting members turned out for this year's annual meeting. Various board members reported on club events and activities, and club members were able to ask questions about what the club is currently doing.

Ron Norris, treasurer, presented the financial report, showing the club is in good financial standing at this time.

The scholarship committee reported that two scholarships were awarded in 2018, and encourages members to check out the scholarship form and standards at the club website, www.alaskascottish.org.

The only vote taken was for the five board slots that were open this year. Four members were reelected: Joan Massart-Paden, Lisa Caress-Beu, Ron Norris and Jeni McDaniel. One new member was added, Amberlee Wright. Officers will be elected at the next board meeting on March 18th.

The Irish Club of Alaska and Arctic Siren Productions
Present

An Afternoon in Ireland

Featuring
Dawn Berg
Crooked Road
The Derry Aires
Irish Dance Academy
of Alaska
Northern Lights
Celtic Dancers
Rebecca Wolverton
and Karl Wilhelmi

March 17th, 2019 4 PM
La Potato 3300 Spenard Rd
Suggested Donation \$10 per person/ \$25 per family

The Irish Club of Alaska and Arctic Siren Productions will present "An Afternoon in Ireland" on March 17th at 4 PM at La Potato 3300 Spenard Road.

The show will feature many of the finest Irish musicians and dancers in Anchorage, including Dawn Berg, Crooked Road, The Derry Aires, The Irish Dance Academy of Alaska, The Northern Lights Celtic Dancers and Rebecca Wolverton with Karl Wilhelmi.

We find the pairing of La Potato and "An Afternoon in Ireland" to be particularly apt given the long love affair between the Irish and their potatoes.

Suggested donation is \$10 per person or \$25 per family.

For more information on the show call 245-7311.

Congratulations Christina and Alex!

Our newest club member, Oliver Lloyd Ivan McCoskey was born on 01/29/19 to Christina (Johnson) and Alex McCoskey.

Recipe of the Month

Former club member (and former Club President) Chris Chisholm has obtained permission for me to share recipes from the Dyke Primary School cookbook, *Dykes Delights*. Dyke Primary School is the school that Chris attended as a boy in Scotland. Many of the recipes are from Mrs Matthews, the school cook, and others are from families of the students. I'll be selecting seasonal recipes from the book through the year to share here.

I enjoy this one, as it's a great way to use up leftover mashed potatoes.

TATTIESCONES

Ingredients:

8 oz mashed tatties, cold

2 oz plain flour

½ oz butter

Pinch of salt

Method:

1. Add the butter to the mash, stir in the flour and season to taste.
2. Roll out the dough on a lightly floured surface to about 5mm thick, then cut to shape.
3. Dust lightly with flour.
4. Heat oil or butter in a large heavy-based frying pan over a medium to high heat and fry until golden, 3 to 5 minutes.
5. Cut into triangles and serve immediately.
6. You can add any other ingredients to this recipe: bacon and leek make a great addition.
7. Enjoy!



The 38th Annual Alaska Scottish Highland Games

June 29, 2019

The Planning for the 2019 Games is underway! This year, we will be switching our meeting days between Wed and Thurs so that the schedule will work for more volunteers. **All meetings are at 6:15 pm at the Benchmark Construction Headquarters at 2903 Tanglewood Drive in Anchorage.**

Call in number: 602-359-4893.

Mark your Calendar for future ASHG Planning meetings:

3/6/2019 Wednesday	3/21/2019 Thursday
4/3/2019 Wednesday	4/18/2019 Thursday
5/1/2019 Wednesday	5/16/2019 Thursday
5/22/2019 Wednesday	5/30/2019 Thursday
6/5/2019 Wednesday	6/13/2019 Thursday
6/19/2019 Wednesday	6/27/2019 Thursday

There is plenty of work to be done and we can always find something for you to do. If you are interested in helping on the Games Planning Committee, please contact Jeni at ashgcoordinator@gmail.com or 602-359-4893

We have a great team so far on the planning committee, but there are still a few key positions left to fill. These are:

Entertainment Lead will make sure our entertainers (both local and visiting) are where they need to be and have everything they need during the weekend of the games. This involves coordination with the committee on hotel rooms, travel, and scheduling for the day of the Games. Attendance in person or by telephone in the Games meetings will be necessary during the meetings where travel and scheduling are discussed. On Games day, you will be on call to help out with any issues that may arise.

Merchandise Lead will manage the merchandise booth the day of the games and be responsible for inventorying merchandise before the day of the games. Ordering of merchandise will already have been done and it will be delivered to the field. The merchandise booth lead's job is primarily on the Friday before the games: setting out the merchandise and preparing the displays, supervising sales on Saturday (volunteers will be provided to man the booth), and packing up unsold merchandise Saturday evening to be taken back to town. You should be comfortable handling money, although the Games treasurer will provide the bank, change, a double count of the ending cash, and deposit of cash to the bank on Saturday. You need to be comfortable using a credit card reader, which will be set up for you prior to Games day.

Vendor Lead will manage the Vendors for the games. You will work with the vendors beforehand with the registration process, contacting vendors from the past and looking for new vendors. You will need to be in attendance on set-up day to check in and direct Vendors to their location.

Tundra Thistle Reporter will work with the Games coordinator to create articles that will be published in the Tundra Thistle to keep the ASC membership up to date on the latest news from the planning committee and the 2018 Games. Since you will be working with the Games Coordinator, you will not have to attend every meeting, but will need to write articles every month by the 25th.

February Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting held February 18, 6:00 pm at the Petroleum Club of Anchorage

Attendance: Joan Massart-Paden, Jeni McDaniel, Lisa Caress-Beu, Cathy Steen, Ron Norris, Meg Voss, Rod Finkle by phone.

Absent: Becky Bartles, Christina Johnson

Call to order: 6:01pm

Approval of the Minutes Lisa moved to approve the minutes, Rod seconded the motion. Minutes were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's report: Ron Norris presented the treasurers report. There are still some adjustments to the financials due to the St. Andrews and Burn's Night events. Ron will adjust the financial reports before the Annual General Meeting on February 24th. Rod moved that the treasurer's report be approved, Jeni seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Annual General Membership Meeting: February 24, 2019, 2pm -4pm at the Moose Lodge. Meg and Lisa will take care of the tea and refreshments. Members are encouraged to attend as there are five Board positions up for re-election.

Membership: We are currently at 60 members! The new membership form for 2019 is on the website and hopefully members that have not renewed their memberships will do so. We will have membership forms at the Annual General Meeting on Sunday, February 24th.

Alaska Highland Games: Jeni presented. The Committee is meeting again and planning this year's event. There is still a need for volunteers! The Spring Throwing Clinic is attracting some of the athletes that have competed in the past and are looking to improve their techniques. Cathy has obtained a Bank of America Alaska Airlines credit card for the club. This is a secured account card and \$15,000.00 has been transferred to that account. This card must be paid off every month. This will allow the club to build a mileage bank and use those miles to help with travel expenses for judges and professional athletes.

Thistle: It should be out on March 1, 2019. All information for the Thistle should be submitted by February 25th. Cathy will continue to publish events of the Alaska Scottish Club as well as the other Celtic organizations in Alaska.

Website: Ron Norris would like more event photos for the website. Jeni has promised to send him more ASHG photos. Forms have been updated with 2019 dates.

Scholarship Committee: Meg and Lisa are the co-chairs of this committee. The committee would like to see more scholarships given this year. Jeni and Joan received scholarships to attend the Association of Scottish Games and Festivals Conference last November and were pleased with the helpful information provided there.

St. Andrew's Night: Scheduled for November 30, 2019 at the PCA.

Burn's Night: Cathy and Rod are the co-chairs for this event. There were mixed reviews reported on the event's location (Petroleum Club of Anchorage). John Lewis and his wife Vickie were wonderful additions to the evening! Other options for venues will be explored. Meg joined the committee.

Old Business:

Cathy asked the Board to meet on March 9th to organize the things in the storage locker and get things that could be sold at the Celtic Spring Festival Swap Meet.

Several Board members will help that day. Celtic Spring Festival is April 20th at the Anchorage Senior Center.

Next Meeting: March 18, 2019 at 6pm at the PCA.

Adjournment: Jeni moved to adjourn the meeting, Meg seconded. Meeting adjourned at 6:57 pm.

Correction:

Last issue stated that the Beginner Irish Step Dance class will be taught by the Arish Dance Academy of Alaska. It will actually be taught by Colleen Oelefein of the Alaska Treble Makers, the Irish dance school in the Matsu valley.

Events with other Celtic Groups in Anchorage

Irish Dance Academy

We are delighted to announce that we will offer a six week beginner session in the spring.

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Saturday April 30th
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38th Annual Alaska Scottish Highland Games

June 29, 2019

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VIP Access Passes		2	4	6	8	10	12	12
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(Children above the age of 5 years old will be charged as an adult in the VIP Tent)

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Alaska Celtic Pipes & Drums Every Friday 5 pm & 7 pm Eagle River Presbyterian Church www.alaskacelticpipesdrums.org	Anchorage Scottish Pipe Band Meets on Monday from 6:00 – 8:00 Lutheran Church of Hope, 1847 W. Northern Lights Find us on Facebook
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Club Calendar

Alaska Scottish Club Board Meeting

March 186:00 p.m.
Petroleum Club of Anchorage

Afternoon in Ireland

March 17, 2019 4 p.m.
La Potato 3300 Spenard Road

Celtic Spring Festival

April 20, 2019 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Anchorage Senior Activity Center

Highland Games Trio Competition

Loussac Library
June 28, 2019

Highland Games Piobaireachd Competition

Loussac Library Assembly Chambers
June 28, 2019

2019 Alaska Scottish Highland Games

Alaska State Fairgrounds
June 29, 2019

NOTE: Thistle information gratefully received at all times. However, to make the monthly deadline, please submit by the 25th. Send to Cathy at csteen@gci.net.

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