



Tundra Thistle

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Coming Events:

ClanCoinneachadh

By Amberle Wright, Clan Stewart

The Scottish Club Clans and Families group will be hosting more Clan Gatherings throughout the year. Let's start with just a sit down chit chat, get to know one another a bit.

We will be at The Slippery Salmon on **November 2nd** at 6:00. The Slippery Salmon is a restaurant in downtown Anchorage on 3rd Avenue, next to the Ramada, and has its own parking lot! Please join us and help us get some ideas flowing. There, of course, are drinks and some real yummy food for purchase if you would like some dinner.

Hope to see you all there. Maybe you'll even learn how to pronounce "coinneachadh," which translates as a gathering or social occasion.

Please give me a shout if you have any questions or ideas. I may be reached at amberle1112@yahoo.com or 231-0870.

Final Ger McDonnell Ceili

Ger McDonnell 11th ANNUAL
MEMORIAL FUND CEILI AND AWARD PRESENTATION

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Join us for the final Ger McDonnell Memorial Fund's evening of awards, music and performance. Celebrate the outstanding youth in our community and their ongoing pursuit of Celtic heritage through the arts.

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT: WWW.ALASKACE.ORG

2019 Saturday Nov. 9th 7-11pm

The Gerard McDonnell Memorial Fund Award and Ceili is a FREE event.

49th State Brewing Co. | Heritage Theater
1717 W 3rd Ave. Anchorage, Alaska
No-Host bar | Meal service available for purchase.

St. Andrew's Night & Christmas Ceilidh

By Joan Massart-Paden



The Alaskan Scottish Club celebrates St. Andrew's Night with a ceilidh, scheduled for **Saturday November 30th** at 6 p.m. at the Petroleum Club of Anchorage. Come enjoy Scottish music, (including piping), buffet dinner, the photo booth and a Christmas-themed silent auction (get those presents checked off the list). For our brae laddies,

don't forget the infamous Knobby Knees contest. Dress up in your Christmas attire and come hang out with your fellow Scottish Club members.

Members and Non-members can purchase their tickets on eventbrite:

<https://st.andrews.night.registration.eventbrite.com/>

Cost is \$40.00 for ASC Members, \$50.00 for Non-Members. There are limited tickets and they go quickly.

We are looking for silent auction items. So if you have silent auction donations or would like to help with the event, contact Joan at 229-0022.

Trinity Pipe Band Student Recital

By Danny Koch

Please join Trinity Pipe Band for our Winter Student Recital! This relaxed and informal musical event is a chance for our students and members to show what they've learned this fall. It will feature solo and band performances from beginner to professional on the bagpipes and drums, including a special performance by renowned piping instructor and judge Alan Walters from British Columbia, Canada.

This recital will be held at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 12310 Lorraine St., in Anchorage on **November 23rd** at 6:30 pm. Dessert will be served! Hope to see you there!

How to Celebrate St. Andrews Day

From m.wikihow.com/celebrate-st.-andrews-day

1. Fly the Scottish flag. The Scottish flag is easy to identify--it's blue with a white X across it. The X is also called a saltire or a St. Andrews Cross. Displaying the Scottish flag is a good way to show the world that you're proud of Scotland and its history.

2. Dress in Scottish clothes. Wearing tartan patterns is a great way to show your Scottish pride! Tartan is patterned like plaid, and you can get it in hundreds of different styles, from traditional red, green, and yellow to neon pink. You can rent or buy a full kilt, or you can simply wear a tartan scarf, hat, or shirt. If you have a Scottish surname, your family may even have its own tartan design you can wear.

3. Post on social media. Change your profile picture to the Scottish flag, post a picture of yourself in tartan, or post a message wishing your friends a happy St. Andrews Day! You can even post videos of people celebrating St. Andrews Day in Scotland, or a tutorial on how to make your favorite Scottish foods. This is a great way to celebrate St. Andrews Day if you live far away from Scotland.

Recipe of the Month:

Mrs. Matthew's was the cook at Dykes Primary School for decades. This recipe from the Dyke's delights cookbooks seems an excellent comfort food as the winter chill settles in.



MRS MATTHEWS' CHICKEN PIE

Ingredients:

- 2 ½ pounds chicken
- 3 oz margarine
- 3 oz plain flour
- 1 sheet puff pastry
- 2 cups semi skimmed milk
- 2 cups chicken broth

Method:

1. Make the white sauce with the margarine, flour and milk.
2. Add the chicken and broth.
3. Place the chicken mixture in a tin and top with the puff pastry.
4. Bake at 180°C (350°F), for 30 minutes.

Burns Night Cometh!

By Cathy Steen



Planning has started for Burns Night 2020! We will be celebrating the evening on January 25 at a new location, the Embassy Suites Hotel on Bensen Boulevard. Chosen for its central location, good parking lot, and excellent reputation, the hotel will be offering discounted hotel rooms for attendees.

Meal choices will all include a haggis appetizer, followed by salad, choice of entrée with clapsot and vegetables, and a berry trifle for dessert. A shot of scotch, sherry or sparkling cider is included in the ticket price. Tickets will be \$70 for Scottish Club members, \$75 for non-members.

Help needed:

The Club needs YOU to volunteer to give a toast - there are four traditional toasts to be given:

The Toast to the Haggis (a recitation of Robert Burns' poem by that name)

The Immortal Memory – A toast to the immortal memory of Robert Burns

The Toast to the Lassies

The Toast to the Laddies (a.k.a., the Lassie's revenge)

Interested? Please contact Rod (finkle@actic.net) or Cathy (csteen@gci.net) for more information!



Scottish Fun Facts

Researched and submitted by Rod Finkle

- The Bank of Scotland is the second oldest surviving bank in United Kingdom and was founded in 1695.
- Glasgow city, founded in the 6th century by St. Mungo, is the largest city of Scotland.
- The first city in the world to have its own fire brigade was Edinburgh, capital of Scotland.
- Like Rome, Edinburgh is built on seven hills.

October Board Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Joan Massart-Paden, Jeni McDaniel, Lisa Caress-Beu, Ron Norris, Rod Finkle, Meg Voss, Cathy Steen, Amberle Wright **Guests:** Preston McKee

Call to order: 6:00 pm

Approval of the Minutes: Rod moved that the minutes be approved, Cathy seconded. Approved unanimously.

Treasurer's report: Ron Norris presented the treasurer's report. Meg moved to approve the treasurer's report. Lisa seconded. Cathy called for discussion and requested that the report reflect the current figures for the ASHG account, which she provided. Lisa moved and Meg seconded that the Treasurer's Report should be approved as amended by Cathy's figures. Motion passed.

Old Business:

Board Emeritus Nomination: The Board approved this policy in April. Rod nominated Bob Dickson. Rod moved, Cathy seconded this nomination. Passed unanimously.

Celtic Classic: Jeni reports that this event was amazing! The top Pros in America attended. Jeni got lots of great ideas for the Alaska Games. Security was a topic that she thought our Games could improve upon.

Trail Clean Up: Amberle has had problems with the Muni regarding this project. She will try again.

New Business:

Joan presented the Membership Budget, Club Tent Budget and the AGM Budget.

Committee Reports:

Alaska Highland Games: Jeni presented. The Draft 2020 Budget was presented. Cathy moved that the budget be approved, Lisa seconded – motion passed unanimously.

St. Andrew's Night: Joan presented. She is negotiating with PCA to reduce the costs. There will be no dance floor, no musicians other than Ian White piping and fiddling. Dessert will be brought in to defray the cost of the event. Joan is looking for items for the Silent auction.

Burn's Night: January 25, 2020. Cathy presented budget. Viking Hall has been recommended as an alternate location. Magpie Catering has expressed an interest in catering the event.

Thistle: Thank you to Cathy Steen for her continuing hard work to keep ASC members informed and connected. Articles and information are needed.

Website: Ron needs \$325.00 for annual fee. Jeni would like to put money toward a new completely rebuilt website. She will present some bids at the next meeting.

Scholarships: Jeni made great use of the scholarship money used to attend the Celtic Classic.

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

Adjournment: Rod moved to adjourn. Jeni seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.



Club members Kevin Hall and Tracey Turner enjoy Samhain with the Celtic Community of Alaska

Events with Other Celtic Groups

Irish Club of Alaska

Join the Irish Club for their newly-announced year of activities and events

November 10th – Irish Music at Bean's Café

December – Irish Cooking Class and Christmas High Tea

January – Murder mystery Night and Annual Membership Meeting

February – Irish Film Festival

March – St. Patrick's Day Festivities

April – Celtic Spring Festival with Celtic Community of Alaska

May – Membership Meet-and-Greet Potluck

June – Alaska Scottish Highland Games Booth

July – Irish Music at Spenard Farmer's Market

August – Galway Days

Song Circle: Usually the last Saturday of every month.



Find the Irish Club of Alaska at www.irishalaska.org



Contact Information for Alaska Pipe Bands:

<p>Fairbanks Red Hackle Pipe Band P.O. 82782 Fairbanks, Alaska www.fairbanksredhacklepipeband.org</p>	<p>Trinity Pipe Band Meets Tuesday, 6 pm Trinity Presbyterian Church Contact: Danny Koch @ 907.230.6430 Email: pipeband@trinityceltic.org</p>
<p>Alaska Celtic Pipes & Drums Every Friday 5 pm & 7 pm Eagle River Presbyterian Church www.alaskacelticpipesdrums.org</p>	<p>Anchorage Scottish Pipe Band Meets on Monday from 6:00 – 8:00 Lutheran Church of Hope, 1847 W. Northern Lights Find us on Facebook</p>
<p>Crow Creek Pipes & Drums Every Saturday, 9 am – beginners, 10 am – band First Congregational Church http://crowcreekpd.com/</p>	<p>Anchorage Firefighters Pipe and Drum Band Find us on Facebook: Anchorage Fire Fighters Pipe & Drum Band</p>
<p>City of Juneau Pipe Band Juneau, Alaska www.cityofjuneaupipeband.org</p>	<p>Pipe bands – to update your information, please contact Cathy Steen at csteen@gci.net</p>

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Club Calendar

Scottish Club Board Meeting November 18, 6:00 pm Petroleum Club of Anchorage
Clans and Families Coinneachadh November 2, 6:00 - 10 pm Slippery Salmon Bar and Grill
Ger McDonnell Ceili November 9, 2019, 7:00 – 11:00 pm 49 th State Brewery
St Andrew's Night November 30, 2019 6:00 pm Petroleum Club of Anchorage
Burn's Night January 25, 2020 6:00 pm Embassy Suites Hotel, 600 E. Bensen Blvd
Alaska Scottish Highland Games June 27, 2020
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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