



Tundra Thistle

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Coming Events:

St. Andrew's Night

St. Andrew's Night and Christmas Ceilidh celebrates Scotland's patron saint. He was revered in Scotland from around 1000 AD, but didn't become the official patron saint of Scotland until the signing of the Declaration of Arbroath in 1320. St. Andrew is the patron saint of the Order of the Thistle, one of the highest ranks of chivalry in the world. We celebrate this day as our holiday party. It is Saturday, November 24 from 6 pm to 10 pm at the Petroleum Club of Anchorage.

This event will host a piper during the meet and greet, a Scottish buffet dinner, the infamous knobby knees contest, as well as a silent auction and photo booth. Live music will be played with our local band. This is an opportunity for Alaskan Scottish Club members and non member to enjoy the evening with music, delicious food and friendship.

Tickets can be purchased at Celtic Treasures or on <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/st-andrews-night-christmas-ceilidh-tickets-51996259211?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>.

See attached flyer.

Burns Night Update

The date and location for Burns Night have been finalized. It will be held of January 19th at the Petroleum Club of Anchorage. Invitations will be mailed to all club members the last week of November, and will also be available at Celtic Treasures. Please reply by January 7, as that is the day the event will be posted in social media and on www.eventbrite.com. Last year when we posted the event, it sold out in 3 days, and some club members didn't get a seat, so please register before we post!

Thanks you to the club members who have volunteered to perform the toasts to the Laddies, Lassies and to the Immortal memory of Robert Burns..

Thank you **Bruce Axtell** for the donation of the final two t-shirts needed for the 1997 – 2010 t-shirt quilt!

Thanks also to **Carl Hild** for offering up your shirts as well.

Obituaries:

Bruce Atkinson

First-ever Scot of the year and long-time Scottish club member Bruce Atkinson passed away September 28, 2018.



Born in Hetten-le-Hole in County Durham, England, Bruce served in the British Royal Artillery in Malaya and Africa.

Bruce was the drum major with Anchorage Scottish Pipes and Drums, and was the drum major for the Highland Games for many years. He was also known for his excellent rendition of Robert Burns' Toast to a Haggis, which he performed for Burns Night for many years.

He is survived by his wife, Karel, of Anchorage, and her children, and by his daughter Stephanie McDowell and many grandchildren.

Eileen Monaghan

A main-stay of the Irish Club, founding member of the Anchorage Folk Festival and co-founder of the Irish Alaska Music festival, Eileen Monaghan passed away October 21, 2018.

Eileen was an excellent organizer, and gave her skills to the Scottish Club as Highland Games co-chair in 2001, as well as helping the Scottish Club establish the Celtic Community of Alaska by organizing the first Samhain celebrations.

Her obituary in the Anchorage Daily News states that "she was a connector of people, a serial partier and hosted some of the most memorable proms in Anchorage history. She was the best kind of mother, friend and human. Her humor, wit, intelligence and compassion will always be with us. And her piercing laugh will echo through eternity.

"Volunteerism was part of her DNA. To honor Eileen, go out and volunteer today."



St. Andrew's Night *& Christmas Ceilidh*

Saturday, November 24, 2018

6:00 pm to 10:00 pm

Petroleum Club of Anchorage

3301 C Street, Suite 102

Dress: Semi-Formal

Dress Kilts are encouraged!

Scottish Club Members: \$35.00

Non-Members: \$45.00

Knobby Knee Contest

Silent Auction

Music & Dancing

Buffet Dinner & Cash Bar

Tickets can be purchased at: Eventbrite.com or
Celtic Treasures 4240 Old Seward Hwy #2

Limited Seating

Questions? Call 907.229.0022 or
email: adstrategies@icloud.com



The Alaska Fire Circus performs at the CCA's Samhain celebration at the Senior Center in October

October Board Meeting Minutes

By Lisa Caress-Beu, ASC Secretary

Meeting was held at the Petroleum Club of Anchorage on October 15th at 6 p.m.

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

Guest: Vera Cruz

Call to order: 6:00pm

Approval of the Minutes: Minutes were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's report: Ron Norris presented the current Income Statement. Rod moved for approval, Cathy seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Alaska Highland Games: Jeni presented. She will be going to Boise next week to compete. Joan and Jeni will attend the National Highland Game Conference in Myrtle Beach November 2-4. The first planning meeting for the ASHG 2019 will be after the conference. Committee plans to present the 2019 budget for the games at the November Board meeting.

St. Andrew's Night: It is scheduled for November 24, 2018 at the PCA. Tickets will be available this week at Celtic Treasures and hopefully on Eventbrite too.

Budget for this event has increased due to cost increases by the PCA. Budget was \$2,700 but the committee would like that increased to \$3,700.00. Hopefully the silent auction will be as successful as the last few years and we will recoup those costs. Donations are needed for the silent auction!

Burn's Night: January 19, 2019 is reserved at the PCA. Cathy and Rod are working with the PCA to get the costs within budget!!!

Membership: We are currently at 169 members! Joan and Kim Gray believe that last years membership for non members who attend event should continue. Non-members who attend St. Andrew's Night will become members. Additionally, they can purchase the membership pin for \$5.00.

Annual General Membership Meeting: February 24, 2019 at the Moose Lodge. Meg and Lisa will take care of the tea and refreshments.

Thistle: Will be out on November 1, 2018. All information for the Thistle should be submitted by October 25th. As always, thank you to Cathy Steen for keeping members informed of club activities!

Website- Ron Norris reported. Ron will post the upcoming events.

Scholarship Committee: \$1000 will go to Joan and Jeni for the Assoc. of Scottish Games & Festival: 37th Annual

Recipe of the Month

My mom used to prepare this when we had a nice, deep snow – so simple, but only works when the snow is really fresh.

Snow Pudding

Ingredients:

1 cup milk

½ cup sugar

½ teaspoon vanilla

6 cups fresh, clean snow

Instructions: Stir together the milk, sugar and vanilla until the sugar is dissolved. Add snow, stir, eat immediately. *Makes 4 servings*

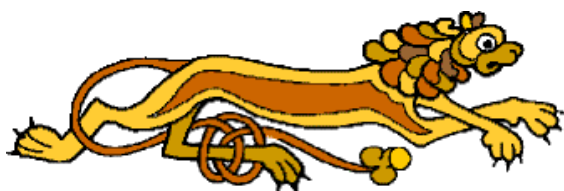
Scholarship Program

The Alaskan Scottish Club has a scholarship program that provides scholarships for children and adults to attend in or out of state training and workshops, and also to attend in-state post-secondary education. See our website at www.alaskascottish.org for the scholarship application and policies.

Website and Facebook Page

The clubs website is found at www.alaskascottish.org. Our webmaster is Ron Norris.

Jeni McDaniel administers our facebook pages, which can be found at www.facebook.com/AlaskanScottish (Club Page) www.facebook.com/alaskashg (Highland Games page)



Conference & Board Meeting in Myrtle Beach in November.

New Business:

Rod feels a policy needs to be written to address how the club acknowledges members and former members who pass away. He suggests that the standard be that the Board send a card. He suggests that the Secretary be responsible for that duty. Lisa moved that the policy be approved and that Rod should write it. Ron seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Joan discussed the policy for Board member attendance. Board members may not miss 3 meetings. If 3 board meeting are missed, that Director is no longer on the board. The Board feels this policy may not have been communicated clearly to new board members.

Old Business: Rod thinks the club logo should be approved by the board and set as a standard through the

Bylaws of the Club that can only be changed through a change to the Bylaws.

Rod wants the description to be detailed enough to include the color of the logo described by the Pantone Color Chart. Rod would like the changing of the ASC Logo to be only by a vote of the Club membership at a General Meeting. Cathy suggests that Bylaws are not the appropriate place for this kind of thing. Discussion ensued.

Joan suggested there needs to be a change in the Bylaws to address the attendance at the General Meeting. Currently, there must be 10% of the ASC membership. Rod, Joan and Meg will meet to discuss changes that need to happen in the Bylaws and will report back to the full board in November.

Next Meeting: November 19, 2018 at 6pm at the PCA.

Adjournment: Ron moved, Lisa seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 7:14pm. Approved.



Samhain Celebration

The Celtic Community of Alaska celebrated Samhain (the Celtic New Year) with fires, song, dance and costumes at the Anchorage Senior Activity Center on October 27th. The Scottish club has sponsored this event since it's inception in 1999. Samhain is the festival that evolved into our modern-day Halloween. Photos, clockwise from top, Midnight Sun Cloggers perform, dressed as selkies; Dixine Schiavai as a selkie and Kevin Tritt as Cernunnos, the horned god, and Irish Ceilidh dancing with Lisa Maloney. Music was provided by the Red Cap and the Cyser Boys, a local Irish band.

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
City of Juneau Pipe Band Juneau, Alaska www.cityofjuneaupipeband.org	Pipe bands – to update your information, please contact Cathy Steen at csteen@gci.net

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Club Calendar

Alaska Scottish Club Board Meeting

Monday November 19, 2018, 6:00 p.m.
Petroleum Club of Anchorage

St. Andrew's Night

Saturday November 24, 6 p.m./
Petroleum Club of Anchorage

Burns Night

Saturday January 19, 2019
Petroleum Club of Anchorage

Celtic Spring Festival (CCA)

Late March/Early April

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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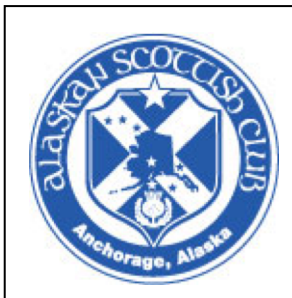
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