

Tundra Thistle

The Newsletter of the Alaskan Scottish Club

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Coming Events:

2019 Games Design



It's here! We are so excited to share with you the 2019 Alaska Scottish Highland Games design! Thank you Pam Clifton for another fabulous work of art! Who is excited for June 29th?

Celebrate May Day the Celtic Way: Beltane Rituals

By Natalie Novik

Beltane (also spelled Beltain or Beltuyn) is the celebration of spring, a rejoicing in the quickening and blossoming of the land. Celebrated the night of April 30th and the morning of May 1st, the tradition at Beltane is to walk people and cattle between two fires for purification purposes, before dancing around the fires.

Another important aspect of Beltane is greenery, so decorate your home with flowers or plant seeds to create blossoms and food later in the year. And finally, make and share some Beltane bannock (recipe on page 2), a simple bread made with oats or barley, and served with butter. If you feel like dressing up for Beltane, pastels, yellow, white and green are the preferred colors, and you can adorn your head with wreaths and gold or yellow flowers.

Tickets and Registrations now Available:

Skip the Lines: Buy Your Games Tickets Now

Save \$2.00 on adult tickets by buying in advance, they are \$13 in advance and \$15 at the gate.

Other tickets are the same price whether in advance or at the gate. There tickets are: Military and Seniors (55+) \$13 and Children (5-17) \$5. Children under 5 are free.

We are once again offering a Family Pack of Tickets which includes 2 adult and 2 children tickets along with a coupon book for some of the Vendors at the games. This special pack is available only in Advance and will not be available at the gate.

Tickets at https://ashqtickets.eventbrite.com.

There will also be locations and events where you can buy tickets in person. We will have an updated list in next month's Tundra Thistle. You can also keep up to date with locations at www.facebook.com/alaskashg.

Paid Gate Positions Open

Three openings are available for the ticket sales gate crew. This is an opportunity to make \$80.00 for 8 hours of work. Each gate agent gets an hour for lunch to experience the games, and entry to the concert at the end of the games. If you know anyone that needs a little extra cash please let me know, 444-6828. I hope to see all of you at the games.

Michelle Demaree, Ticket Sales Coordinator

Vendor Registration

Registration deadline: June 1, May 20 for program listing!

The Vendors at the ASHG will include lots of returning favorites along with some new vendors who are sure to please! We already have over 50 vendors registered, but registration is still open. Deadline to register is June 1, but if you register before May 20 you will be listed in the program. Visit http://www.alaskascottish.org/highland-games or email ashgvendors@gmail.com for more information and to get the application.

Registration and ticket information continued on page 2

Member Corner

Do you have celebrations or events that you'd like announced in the Thistle? This space is for you!

The Alaskan Scottish Club would like to express our condolences to the MacMillan Family on the death of long-time Club member Don MacMillan. He is survived by his wife, Jan, and his daughters Kerry MacMillan-Howard and Donia Roberts

Member Benefit: \$50 off Man-at Arms Sponsorship

2019 members are eligible to purchase our most popular individual VIP sponsorship level, Man-at-arms at a significant discount. The Man-at-arms sponsorship is \$100 (not the \$150 shown on the form!) and gets you two adult tickets to the games, a parking pass for the VIP parking area, and two passes to the VIP tent. Not sure if you're member? Call Joan, our illustrious membership coordinator (and Club President) to find out. She's at 229-0022.

Recipe of the Month

Beltane Bannocks

From Celtic Inspirations by Lyn Webster Wilde

In some places, the bannocks were baked in the Beltane fire, broken up and handed out. Whoever got the most burned piece was the "sacrifice" and had to jump over the fire.

Ingredients:

5 oz rolled oats 5 fluid oz milk
4 oz plain flour ½ tsp cinnamon
1 egg, beaten ¼ tsp baking soda
2 oz sugar ½ tsp cream of tartar

Instructions:

Preheat a griddle over medium heat (or your Beltane bonfire.) Mix the dry and wet ingredients separately in two large bowls. Gradually stir the wet ingredients into the dry, avoid making lumps. Form the mixture into 10 small disks and cook them on the griddle until the edges are golden (about 5 minutes), turning once.

2019 Club Raffle

It's Raffle time! The 2019 Alaskan Scottish Club raffle is back and we have some great prizes this year! There are only 500 tickets and 5 prizes, so a 1/100 chance to win! Last year the raffle sold out before the games so don't wait, get your tickets while you can! Tickets are \$20 or 6/\$100.

1st prize: choice of

• 2 round-trip tickets on Alaska Airlines; or

- Seward Package: includes 2 round-trip tickets to Seward on the Alaska Railroad and a Major Marine Tours wildlife cruise for 2; or
- Alaska Wellness Package: includes 3-Month Gold Family Membership to The Alaska Club, Denali Plan from Hydrate Alaska, and 60-min massage from Tri Barefoot Massage; or
- \$500 gift card from Sadler's Home Furnishings; or
- Scots' Ancestry Package: includes Ancestry DNA Kit with semi-annual World Explorer Membership

 2_{nd} – 5_{th} prizes: one item above not selected by previous winners

Proceeds from the raffle help to pay for the 2019 Alaska Scottish Highland Games. Prizes have been generously donated by, Alaska Airlines, Alaska Railroad, Major Marine Tours, The Alaska Club, Hydrate Alaska, Tri Barefoot Massage, Sadler's Home Furnishings, and Ancestry.com.

Raffle tickets can be purchased at Reilly's Irish Pub, Hydrate Alaska, ASHG Planning Committee members or at any of the pre-games promotional events. You can also contact Jeni McDaniel ashgcoordinator@gmail.com or 602-359-4893 to purchase.

This Raffle is offered under the Auspices of Matanuska Valley Sportsmen, Inc. Permit #3006



Scotch Tasting Tickets

This year marks our 9th Annual Scotch Tasting event and our 6th Annual Educational Scotch Tasting event! During the Tasting, you will receive a commemorative glass and 5 tastes of some fantastic Scotch. The Educational session allows participants to learn more about Scotch in a classroom setting. Along with receiving a commemorative glass and 5 tastes, you will also learn how to assess Scotch and evaluate the different types. Don't wait, tickets are limited, and this event sells out quickly!

Ticket prices (Must be 21+ to Purchase and Participate):

General Session: 2:00 pm - 4:30 pm \$30 in advance and \$40 at the door (if not sold out)

Educational: 1 pm - 2 pm are \$50 in advance and \$60 at the door (if not sold out)

These tickets do not include admission to the Games.

Both Scotch tasting events are generously sponsored by Southern Glazers Wine & Spirits.

Tickets at: https://2019ashgscotchtasting.eventbrite.com

Slàinte!

Camping Registration

Are you a sponsor, vendor, or participant in the games this year? If so, you can Pre-register for inside-the-gate camping. Registration with applicable fees must be received no later than June 21, 2019. Camping is available for Friday (28) and Saturday (29) nights.

Please note that submission of this registration does not guarantee a camping space. Camping spaces are anywhere between 10 and 30 feet in length to accommodate both RVs and tents. Most spaces have access to electricity. The fee for electricity is \$40 per night.

Register at https://2019ashgcamping.eventbrite.com

Tug-O-War Registration Open

1...2...3..PULL! Check out the Tug O War Championship at the 2019 Alaska Scottish Highland Games! Three Beers Deep was our 2018 Alaska Scottish Highland Games Champs, will they be crowned champs again? Or will another team like Masters of Iron or Straphangers take the coveted prize? Think you have a team that can take the prize? Registration is open! Sign up today!

This year there is a Team registration fee of \$50.00 per team, which gets your team 12 entry tickets to the Games! Also, the first 4 teams that sign up are guaranteed shirts for their teams!

Register at https://2019ashgtugowar.eventbrite.com

Gathering of the Clan Registration

The Alaska Scottish Highland Games is upgrading our Annual Gathering of The Clans! A flat \$15.00 registration cost includes: a VIP parking pass, complimentary tickets for two (2) Clan representatives, Friday afternoon Ceilidh, participation in the Opening and Closing Ceremonies, and acknowledgement in the program booklet.

Registered Clans will also receive a dedicated space for your tent (12' x 12') or display (6' x 6'); access to our exclusive Great Hall (refreshment tent); a special introduction during the Opening Ceremonies and area to plant a banner or flag on the 'community' grounds; and Awards for the "Best Tent/Display" and "Best Dressed."

Your registration money will help fund our annual Gathering to provide support for the Great Hall, awards, and communal needs.

Register your Clan at

https://2019ashggatheringoftheclans.eventbrite.com.



Did Someone Say, "Celtic Dance"?

Yes they did! In addition to all the exciting games & competitions, the pipe & drum bands, the ceremonies, the live music, the storytelling, and the scotch tasting, to name a few. There will also be the Celtic Dance Stage! Located in Celtic Village, we plan to have lots of talented dance performers throughout the day, including highland dancers, step dancers, and clog dancers. Come be entertained, meet the performers, and maybe find out about dance lessons available in your area for yourself and/or your kids! Some of the dance groups anticipated this year include: Red Hackle Highland Dancers, Irish Dance Academy of Alaska, Midnight Sun Cloggers, Alaska Treble Makers, and Northern Lights Celtic Dancers.



The Lady Hammerheads pose after the "Who Let the Girls Out" Fashion Show in Palmer

Who Let The Girls Out Event

For the second year in a row, the Alaska Scottish Highland Games participated in the Who Let The Girls Out event in Palmer. The festivities started on Friday night when Alaskan Lady Hammerheads (A Local Women's Highland Games Throwing group) participated in the Fashion Show. This year, the ladies put on some 'War Paint' and strutted their stuff on the runway carrying their favorite Throwing implements. The Scottish lassies were once again the crowd favorite! On Saturday, the ASHG Committee had a table. They sold Raffle Tickets and Welsh cakes and handed out lots of Games Flyers. The excitement continues to build for this years games!



Michelle Demaree sells raffle tickets and Welsh Cakes at Who Let the Girls Out in Palmer. Michelle won the award for most raffle tickets sold last year – will she do it again?

Games Planning Committee Help Wanted

We want YOU to help the 2019 Alaska Scottish Highland Games! The games are closing in and we still have smaller roles to lead positions available. Come to a games meeting and see where you can help! 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:

May meetings

5/1/2019 Wednesday 5/16/2019 Thursday 5/22/2019 Wednesday 5/30/2019 Thursday

June meetings

6/5/2019 Wednesday 6/13/2019 Thursday 6/19/2019 Wednesday 6/27/2019 Thursday

If you can't attend but still want to help, please contact Jeni McDaniel ashgcoordinator@gmail.com or 602-359-4893

Thank You to Our Sponsors

The Alaska Scottish Highland Games would not be possible without the support of our generous sponsors. Currently we have over 30 sponsorships from our wonderful and supportive community. Are you still thinking about sponsoring the games? There is still time and still some great events to sponsor! Did you know you can also donate Air Miles and Companion passes as your sponsorship?

Thank you to all of our Event-specific sponsors:

Kilt Bib Numbers: The City of Palmer

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Women's Farmers Walk: Southern Glazers Wine and

Spirits

Tug-O-War: Southern Glazers Wine and Spirits

Kilted Mile: Skinny Raven

Children's Throwing Events: The Alaska Club Birds of Prey Exhibit: Robert and Vanessa Busby

Scotch Tasting Event: Southern Glazers Wine and Spirits

VIP Tent: Robert and Vanessa Busby

Heavy Events Athlete Lunch: Papa Murphy's

Highland Games Throwing Clinics

By Jeni McDaniel

This year, we are excited to be offering 2 Clinics for our Heavy Events athletes both new and experienced.

May Clinic

Only two spots left!

This clinic is new and will be taught by 4-time World Record Holder & 2018 National Champion, John Odden and one of his assistant coaches. The clinic includes 2 days of comprehensive throwing instruction, including mobility, drill work, accessory movements and of course lots of throwing. The clinic will be able meet the needs of both new and experienced throwers.

Mav 11th

12 pm - 3 pm Alaska Club East

3:30 pm - 6 pm Goose Lake Park, Anchorage

May 12th

2 pm - 6 pm Goose Lake Park, Anchorage

Cost: \$100 For Both Days (Registration Includes over 7 hours of bonus online content and a Private Facebook Group with Additional Tips and Coaching)

Register today at

https://squareup.com/store/ASHGSpringClinic

June Clinic

Clinic is sold out, but you can get wait-listed

This annual clinic is taught by former Highland Games World Champion James Parman. This popular clinic is a great way to get some last minute fine tuning and practice in before Games day the following weekend. The clinic is also great for beginners who want to learn how to throw.

June 22 and 23 1 - 5 pm Finger Lake Elementary School, Wasilla, Cost: \$35 For Both Days

Register at: https://2019ashgathlete.eventbrite.com

Questions?: Jeni McDaniel 602-359-4893

ashgathletics@gmail.com

April Board Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Meg Voss

Meeting held April 8, 6:00 pm at the Petroleum Club of Anchorage

Attendance: Cathy Steen, Rod Finkle, Jeni McDaniel, Meg Voss, Amberlee Wright, Joan Massart-Paden, via telephone: Lisa Caress-Beu

Absent: Ron Norris

Guests: Vera Crews, Preston McKee

Call to order: 6:00 pm

Approval of minutes of March 18, 2019: Passes

unanimously.

Treasurer's report: No report

Committee reports:

Alaska Highland Games: Jeni McDaniel reported. Design for 2019 Games promotions was distributed and discussed. Games committee will see it at the next ASHG meeting.

Registrations are going well. Vendors are signing up.

Only 2 spots remain open for Athletes and may need more judges.

Board approved budget increase of \$2000.00 for the ASHG to purchase equipment needed for the new sheaf toss event.

Welsh Cakes have been purchased as a new fund raiser, they will be sold at Celtic Fest and other pre-Games promotions. If they go well, more will be ordered to sell at the Games.

Social Media - Maggie Wallace will help out with Facebook posts.

Tug of War - Teams will be charged and receive 12 tickets for the games.

VIP Tent still needs a sponsor. Jeni has ideas for this including vendors.

Raffle prizes are confirmed. Tickets will be on sale and Board Members need to sell tickets. Goal is to sell out before the Games.

Next ASHG meeting is April 18th.

Thistle Editor: Cathy Steen needs more Scottish articles!

Website: Tabled due to absence of Ron Norris.

Old Business:

Board Emeritus – Rod Finkle revisited the policy he developed and handed out at the last Board meeting. Discussion ensued. Vote was at a tie. Joan broke the tie and voted for the policy.

Website review - Tabled

New Business:

Celtic Fest is April 20th. Our club will have 2 booths. Maggie Wallace will manage the swap meet. Meg Voss will represent the club.

Trail clean up has no date yet.

Adjournment: Adjourned at 6:34 pm.

Next Board Meeting: May 20 at 6 p.m. at the PCA.

Registration Links

Athletic Heavy Events:

https://2019ashgathlete.eventbrite.com

Tug-o-war

https://2019ashgtugowar.eventbrite.com

Piping and Drumming

https://2019ashgpipinganddrumming.eventbrite.com

Camping

See p. 5 for more information https://2019ashqcamping.eventbrite.com

Games Tickets

https://ashgtickets.eventbrite.com

Scotch Tasting

https://2019ashgscotchtasting.eventbrite.com

Gathering of the Clans

More details on p. 3 https://2019ashqqatheringoftheclans.eventbrite.com.

Vendors

http://www.alaskascottish.org/highland-games

Events with other Celtic Groups in Anchorage and Beyond: Kachemak Bay Highland Games

The Annual Kachemak Bay Highland Games will take place on July 6, 2019 at Karen Hornaday Park! Once again, the event will feature the heavy games and kilted mile, vendors, clan tents, music, food and much more. This year we will bring back the Celtic Band "The Fire" out to Homer.

The Fire will be back this year holding fiddle, guitar and bag-pipe workshops on July 6 and 7 and we will again be participating in the 4th of July parade prior to the Games.



38th Annual Alaska Scottish Highland Games June 29, 2019 2019 Sponsorship Application

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Premiums	\$75	\$150	\$250	\$500	\$1,000	\$2,500	\$5,000	\$5,000+
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Club Calendar

Alaska Scottish Club Board Meeting

May 20 6:00 p.m. Petroleum Club of Anchorage

Spring Throwing Clinic

May 12 and 13 Various Locations, see article, page 4

Games Throwing Clinic

June 22 and 23
Finger Lake Elementary School, Wasilla

The Fire Live at the Library

June 27 Noon Loussac Library Lawn

Highland Games Trio Competition

June 28 Noon Loussac Library Lawn

Highland Games Piobaireachd Competition

June 28 6 – 9 pm Loussac Library Assembly Chambers

2019 Alaska Scottish Highland Games

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Facebook: www.facebook.com/alaskashg (Highland Games page)

Instagram: www.instagram.com/alaskanscottish

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

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