



Tundra Thistle

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Coming Events:

Annual General Membership Meeting

When: Sunday, February 24, 2019, 2pm -4pm

Where: The Moose Lodge, 4211 Arctic Blvd.

Join us for tea and refreshments, and hear an update about the Club and our activities. We will be voting to fill the five Board positions up for re-election.

Celtic Spring Festival

Club Swap Meet

The 2019 Celtic Spring Festival will be on April 20th, and will be held 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!

Classes

The class offerings for Celtic fest are still coming together, and instructor forms will be accepted through February 10th, if you'd like to teach something. Instructors set their own price, with all but \$20/hour going to the instructor. (the \$20 is the room fee).

Classes planned so far include:

Physical activities:

Scottish Country Dance with Vivian Mendenhall

Irish Dance with the Irish Dance Academy

Clogging with Dixine Schiavi

Music:

Bodhran with Hunter Woofter

Scottish Song with Dawn Berg

Lectures:

Beltane by Natalie Novik

The Wheel of the Year by Natalie Novik

Consulting with the Joyous Spirits of Nature by Ellen Vande Visse

Make and take:

Ogham Writing with Kevin Hall

Mushroom Fairy Circles with Marie Stoner

If you have an idea for a class, you can find the instructor form at www.akcelts.org.

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

2018 Scot of the Year Award:

Lisa Caress-Beu



The Scot of the year award exemplifies the spirit of the club through participation in club events and assuming leadership positions for various events. The Scot of the year award recognizes significant contribution of time, effort and energy on a consistent basis always ready to help.

This year my selectee has promoted club events, acted as a major point of coordination for many years for club events, meetings and programs. She has been an active board member for the club for many years and accepted the responsibilities as Secretary of the Board of Directors for several years. She has been a positive influence in board deliberations and discussions and provided a common sense approach to solving problems. She has consistently supported club events to an exemplary degree. Her positive attitude has made her a valuable asset to the club's achievements. She has given her time, efforts and resources helping the club achieve its goals.

Our Scot of the year has lead by example, always reflecting a positive can do attitude. She is a shining example of a very valuable board and club member. It is my privilege and honor to designate Lisa Caress-Beu as the 2018 Scot of the Year.

Joan Massart Paden

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.

If you are unable to make the meeting in person, you can call in to 602-359-4893.

Mark your Calendar for future ASHG Planning meetings:

2/6/2018 Wednesday	2/21/2018 Thursday
3/6/2018 Wednesday	3/21/2018 Thursday
4/3/2018 Wednesday	4/18/2018 Thursday
5/1/2018 Wednesday	5/16/2018 Thursday
5/22/2018 Wednesday	5/30/2018 Thursday
6/5/2018 Wednesday	6/13/2018 Thursday
6/19/2018 Wednesday	6/27/2018 Thursday

Interested in becoming involved with the Planning Committee? Even if you don't take a lead position, 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 me and we will find a place for you: ashgcoordinator@gmail.com or 602-359- 4893

We have a great team so far with the planning committee for the games; however, we are still looking to fill some key committee positions.

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 program issues should any arise.

Merchandise Lead will manage the Merchandise booth the day of the games. You will be responsible for inventorying the merchandise before the day of the games. The actual ordering of the merchandise will already have been done. It will be delivered to the field for you. 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 also need to

be comfortable using a credit card reader, which will be set up for you prior to Games day.

Raffle Lead will be in charge of our fundraising raffle. You will be the main contact with our Gaming Permit holder and make sure that all requirements are met. You will also be in charge of ordering the tickets, collecting all the raffle items and running the raffle on 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.

All Memberships expired December 31, 2018.
Please renew your membership at
www.alaskascottish.org

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.

LENTIL & BACON BROTH

Ingredients:

Serves 4

6 oz lentils
2 pints of water
1 garlic clove
½ lb bacon rind
1 lb potatoes
1 tbs parsley, chopped
Salt & pepper

Method:

1. Wash the lentils and soak overnight in the measured water.
2. Place in pan with the water.
3. Skin and crush the garlic, dice the bacon and add to the pan with the parsley and seasoning.
4. Simmer covered for 1 hour until lentils and bacon are cooked.
5. Peel, wash and dice the potatoes, add to the pan and cook for a further 20 minutes.
6. Re-season and serve with some chopped parsley.

A Message From Russ Madigan

Russ Madigan was the club President and Games Chair for quite a few years in the 1990s. He asked me to share this message with you! - editor

Suzie and I are doing good. We live in Virginia now. Suzie is still working for LL Bean as a system analyst which she can do remotely. I retired in 2016. I'm trying to do as much fishing as I can but we are remodeling this house so I'm busier now than I've ever been. We are enjoying our life with our three dogs and two cats. I'm still trying to get used to this southern heat and humidity. Luckily we have a pool to make those days bearable. Hopefully we'll get back to Alaska one of these days to reconnect with old friends and attend the games.

Not surprisingly, I am a member of the local Scottish club, the Saint Andrew's Society of Williamsburg. The local highland games are operated by a private organization that runs it as a business. They do things quite differently. I continue my membership in the Clan Campbell Society as the Virginia deputy commissioner for the Tidewater Region. I just can't get away from my love of all things Scottish. Suzie and I remember our times in Alaska with great fondness, especially our time in the Alaskan Scottish Club. I hang my Scot of the Year and my Order of the Thistle awards on our wall and smile for all the wonderful memories.

If anyone ever travels to Virginia, be sure to give us a shout. Feel free to contact me at Rmadigan55@gmail.com

January Board Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Joan Massart-Paden, Jeni McDaniel, Rod Finkle, Lisa Caress-Beu, Cathy Steen, Ron Norris, Becky Bartels by phone, Christina Johnson by phone

Call to order: 6:00pm

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

Treasurer's report: Ron Norris presented the treasurer's report. There was discussion on how the Burn's Night deposits are recorded as some of the money comes in December and some in January. Ron suggests a policy be written to develop a consistent method for the future. Jeni moved that the treasurer's report be approved, Lisa seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Burn's Night: Cathy and Rod were the co-chairs for this event. Cathy presented the financial report for the event. The event had a profit of \$22.50. There was discussion on how to improve next year's event and it was agreed that most people were happier to have it at the PCA rather than downtown. It was agreed that the meal and meal service needed improvement.

Annual General Membership Meeting: It will be on Sunday, 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. Members are encouraged to submit nominations for open Board positions.

Membership: We are currently at 170 members (2018 & 2019)! The Board discussed ways to get members more involved with the club and ways to make activities more welcoming to members. Many hands make light work and the ASC has some wonderful events that need volunteer help!

Alaska Highland Games: Jeni presented. ASHG meetings have begun. There is still a need for volunteers in some key organizing positions! The "Fire" is coming back as the band for the ASHG and they are motivated to provide more workshop and performance opportunities this year!

Thistle: It will be out on February 1, 2019. All information for the Thistle should be submitted by January 30th. Chris Chisholm has provided Cathy with a year's worth of Scottish Recipes for the Thistle! As always, thank you to Cathy Steen for keeping members informed of club activities!

Website: Ron Norris would like more event photos for the website.

Scholarship Committee: Meg and Lisa are the committee. Nothing to report, but Cathy was contacted by Brenda Bidwell, who has students going to Edinburgh this year, and they may be eligible for some scholarship funds.

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

Old Business:

Hogmanay: Amberle Wright and Preston McKee organized a successful but freezing event on January 5th at the Slippery Salmon Bar. Discussion about how the ASC can help support this event was encouraging. A different venue may be a good idea.

New Business:

Re-election at Annual General Meeting on February 24, 2019. Joan, Lisa, Ron, Cathy and Christina are all up for re-election. All are tentatively agreeable to stay on the board, not necessarily in the same Board positions.

Piping and Drumming Club affiliations. Discussion about how to make our Pipe Bands feel more motivated to become ASC members and how the Club can assist in getting the very young Pipe Band members to feel proud to be part of this GREAT organization ensued. A Committee was formed with Lisa, Jeni & Joan to further discuss P&D Band affiliation with our club.

ASC Award Definitions. Rod presented a document to initiate the discussion on how to formally define these awards and the procedure of nomination of the award designee. The board agreed to amend the Scot of the Year definition and stipulated that the president would solicit club membership recommendations. The president would make the final decision. This agreement should be approved at the next board meeting. As to the Order of the

Thistle, the board agreed to approve the definition of the Thistle award.

Credit Card Standard Operating Procedure. Cathy has been in contact with Bank of America/Alaska Airlines credit card so that ASC will have a guaranteed credit card. The Club will have its own mileage bank to use for transporting judges, athletes and any other appropriate travel. The board agreed to approve the SOP for credit cards adding that a reimbursement for erroneous use from cardholders would be paid back within five days.

Celtic Fest – April 20, 2019. Cathy suggested that the ASC have two tables this year and hold a “Swap Meet” for people trying to sell kilts, sporrans, and any other Scottish items. ASC will have the same sponsorship amount as last year for this event.

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

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm. Lisa moved to adjourn the meeting, Ron seconded.

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.

Here are the details...

Starts Saturday, Mar 23rd until
Saturday April 30th
12:30-1:15 pm

Ages 5-18 years old

Our studio - 4105 Turnagain Blvd

Please email us at idaainfo@gmail.com for more information.



Photos from Club Events: Hogmanay and Burns Night



Gathering around the fire at Hogmanay, January 5, 2019



Chef John, John Lewis and Ian White toast the haggis at Burns Night January 19, 2019



Scottish country dancing led by Vicki Lewis at Burns Night



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2019 Sponsorship Application

Sponsorship Type: Individual(s) Corporate

Individual(s) Name: _____

Business Name: _____

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Sponsorship Amount: \$ _____ Event Sponsorship: _____
(If Applicable-Please see next page for event specific sponsorship opportunities)

Sponsorship Premiums	Clansman \$75	Man-at-Arms \$150	Chieftain \$250	Laird \$500	Baron \$1,000	Viscount* \$2,500	Earl* \$5,000	Marquis* \$5,000+
Gate Passes	2	2	4	6	8	10	12	12
Program <i>(Deadline May 20, 2019)</i>	Listing	Listing	1/4 Page (5.25" x 2")	1/2 Page (5.25" x 4")	Full Page (8 x 5.25")	Full Page w/ Premium Advertising Placement	Full Page w/	Full Page w/
VIP Access Passes		2	4	6	8	10	12	12
VIP Parking Passes		1	2	3	4	5	6	6
Membership to the Alaskan Scottish Club		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Event Poster and Social Media					✓	✓	✓	✓
Recognition at Opening and Closing						✓	✓	✓
Banner Display in Prominent Location							✓	✓
Business Specific Customized Premiums								✓

VIP Access includes complimentary food and beverages at the VIP Tent
(Children above the age of 5 years old will be charged as an adult in the VIP Tent)

**Additional Premiums may be requested*

Deadline for Inclusion in the Program is May 20, 2019. Ads can be mailed to ASHGProgram@gmail.com

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2019 Event Sponsorship Options

Specific events may be underwritten by an individual or business. Your sponsorship of the event will be listed in the program and announced during the event and awards ceremony. If you have specific requests for an event specific sponsorship we will do our best to accommodate. Sponsorship of an event at an amount less than that listed below will allow multiple sponsors for the same event, underwriting allows exclusivity and advertising options.

Athletic Event Sponsorships		
Event	Amount	Sponsor
Kilt Bib Numbers (Heavy Event Athletes)	\$ 500.00	
Breamar Stone Throw	\$ 500.00	
Open Stone Throw	\$ 500.00	
Light Weight For Distance	\$ 500.00	
Heavy Weight For Distance	\$ 500.00	
Weight Over Bar	\$ 500.00	
Light Hammer Throw	\$ 500.00	
Heavy Hammer Throw	\$ 500.00	
Sheaf Toss *NEW EVENT IN 2019*	\$ 1,000.00	
Caber Toss	\$ 1,000.00	
Pro Men's Challenge Caber	\$ 1,000.00	
Pro Women's Challenge Caber	\$ 1,000.00	
Challenge Stone (Men's and Women's)	\$ 1,000.00	
Farmer's Walk (Men's and Women's)	\$ 1,000.00	
Tug-O-War	\$ 1,000.00	
Throwing Clinic	\$ 2,000.00	
Alaskan Salmon Toss	\$ 1,000.00	
Kilted Mile (Includes Kilt Bib Numbers)	\$ 250.00	
Children's Throwing Event	\$ 250.00	
In-Kind Donations		
Value		
Alaska Airlines Mileage		
Alaska Airlines Companion Pass		
Other:		

Piping and Drumming Sponsorships		
Event	Amount	Sponsor
Grade IV Band Competition	\$ 1,000.00	
Grade V Band Competition	\$ 1,000.00	
Drum Salute	\$ 500.00	
Individual Competitions:		
Piobaireachd	\$ 1,000.00	
March, Strathspey and Reel	\$ 500.00	
6/8 March	\$ 500.00	
Hornpipe and Jig	\$ 500.00	
Tenor Drum	\$ 500.00	
Snare Drum	\$ 500.00	
Drum Major	\$ 1,500.00	
Guest P & D Member	\$ 1,000.00	
Other Events		
Celtic Dance	\$ 1,000.00	
Genealogy Lecture	\$ 1,000.00	
Guest Ceilidh Band	\$ 5,000.00	
Tall Tales Contest	\$ 250.00	
Shortbread Contest	\$ 250.00	
Birds of Prey Exhibit	\$ 500.00	
Highland Cow Exhibit	\$ 500.00	
Refreshments		
VIP Tent	\$ 500.00	
Heavy Events (Athlete Lunch)	\$ 500.00	





Thank you for your support of the Alaska Scottish Highland Games!

Contact Information for Alaska Pipe Bands:

Fairbanks Red Hackle Pipe Band P.O. 82782 Fairbanks, Alaska www.fairbanksredhacklepipeband.org	Trinity Pipe Band Meets Tuesday, 6 pm Trinity Presbyterian Church Contact: Danny Koch @ 907.230.6430 Email: pipeband@trinityceltic.org
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
Crow Creek Pipes & Drums Every Saturday, 9 am – beginners, 10 am – band First Congregational Church http://crowcreekpd.com/	Anchorage Firefighters Pipe and Drum Band Contact on Facebook: Anchorage Fire Fighters Pipe & Drum Band
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Club Calendar

Alaska Scottish Club Board Meeting

February 18 6:00 p.m.
Petroleum Club of Anchorage

Annual General Membership Meeting (AGM)

February 24, 2019 2 – 4 p.m.
Moose Lodge

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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