



# Tundra Thistle

*The Newsletter of the Alaskan Scottish Club*

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## Coming Events:

### 2020 Alaska Scottish Highland Games

The ASC Board of Directors and Executive Director are closely monitoring the rapidly evolving COVID-19 situation being felt around the world along with the recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), Alaska Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS), and City of Palmer. The safety and well-being of our community during this event is our most important responsibility!

Our Games planning committee is busy planning this year's 39<sup>th</sup> annual Alaska Scottish Highland Games (ASHG) to ensure its success and safety to the community. As part of the planning, we are in close contact with local officials as the situation evolves to ensure we are well prepared to support our community.

As of today, we anticipate the ASHG will go on as planned as we see this event being a welcomed community event as restrictions are lifted and our state and country begin to heal. We are working on measures so, if the date needs to be changed, we will be prepared for the change.

The Board of Directors will be meeting via zoom, Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup> and it will be during that meeting that any changes will happen. As this unprecedented situation continues to evolve, we will post updates on our website and social media to ensure that everyone is being kept up to date. If you have any questions, please contact our Executive Director, Jeni McDaniel directly. She can be reached at 602-359-4893 or [ahsgcoordinator@gmail.com](mailto:ahsgcoordinator@gmail.com)

## Tartan Day Photo Contest

National Tartan Day on April 6<sup>th</sup> celebrates Scots contributions to the United States. Since social distancing won't allow us to celebrate together in person this year, the club has decided to hold a social media contest and spread some Tartan love! Send us a picture of you or your family and friends sporting your favorite Tartan by April 6<sup>th</sup>! We will select the top 10 pictures and open voting until the end of the month with our social media community. The winner will receive an annual membership to the Alaskan Scottish Club along with a pair of tickets to the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual ASHG! Photos can be submitted via Social Media.

[www.facebook.com/AlaskanScottish](https://www.facebook.com/AlaskanScottish)

[www.instagram.com/alaskanscottish](https://www.instagram.com/alaskanscottish)

Don't have a social media account? You can still play along, just submit your picture via email: [info@alaskanscottish.org](mailto:info@alaskanscottish.org).



The Wallaces display their tartan at last year's Games

## A Tartan Weaver

My name is Molly V. Manaugh and I am celebrating 25 years of hand weaving Scottish tartans.

I was born and raised in California and arrived in Fairbanks in September 1989. I worked for several years at the UAF Bookstore before starting my business "A Tartan Weaver" in 1995. It is a small business where I work at home producing hand woven tartans. I have been a full-time weaver since 1999. I specialize in accessories for the home and wardrobe, and I also weave samples of newly designed tartans. The majority of my work is custom made. Orders are received via my website: [tartanweaver.com](http://tartanweaver.com).

My heritage is Scottish, and from a young age I wanted to learn to weave. Once I did learn, my first project was to weave my MacNaughton clan tartan. I was hooked. It was a natural and comfortable fit. Weaving tartans connects me to my heritage, and gives me an outlet to work in my favorite medium – fiber. I work with wool, cotton, cotton/linen blends and cellulose-based fibers (bamboo and Tencel). Most tartans use no more than six colors, but so many different patterns are created with those few colors. So far, I have woven over 380 different tartans.

Tartans are a traditional Scottish national dress but can be worn or used by anyone who likes these designs. You do not need to be Scottish to wear tartan, or to even design your own. (See Molly's ad on page 6)

## Games Planning Meetings

For the safety of those involved and with the recommendations of social distancing, our games planning meetings on April 2nd, April 15th and April 30th will be moved to the Zoom Meeting platform and we will make a decision on future meetings during the April 30th meeting. We will still be starting our meetings at 6:15pm.

Zoom can be accessed via computer or mobile. The Meeting ID for our meetings is: 234 421 7682. If you will be logging on for the first time, or have any issues please give me a call on my cell 602-359-4893. I will open the zoom meeting at 6pm so that we can work out any kinks there may be to login before the meeting start.

Future Meeting Dates: 5/13/2020 (Wed), 5/28/2020 (Thurs), 6/3/2020 (Wed), 6/11/2020 (Thurs), 6/17/2020 (Wed), and 6/25/2020 (Thurs)

Committee members will be kept informed on any changes and planning progress via email. If you are not part of the planning committee yet, we are still looking for help! Feel free to contact me anytime to discuss at [ashgcoordinator@gmail.com](mailto:ashgcoordinator@gmail.com) or 602-359-4893.

## Recipe Corner:

### Lamb Chops

When visiting Drumnadrochit, Scotland, I had the privilege of staying with Virginia Urquhart on her farm (and B&B). While there, she received a flock of sheep, and commented that she considered not raising sheep that year, but then "how would we have lambs for Easter?" I was reminded of this when I searched on line for any uniquely Scottish Easter traditions. I found the comment that the Scots celebrate Easter much as it is celebrated in any other Christian country, but that Easter dinner almost always involves lamb. Thus, I chose this easy and delicious recipe from [foodnetwork.com](http://foodnetwork.com) for April's recipe.

Ingredients:

2 large garlic cloves, crushed  
1 tablespoon fresh rosemary leaves (or 1 t dry)  
1 teaspoon fresh thyme leaves (or 1/3 t dry)  
Pinch cayenne pepper  
Coarse sea salt  
2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil  
6 lamb chops, about 3/4-inch thick

Directions:

In a food processor fitted with a metal blade, add the garlic, rosemary, thyme, cayenne, and salt. Pulse until combined. Pour in olive oil and pulse into a paste. Rub the paste on both sides of the lamb chops and let them marinate for at least 1 hour in the refrigerator. Remove from refrigerator and allow the chops to come to room temperature; it will take about 20 minutes.

Heat a grill pan over high heat until almost smoking, add the chops and sear for about 2 minutes. Flip the chops over and cook for another 3 minutes for medium-rare and 3 1/2 minutes for medium.

## Redesigned ASC Website Launch

[www.alaskanscottish.org](http://www.alaskanscottish.org)

Over the past few months with the help of the talented folks over at Palmer based, Alopex Interaction Design, the Alaskan Scottish Club website has received an amazing redesign which will strength and modernize how we represent our Club and promote our events. We are excited to announce that on April 6, 2020 the new and improved ASC website will officially be launched!

As our club has continued to grow, the Board of Directors felt the time was right to improve our website capabilities too. One exciting change that will benefit us greatly, especially during our Highland Games event, is the mobile optimization of the site. This will make viewing the website on a mobile device excellent and attendees will be able to easily access the event map, schedule of events and any other information pertaining to the club and games.



This new site will allow for growth and new functions in the future. One of the exciting functionalities that will be added is moving all registrations for our events directly through our website without the need of 3<sup>rd</sup> parties. This will not only save the club money and it will make it easier for those who are registering to complete all registrations and payments on just our website.

We would love feedback from our club members once the site is launched! If you have comments please send them to [info@alaskanscottish.org](mailto:info@alaskanscottish.org)

## Free Access to Scottish Banner

*The Scottish Club received this email from the Scottish Banner, which included an electronic copy of the Scottish Banner. Joan has attached it to the email along with this Thistle. - editor*

Dear Friends,

During this unprecedented time, we are very anxious of what is happening across the globe. With Scottish events being heavily impacted by postponements and cancellations worldwide, members of our Scottish community organizations cannot get out to attend and celebrate Scotland as we have all enjoyed in the past.

Please find attached the latest issue of *the Scottish Banner* which you are free to distribute to your membership, which I hope may play a small role in helping

to keep members feeling connected to Scotland in this time of social distancing.

If you would like any recent past editions or future editions sent with our compliments do let us know.

If your group has any general news or is doing anything specifically during this extraordinary time, please share it with us so we can share with our readers and followers as now more than ever is the time the Scottish community needs to stand together and support one another. We host the world's leading international Scottish events listing and our site is being updated daily, if your group has an event change please let us know so the wider Scottish community can keep up to date.

I look forward to when our community can get back to normal and celebrate our great culture, in the meantime *the Scottish Banner* stands ready in any way we can to assist and support Scottish community organisations both now and in the future.

Best wishes,  
Sean Cairney  
The Scottish Banner

E: [info@scottishbanner.com](mailto:info@scottishbanner.com)

## March Alaskan Scottish Club Board Meeting Minutes

*Submitted by Nelson Alger*

Meeting held March 16, 2020, 6:00 pm at the Petroleum Club of Anchorage

**Attendance:** Jeni McDaniel, Joan Massart-Paden, Nelson Alger, Ron Norris. Following were remote attendees: Rod Finkle, Preston McKee, Amberle Wright, Cathy Steen

**Call to order:** 6:01 PM

**Approval of the Minutes:** Rod moved to approve and Preston seconded.

**Election of new officers:**

**President:** Rod moved to nominate Joan as President and Nelson seconded. Passed unanimously.

**Vice President:** Joan moved to nominate Rod as Vice President, Amberle seconded. Passed unanimously

**Secretary:** Cathy read the duties of the secretary from the by-laws. Discussion ensued. Rod moved to nominate Amberle for Secretary, Ron seconded. Passed unanimously.

**Treasurer:** Rod nominated Ron for Treasurer, Amberle seconded. Passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's report:** Checking and CD account was reviewed. Ron requested monthly reports from account owner as he does not have access to account. Cathy will provide monthly updates as requested and transfer ownership of account as soon as possible to allow Ron to review accounts. Rod moved to approve, Nelson seconded. Passed unanimously.

### **Executive Director's Report:**

**ASHG:** Highland Games and fundraisers are under review pending Corona virus restrictions and guidance from the CDC. Jeni asked how board felt regarding games preparations in light of the Corona virus impact to businesses and daily life. Rod commented that the board trusts her judgment to proceed as planned and that Games should move ahead even if delayed. Rod asked what alternate dates are possible. Jeni will provide alternate dates to the board when the Alaska State Fair provides the list.

**Website:** Almost live, pending board approval before opening to the public.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Celtic Spring Festival:** This event is on hold pending Mayoral and CDC restrictions.

**Kirkin' O' the Tartan:** This event is on hold pending Mayoral and CDC restrictions.

**St. Andrew's Night:** November 28, 2020. Joan Massart-Paden has reserved the Petroleum Club for this event again.

**Burn's Night:** January 23, 2021 is reserved. Rod will confirm the reservation of the room at the Embassy Suites.

**Thistle:** Will be out on April 1<sup>st</sup>. All information for the Thistle should be submitted by March 25<sup>th</sup>. As always, thank-you to Cathy Steen for keeping members informed of club activities!

### **Old Business:**

Rod Finkle received the Clan flags that arrived from Scotland. Rod requested the length of existing flagpoles in order to have new clan flags match the same height. Nelson measured the flagpoles at 7'.

### **New Business.**

Rod moved to make the Clans committee a standing committee. Their budget would be part of the club budget not the game's budget. Motion passed.

Sherri Borchert and Mary Anne Aadnesen-Norris were nominated by Cathy and seconded by Rod. Passed unanimously. The Alaska Scottish Board elected both people to the Board for a one year term. They are replacing board positions of Lisa Caress-Beu and Jeni McDaniel.

**Next Meeting:** April 20, 2020 at the PCA (if CoVid 19 restrictions lifted).

### **Adjournment:**

Ron moved to adjourn the meeting, Preston seconded. Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:44 PM.



## 39th Annual Alaska Scottish Highland Games June 27, 2020 2020 Sponsorship Application

Sponsorship Type:      Individual(s)                      Corporate

Individual(s) Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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		
VIP Access Passes		2	4	6	8	10	12	12
VIP Parking Passes		1	2	3	4	5	6	6
Inside the Games Reserved Camping		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Membership to the Alaskan Scottish Club		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Event Poster and Social Media Advertising					✓	✓	✓	✓
Recognition at Opening and Closing Ceremonies						✓	✓	✓
Banner Display in Prominent Location							✓	✓
Business Specific Customized Premiums								✓
*Additional Premiums may be requested								

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)*

**Deadline for Inclusion in the Program is May 25, 2020. Ads can be emailed to [ASHGProgram@gmail.com](mailto:ASHGProgram@gmail.com)**

**Sponsorships can be paid via Check or Credit Card\***

If Paying by Check, please make check payable to:

Alaska Scottish Highland Games

Mail Application and Check to:

ASHG/Sponsor

PO Box 244416

Anchorage, Alaska 99524-4416

If Paying by Credit Card, please Email application to:

[ASHGSponsor@gmail.com](mailto:ASHGSponsor@gmail.com)

Credit Card: \_\_\_\_\_ CVV Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Exp Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*3.5% Convenience/Processing Fee Applies to Credit Card Payments**

Questions? Email us at [ASHGSponsor@gmail.com](mailto:ASHGSponsor@gmail.com)

**Thank you for your support and see you at the Games!**

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## 39th Annual Alaska Scottish Highland Games June 27, 2020 2020 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.

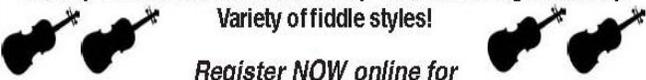
Athletic Event Sponsorships			Piping and Drumming Sponsorships		
Event	Amount	Sponsor	Event	Amount	Sponsor
Kilt Bib Numbers (Heavy Event Athletes)	\$ 500.00		Grade IV Band Competition	\$ 1,000.00	
Athletic T-Shirts (Heavy Events Athletes)	\$ 1,500.00		Grade V Band Competition	\$ 1,000.00	
Professional Athlete	\$ 1,000.00		Drum Salute	\$ 500.00	
Breamar Stone Throw	\$ 500.00		Individual Competitions:		
Open Stone Throw	\$ 500.00		Piobaireachd	\$ 1,000.00	
Light Weight For Distance	\$ 500.00		March, Strathspey and Reel	\$ 500.00	
Heavy Weight For Distance	\$ 500.00		6/8 March	\$ 500.00	
Weight Over Bar	\$ 500.00		Hornpipe and Jig	\$ 500.00	
Light Hammer Throw	\$ 500.00		Tenor Drum	\$ 500.00	
Heavy Hammer Throw	\$ 500.00		Snare Drum	\$ 500.00	
Sheaf Toss	\$ 1,000.00		Drum Major	\$ 1,500.00	
Caber Toss	\$ 1,000.00		Piping and Drumming Clinic	\$ 1,000.00	
Pro Men's Challenge Caber	\$ 1,000.00		<b>Other Events</b>		
Pro Women's Challenge Caber	\$ 1,000.00		Birds of Prey Exhibit	\$ 500.00	
Men's Challenge Stone	\$ 500.00		Celtic Dance	\$ 1,000.00	
Women's Challenge Stone	\$ 500.00		Educational Events	\$ 1,000.00	
Spring Throwing Clinic	\$ 1,500.00		Guest Ceilidh Band	\$ 5,000.00	
June Throwing Clinic	\$ 1,500.00		Highland Cow Exhibit	\$ 500.00	
Tug-O-War	\$ 1,000.00		Scotch Tasting Event	\$ 2,000.00	
Alaskan Salmon Toss	\$ 1,000.00		Shortbread Contest	\$ 250.00	
Kilted Mile (Includes Kilt Bib Numbers)	\$ 250.00		Tall Tales Contest	\$ 250.00	
Children's Throwing Event	\$ 250.00		<b>Refreshments</b>		
<b>In-Kind Donations</b>			VIP Tent	\$ 1,000.00	
	Value		Heavy Events (Athlete Lunch)	\$ 500.00	
Alaska Airlines Mileage					
Alaska Airlines Companion Pass					
Rental Vehicle(s)					
Other:					

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

**Contact Information for Alaska Pipe Bands:**

<p><b>Fairbanks Red Hackle Pipe Band</b>                  P.O. 82782                  Fairbanks, Alaska  <a href="http://www.fairbanksredhacklepipeband.org">www.fairbanksredhacklepipeband.org</a></p>	<p><b>Trinity Pipe Band</b>                  Meets Tuesday, 6 pm                  Trinity Presbyterian Church                  Contact: Danny Koch @ 907.230.6430                  Email: <a href="mailto:pipeband@trinityceltic.org">pipeband@trinityceltic.org</a></p>
<p><b>Alaska Celtic Pipes &amp; Drums</b>                  Lessons on Tuesdays - 6:30 pm - Mat-Su College;                  Lessons on Fridays - 5:30 pm - Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Chugiak; Band Practice to follow.                  Contact Richard Christiansen - 907-315-9838  <a href="http://www.alaskacelticpipesdrums.org">www.alaskacelticpipesdrums.org</a></p>	<p><b>Anchorage Scottish Pipe Band</b>                  Meets on Monday from 6:00 – 8:00                  Lutheran Church of Hope, 1847 W. Northern Lights                  Find us on Facebook</p>
<p><b>Crow Creek Pipes &amp; Drums</b>                  Every Saturday, 9 am – beginners, 10 am – band                  First Congregational Church  <a href="http://crowcreekpd.com/">http://crowcreekpd.com/</a></p>	<p><b>Anchorage Firefighters Pipe and Drum Band</b>                  Find us on Facebook:                  Anchorage Fire Fighters Pipe &amp; Drum Band</p>
<p><b>City of Juneau Pipe Band</b>                  Juneau, Alaska  <a href="http://www.cityofjuneaupipeband.org">www.cityofjuneaupipeband.org</a></p>	<p><b>Pipe bands – to update your information, please contact Cathy Steen at <a href="mailto:csteen@gci.net">csteen@gci.net</a></b></p>

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<p align="center">   <b>Joan Massart-Paden, CAS</b>                  907-229-0022 Email: <a href="mailto:adstrategies@icoud.com">adstrategies@icoud.com</a> </p>	<p align="center"> <b>AK Natural Stone Craft</b>                  Quality Custom Granite &amp; Marble Design                  Rafal Markiewicz                  1341 E. 70<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Anchorage, AK 99518                  Phone: 907.344.2158 Cell: 907.351.8881  <a href="mailto:aknaturalstonecraft@yahoo.com">aknaturalstonecraft@yahoo.com</a> </p>
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# Club Calendar

<b>Scottish Club Board Meeting</b> April 20, 6 pm Teleconference
<b>Games Meetings</b> April 2, 15 and 30, 6:15 pm Via zoom, see page 2 for details
<b>Celtic Spring Festival</b> Postponed
<b>Spring Throw Clinics</b> May 9, Anchorage May 10, Kenai (dates may be changed – contact Jeni)
<b>Pre-games Throw Clinic</b> June 20, 21 in Wasilla
<b>Alaska Scottish Highland Games</b> Alaska State Fair Grounds, Palmer June 27, 2020

**NOTE: Thistle information gratefully received at all times. However, to make the monthly deadline, please submit by the 25<sup>th</sup>. Send to Cathy at [csteen@gci.net](mailto:csteen@gci.net).**



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