



douglas county scottish society

The Great Scot

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hard to believe with all the rain, lately, but Summer is almost here. The Games will be coming up before you know it, and Charles Lamb and John Donner are always needing help. If you haven't ever had a chance to help with the games, this could be the year for you. Charles and John have both worked the Games for many years, and both have said they want to get on with their lives. We have had a few people step up and start learning how the Games are put together, but we can always use a few more.

The other big series of events we have during the Summer are parades. Parades are one of the best ways we have of getting the Scottish Society in front of people, and hopefully get them interested in joining us. This year we are participating in the Myrtle Creek Rodeo parade on June 5th. We usually also do the 4th of July parade in Winston, the Pioneer Days parade in Canyonville in August, the Melon Festival parade Sept. 11th in Winston, and the Veterans Day parade on Nov. 11th in Roseburg. Parades are pretty easy, we even have a trailer to ride on if you don't feel like walking!

Hey, one last thing. How many friends do you have that have Scottish or Irish names? Ever think about inviting them to join the Society? Invite them to one of our activities; the Games are best, but meetings, parades or picnics can also be a good way to introduce them. Try sharing this newsletter with them, this also gives them a good introduction to our Society.

President Ray Edwards

BIRTHDAYS

Therese Kaiser 6/12
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Anniversaries

Lachlan & Paula MacKinnon 6/15
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Calvin & Mollye Peterson 6/26

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QUILT RAFFLE NEWS

The quilt project is coming along great. Marilyn Ayrd brought in lots of pictures of Scotland to our May meeting. The group voted, and the best 12 pictures will be scanned and printed on cloth, to be sewed into the quilt. Marilyn also brought in samples of some of the tartan fabrics she will be using for the edging of the quilt. It looks like it will be a great quilt.

We have already started selling the raffle tickets for the quilt. We are asking all members to try to sell at least 10 each. Debbie Rutter is out of town right now on family business, but after she gets back she will have tickets. Ray Edwards may also have tickets, if you see him. We should have some at the June meeting. Judging by what we saw at the May meeting, I would be buying a few of those raffle tickets for myself, if I were you!

UPCOMING PARADES

Our first parade of the season is coming up this weekend (June 5th). The Myrtle Creek Rodeo parade, so kilts and cowboy hats are the uniform of the day. (Western Scotland, you know) We will meet at 10:00 in Myrtle Creek at the grade school. The school is on Division St., if I remember correctly. If you haven't been in one of our parades lately, this is a good chance to join us.

We will also have our parade trailer at the Douglas County fairgrounds speedway on June 19 at 6:00pm. We will be in front of the stands with all the viewers, and hopefully draw the interest of a few prospective members. Pipers and kilts, of course.

Highland Games

Charles says most of our contracts are back, and things are looking good. Irish Crème will be the highlight entertainment this year. Charles is also looking at a possible demonstration of the game of Shinty. Several teams have expressed in interest in coming to the games, and Charles is looking into a good location for the demonstration.

We are also hoping for a player of Ullian pipes. If you have heard a haunting set of pipes played on historic movies, it probably came from the Ullian pipes.

If you have any of the small politician type signs for the Highland Games, they need to get back to Charles Lamb to get repainted for this years dates. Once again, we would like to place these signs around the local area. These signs seem to be very good at attracting local people to our games.

If you are interested in working the gate or staffing other positions at the Games, contact John Donner. He is keeping that list and it looked like some of it was filling up fast, so don't delay.

The club also voted to allow children attending Camp Millenium to attend the Games for free. These are children with serious life threatening diseases and their siblings.

Mother's Day Tea

Lois Black reports that the Mother's Day Tea went very well. She said the food was excellent, and more than she could eat. Good piping as well as Celtic harp and violin playing. Lois said she estimated that there were 30 to 35 people present.

Unfortunately, I still haven't located any photographs to put in the newsletter. David MacDonald says he took some video, and would try to put it on his Facebook page, if you do the internet thing.

Donald MacDonald went to study at an English university and moved into a residence hall.

After a month, his mother visited.

"How do you get along with the other students?" she asked.

"They're terribly noisy," he sighed. "The one on that side bangs his head against the wall. The one on the other side just screams all night."

"How do you put up with it?"

"I just ignore them and sit here quietly, playing my bagpipes."

News of Members

Debbie and Terry Rutter's daughter Sarah has been in Dornbecker Hospital. Last news I heard was expected to be there at least until around the first of June.

Theresa Kaiser's sister passed away recently.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to each of our members and all of their families.

INFORMATION BOOTHS

We had a number of our members visit the Eugene Highland Games and set up a booth, trying to recruit new members. Charles Lamb, Paul MacDonald, Tom Carroll, Lois Black, Dennis Smith and a few others whose names I missed. Good work, gang. The more exposure we get, the better chance we have for people to see how active the club is.

Kilt Cleaning

Ken's Dry Cleaning on Garden Valley Blvd. in Roseburg will clean your kilt for you. The price depends somewhat on the number of pleats you have, but it sounds like you are looking in the \$12 to \$13 range.

LAST MINUTE UPDATE
Due to busy schedules and conflict with Society events,
The next two games meetings will be on Tuesday June 11
and June 15 at 1417 Mill (near the corner of Mill and
Sykes)
Charlie

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- June 5, Saturday, Myrtle Creek Rodeo Parade 10:00am
- June 19, booth in front of Sherm's Thunderbird in the morning to sell raffle tickets for the quilt
- June 19, 6:00pm, Fairgrounds Speedway, our parade trailer to show off the Society for the Speedway crowd
- June 20, Sunday 10:00am or so. Picnic at the VA picnic grounds in Roseburg Potluck
I think this will also be our June meeting