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The Newsletter of the Alaskan Scottish Club

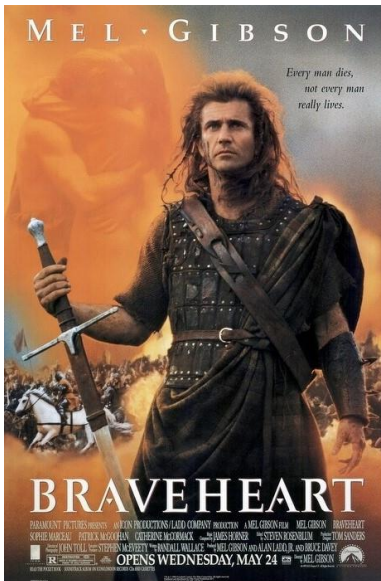
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Coming Events:

Join us as the Alaskan Scottish Club Celebrates Scottish-American Heritage Month and Tartan Day (April 6)

Braveheart at the Bear Tooth



In celebration of April being Scottish-American Heritage Month, the Alaskan Scottish Club (ASC) is taking over the Bear Tooth Theatrepub! Join us for a showing of the award-winning film, Braveheart!

Sunday, April 2nd

Door Open at 11:00 am

Event Begins at 11:30am

This won't be just any showing of Braveheart, there will be plenty of good ol' Scottish fun for everyone! Throw on a kilt and come dressed as a freedom fighting Scot to be entered for a special door prize. Enter the "Freedom Call" or "Best Warrior Face Paint" contests. There will also be historical fact checking of this popular film.

Freedom Call Contest:

Think you have what it takes to lead your countrymen and women into rebellion to free your homeland like the Scottish warrior William Wallace? Enter our Freedom Call contest! Contest is limited to the first 10 who sign-up. You will have 10 seconds to pump up the crowd to join you on your quest. The Scottish warrior who hypes the crowd the most will take home a prize fit for a Champion! All contestants will walk away with their heads held high and tickets to the 2023 Alaska Scottish Highland Games (ASHG)!

Warrior Face Paint Contest:

Paint your face like a true Scottish warrior and be entered to win ASHG tickets and swag. We will be randomly selecting 10 Warrior Face Paint participants to take home the prizes.

Tickets Still Available at:

<https://beartooththeatre.filmbot.com/movies/braveheart/>

This event will assist the Alaskan Scottish Club by raising funds for future events and our scholarship fund.



Tartan Day Feast at The Blarney Stone

Join your fellow Scots at the Blarney Stone on **April 6th at 6pm** to celebrate Tartan Day! We will be enjoying good food, drinks, and friends! All ASC members and friends are welcome! Be sure to wear your Tartan!

Note: The Blarney Stone is located at 645 G Street, Anchorage, at the former site of McGinley's Irish Pub.

Tartan Day Wear It Proudly

April 6th is National Tartan Day!!

By Christa Wallace

Tartan is particularly associated with Scotland, as Scottish kilts almost always have tartan patterns. Tartan is a patterned cloth consisting of crisscrossed, horizontal and vertical bands in multiple colors. Tartans originated in woven wool, but now they are made in other materials. The blocks of color repeat vertically and horizontally in a distinctive pattern of squares and lines known as a sett. Tartan is often called "plaid" (particularly in North America), because in Scotland, a plaid is a large piece of tartan cloth, worn as a type of kilt or as a large shawl. The English and Scots word "tartan" is most likely derived from the French tartarin meaning "Tartar cloth".

The Dress Act of 1746 attempted to bring the warrior clans under government control by banning the tartan and other aspects of Gaelic culture. When the law was repealed in 1782, it was no longer ordinary Highland dress, but was adopted instead as the symbolic national dress of Scotland, a status that was widely popularized after King George IV wore a tartan kilt in his 1822 visit to Scotland. It was not until the mid-nineteenth century that patterns were created and artificially associated with Scottish clans, families, or institutions who were (or wished to be seen as) associated in some way with a Scottish heritage.

Color: shades and meaning

The shades of color in tartan can be altered to produce variations of the same tartan. The resulting variations are termed: modern, ancient, and muted. These terms only refer to dye colors. The idea that the various colors used in tartan

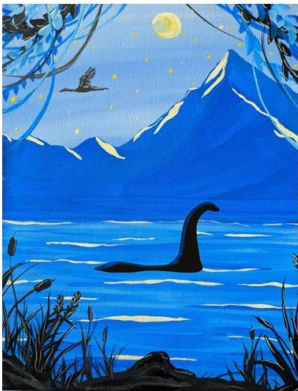
have a specific meaning is purely a modern one. One such myth is that red tartans were "battle tartans", designed so they would not show blood. It is only recently created tartans, such as Canadian provincial and territorial tartans (beginning 1950s) and US state tartans (beginning 1980s), that are designed with certain symbolic meaning for the colors used.

Alaskan Scottish Club Tartan

The official "Alaskan Scottish Club" Tartan was designed in 1991 by Alice Dillbeck. It was registered in 2013 with The Scottish Register of Tartans.

- Rose reflects a winter sunset on Denali's lofty top, a summer offer of shooting stars, and wild rose hips.
- Green suggests magnificent forests, short stalk sedge, lingonberry, and saxifrage.
- Gold recalls the great North Star, the miners' golden dream, tamarack, birch, and aspen mirrored in a stream.
- White represents the ice, the snow, and the lights of the Auroras.
- Blue is for the sky, forget-me-nots, the open sea, the deep cold azure of lakes, the glaciers' mysterious hue and for the Scottish origins of many Alaskans.

Nessie Paint Night in May



Join the Alaskan Scottish Club as we host a virtual paint night featuring a "created just for us" painting, Loch Ness Monster Sighting!

Grab your partner, family, or come as a party of one, while you explore this great chance to put your artistic skills to work in the comfort of your own home. Pour a glass of wine or a dram of Scotch, and paint your very own masterpiece!

Where: Your House

When: Saturday, May 13 at 6pm

\$47 per person; all supplies included to paint can be picked in Anchorage or Wasilla or have the kit shipped to you for an additional \$12.

Register at:

<https://paintwithsara.com/paint-classes-1/1120-5-pm-northern-polar-bear-p3673-ekkar-erclc-raxek-7xlhg-nb6kl-8z6ce-9slj7>

Our host for the evening will be Paint Nights with Sara & Co.

Introducing the 2023 ASHG Official Design

A huge thank you to the talented Pam Clifton for coming up with this year's amazing design for the 2023 ASHG. This design will be featured on our event poster along with merchandise (like the T-shirts!) available at the games!

Pam said, "he was fun to render." She just loved spotting them out in England for her granddaughter.

She was unaware of the unicorn being Scotland's national animal (chains and all) before her trip. She was intrigued and found out more while there. Her research resulted in this beautiful design.



Scotland and her Unicorns

By Clint White

Scotland is one of a handful of countries around the world whose national animal is one of myths and legends. The unicorn has been the national animal of Scotland since the 15th century. While much of the world thinks of the unicorn as just a horse with a single horn out of its forehead, to Scotland and her people, the unicorn is far more.

In Celtic mythology, the unicorn was revered for its white coat representing purity and innocence, the singular horn not present on other animals making them noble, and large equine stature and musculature showing their power and strength. Some folklore suggests that unicorns were the strongest of all animals and untamable except by the purity and innocence of a virgin maiden.

In Scottish heraldry, the unicorn makes its first appearance on the coat of arms of the King of Scots in the late 12th century under King William I, whose Royal Coat of Arms is supported by a pair of unicorns flying the Banner of Arms (rampant lion) and the Saltire (St Andrew's Cross). The unicorns themselves feature a few interesting attributes; cloven hooves similar to that of the highland coo, long tufted tails similar to that of the lion, a collar shaped as a crown connected to a chain, and standing atop a field of thistles. Legend says that the crown collar and chain represent the Kings of Scotland possessing the prowess to wrangle and tame the immensely powerful and untamable unicorn.

The unicorn officially became the national animal of Scotland sometime in the 15th century under King James III and is prevalent all across Scotland, from large statues atop structures, architectural features in buildings and subtle appearances everywhere. Beginning in 2015, the unicorn is celebrated worldwide on **National Unicorn Day, the 9th of April**. In short, the unicorn is not a cute cuddly little rainbow farting horsey but is a reflection of the unyielding voracity and gall of the Scottish people that has been driving fear into her enemies since before the 1st century.

Games News and Updates:

Inaugural Midnight Sun Spurtle Challenge

By Allison Fiscus

There are 13 weeks before the first annual Midnight Sun Spurtle Challenge. The contest will be held on **Saturday, June 24, 2023** at the ASHG. Porridge in Scotland is known as oatmeal in America, which is usually associated with rolled oats - the same rolled oats that make no bake cookies or oatmeal cookies. Porridge in Scotland is made with pinhead oats. Pinhead oats are known on our side of the pond as steel cut oats.

The spurtle contest will consist of teams up to 2 contestants per team. The challenge is to make traditional porridge using the steel-cut oats, water, and salt and of course a spurtle to eliminate any lumps.

The category of 6–12-year-olds with an adult will make traditional porridge. The categories 13–17-year-olds and 18 years and older will make traditional porridge and will also make a specialty porridge.

When making your porridge for the contest, you will make 2 cups of porridge and divide your porridge among 4 judges. Specialty porridge will also be made in 2 cups and divided among 4 judges, giving you the opportunity to be creative. Perhaps your porridge will be peaches and cream porridge, perhaps berries and nuts porridge...the sky's the limit.

How do you prepare for the spurtle contest? Start now working on your porridge. Master traditional porridge and then, let your creativity work its magic. One of my favorite porridge flavors is traditional porridge with raisins, dried plums, fresh minced apples, and a chai seasoning blend, topped with milk and agave. It's delicious and a favorite at our house.

Entry forms and judging requirements will be in next month's Thistle. Be the first in your family to master Scottish porridge with a spurtle and transform into a Highlander!!

Registration Opens 4/1/2023 and is available at: <https://alaskanscottish.regfox.com/2023spurtlechallenge>

ASHG Planning Committee

The Games Planning Committee is hard at work planning what will be another fantastic year at the Alaska Scottish Highland Games! If you are interested in giving input and helping out with the planning of this event, we would love to have you join our team! Please join us at one of our upcoming meetings either in Person or over Zoom:

Upcoming Planning Meetings:

Meeting Times: 6:15pm

Meeting In-Person Location: Eureka Space 405 W 36th Ave

Meeting Zoom Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/2372867941>

2023 Meetings:

April 13, 20, 27

May 11, 25

June 8, 22 (1st Volunteer 101 Training)



Second Annual Tartan Tourney

It's Back! The Tartan Tourney will be on **July 29** at Settlers Bay Golf Course. Our first year was a HUGE success and fun was had by all. You won't want to miss out this year! This is not your average golf tournament. This tourney is one of the most entertaining golf events in Alaska. The event hosts up to 30 teams of 4 golfers and features all things Scottish before, during and after the tournament. Behold bagpipers and drummers, Highland Dancers, Scotch toasts, and multiple Scottish-themed games, your day will be filled with Scottish amusement. After a day out on the course, golfers and non-golfers are invited to join us for a dinner Ceilidh (Scottish party) which will include delicious food options, Scottish entertainment, and a Scotch tasting.

Registration and Sponsorships are Open Now: <https://alaskanscottish.regfox.com/2023tartantourney>

Recipe of the Month:

Simnel Cake

<https://scottishfoodguide.com/recipe/simnel-cake/>

Simnel cake is a Scottish Easter tradition. It is packed with fruits and spices, and covered in marzipan – traditional cakes have 11 marzipan balls on top as well, to represent the 11 apostles (minus Judas).

Ingredients

100 g butter

100 g soft brown sugar
3 eggs
125 g white flour
1 tsp baking powder
1 level tsp mixed spice
1 measure Orkney spiced rum
625 g assorted vine fruits(sultanas, cherries/ candied peel)
25 g almonds broken up
1 Lemon zest only
1 orange zest only
1 grated apple
egg to glaze
apricot jam to glaze

Almond Paste

200 g ground almonds
200 g caster sugar
1 egg
a dash of J Gow Orkney spiced rum

Instructions

Line the base and sides of a 17 cm round, with parchment.

Place all almond paste ingredients in a bowl and work together into a dough using your hand. Set aside.

Preheat the oven to 175°C

Pre weigh your cake ingredients, mixing all the fruit and nut elements together so they are evenly distributed in a bowl.

Cream butter with sugar, beating until light and fluffy.

Beat in eggs one at a time along with a spoonful of flour to prevent curdling.

Set aside beaters and sieve in remaining flour.

Gently fold in all remaining ingredients along with the flour using a spatula.

Put half of the cake mixture into the prepared tin and roll out just under half the almond paste into a circle on a surface with a light dusting of icing sugar of such a size to fit the tin.

Place on top of the cake mix and cover with the remainder of the mix, making a gentle hollow in the centre. This should account for any rise in the cake giving you a flat top.

Put into the preheated oven for 45 mins. When the cake starts to have a golden top place a thick layer of parchment over it to prevent burning for the remainder of cooking time.

After 45 mins reduce heat to 160°C and bake for another hour.

Test the cake with a skewer. It should come out clean however be aware you may get an inaccurate reading if you misread the marzipan centre. Give it a further 15 mins if necessary, then test again. When it is ready set aside to settle for 15mins before turning it onto a cooling tray.

Set aside some marzipan for the 'apostles' and roll the remainder on a surface with a light dusting of icing sugar. It should be a circle of a size to neatly fit on top of the cake.

When the cake is cold, brush the top with a thin layer of apricot jam and lay on marzipan.

Use a knife to score the marzipan decoratively if wished and brush with beaten egg.

Divide remaining marzipan into 11 and roll each into a ball. Apply evenly around the edge. Brush them with beaten egg too.

Toast in a very hot oven for 15 mins – keeping an eye on it – until marzipan is toasted golden.

New Board Members, Officers Elected

The Annual General Meeting convened on March 5 at the Moose Lodge in Anchorage. Vice President Ron Norris officiated the meeting, President Joan Massart-Paden attended via zoom. Director Sherri Borchert provided delicious baked goods to accompany the tea. 24 members attended in person, two by proxy, and 10 absentee ballots were received.

The treasurer and Executive Director presented information about the health of the club and the membership, while the committee leads for Burns Night, St. Andrews Night, Education and the Clans presented reports on their activities over the last year.

The election was held for new board members. Three members stepped off the board, leaving five vacancies, two of which were held by incumbents. The results of the election were:

Members elected to a two-year term:

- Amberle Wright (incumbent)
- Sherri Borchert (incumbent)
- Tonda Scott
- Michael Miller
- David Wallace

The proposed amendment to the bylaws, to allow for memberships to extend for 12 months after the membership was purchased, rather than expiring in December, passed.

The first board meeting with the new board was held on March 13 at the BP Energy Center. Amberle Wright presided as president pro tem. Officer elections were held at this meeting, as required by the bylaws.

The Alaska Scottish Club officers for 2023 – 24 are:

- President: Cathy Steen
- Vice President: Amberle Wright
- Secretary: Nelson Alger
- Treasurer: Christa Wallace

All officer contact information can be found on the last page of this Thistle.

Activities with other Celtic Groups in town:

Irish Dance Academy of Alaska's Celtic Rendezvous

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The Irish Dance Academy of Alaska is proud to present Alaska's Irish dance show of the year, Celtic Rendezvous 2.0! Enjoy an afternoon of modern and traditional Irish dance pieces that have never been seen before. You won't want to miss it! This is our biggest fundraiser of the year! We will have a silent auction and bake sale in the foyer. We are so grateful for the community's support!

Celtic Community of Alaska

Celtic Spring Festival

The Celtic Spring Festival will be face to face this year on the Alaska Pacific University Campus on April 29 from 10 – 6. This festival highlights Alaskan talent, as local musicians, artists, performers and teachers share their knowledge and skills. The festival also includes a craft fair and non-profit booths (spaces are still open!)

Classes offered to date include:

Lecture Series

Family History and Knowing Your Ancestors with Sean McGrane

Why Oscar Wilde Matters – Especially Today with Toby Widdicombe

How to Become a Highland Games Athlete or Judge with Jeni McDaniel

Music and Performance

Hands-on Celtic Harp with Linda Yarborough

Traditional Storytelling and Bardic Performance with Colum the Shanachie and Rodrigo de Reinosá

Irish Music for Beginners with Ben and Chris Richardson

Singing Up the Sun song circle with Dawn Berg

Make and Take

Small Long Stitch Book with Anne Freitag

Ogham Writing with Kevin Hall

Physical Activities

Beginner Clog Dance with Dixine Schiavi and the Midnight Sun Cloggers

There will also be live performances throughout the day by the instructors and other talented members of the Celtic Community.

If you are interested in presenting a class, contact csteen@gci.net or if you are interested in having a craft booth, please contact at afeitag@gci.net

AKPADS:

April Scotch Tasting!

By Teddy Krogh



Work is underway to have a Scotch tasting fundraiser this April at the Captain Cook Hotel. The Captain Cook Hotel has very graciously offered to donate some rooms, time, and an experienced guide to help with taking patrons through the details of Scotch tasting. Republic National Distributing Company is working with AKPADS in helping donate some bottles of Scotch for

the tasting as well. More details are to be announced shortly but the hope is to raise a few thousand dollars to help the AKPADS coffers. A portion of the funds will be used to help bring up a big-name player in Fall/Winter of this year



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Enjoy complimentary catered food and beverages throughout the weekend as well as prime seating for viewing our Athletic competitions in our *Sponsor Tent*.

Additional premiums for your level of sponsorship are shown below.

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ASHG Promotions & Community Activities

Signing on early as a sponsor can ensure that your organization will be recognized in our promotional material leading up to the Games. This includes listing your organization's name or logo on the sponsor page of our website, on event posters and social media photos and posts.

If you have additional ideas for in-store, online or pre-event activities, we welcome all ideas to customize our partnership.

The Highland Games - 2 Day Athletic & Community Event

ASHG Recognition

ASHG VIP Access - Includes gate passes for each day of the Highland Games, special sponsor parking, expedited entry, inside-the-gate camping (reservation required), and full access to our **Sponsor Tent**, where you will enjoy complimentary catered food and beverages throughout the weekend as well as prime seating for viewing of our Athletic competitions. The number of passes, parking and reserved camping spots will be defined by your sponsorship and by what your company requests.

- **Game Day Schedule & Map** - Show your company name or logo to all who attend. Size and placement will fit with your sponsorship.
- **Promotional Poster** displaying your logo
- **Website** showing your Logo linked to your chosen on-line media.
- **Opening & Closing Ceremonies** - We can also recognize your outstanding level of support by making announcements from the stage.

Commitment needed by June 1, for printed materials.

Event Specific Sponsorship

A number of our events have sponsorship opportunities unique to the venue or event schedules.

- **Posters for Event Specific Sponsorship** will include your company's logo.
- **Announcements** about your company will be made throughout that event activities.
- **Exclusive Sponsorships:** Events typically have multiple companies underwriting the event, but *exclusive sponsorship* is an option.
- **Customized Premiums:** Your business is unique and we would love to discuss your ideas about how we can showcase this with over 18,000+ attendees to the ASHG.

Ask our **Sponsorship Team** about donating air miles for athletes and performers or equipment and services as part of your sponsorship. *We value it all!*

Contact us now, so together we can put on the best ASHG Alaska has ever seen!

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Contact Information for Alaska Pipe Bands:

<p>Crow Creek Pipes & Drums Practice every Monday, 6:00 p.m. First Congregational Church, 2610 E Northern lights Blvd. http://crowcreekpd.com/</p>	<p>Anchorage Scottish Pipe Band Practices Monday, 6:00 to 8:00pm (Anchorage) and Thursday, 6:30 to 8:30pm (Eagle River) Lessons: Thursday, 6:00pm (Eagle River), or by appointment Contact: Tim Kincaid, 907-360-2585; Email: tim@terntech.com Find us on Facebook</p>
<p>Alaska Celtic Pipes & Drums 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 www.alaskacelticpipesdrums.org</p>	<p>Fairbanks Red Hackle Pipe Band P.O. 82782 Fairbanks, Alaska www.fairbanksredhacklepipeband.org</p>
<p>Alaska Piping and Drumming Society Contact Teddy Krogh at krogh_teddy@hotmail.com</p>	<p>City of Juneau Pipe Band Juneau, Alaska www.cityofjuneaupipeband.org</p>

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Club Calendar

<p>Scottish Club Board Meeting April 17, 6:00 pm BP Energy Center, Fir</p>	<p>The Tundra Thistle, the newsletter of the Alaskan Scottish Club, is published approximately 11 times each year. Subscription is by membership to the Alaskan Scottish Club. Send articles for publication, membership info, and advertising rate inquiries to:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Editor, Tundra Thistle, Alaskan Scottish Club, Inc. P.O. Box 244416 Anchorage, AK 99524-4416</p> <p>Thanks to our contributors for the April Thistle: Cathy Steen, Jeni McDaniel, Christa Wallace, Allison Fiscus, Clint White, Amberle Wright.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Alaskan Scottish Club Board of Directors</p> <p>Cathy Steen, President president@alaskanscottish.org Amberle Wright, Vice President vicepresident@alaskanscottish.org Nelson Alger, Secretary secretary@alaskanscottish.org Christa Wallace, Treasurer treasurer@alaskanscottish.org Sherri Borchert ak_snowangel04@yahoo.com Preston McKee starkepm@gmail.com Michael Miller aksctsmn@mtaonline.net Tonda Scott membership@alaskanscottish.org David Wallace akmedic2000@gmail.com</p> <p>Executive Director: Jeni McDaniel, jeni@alaskanscottish.org Cell: 907-602-0901</p> <p>Board Emeriti: Robert J. Dickson, Rod Finkle, Tim Kincaid</p> <p>The Alaskan Scottish Club is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) entity and can accept cash and services. Cash donations are welcome at any time of the year. For those with corporate matching programs, we are eligible for those funds. You can contact the Board of Directors at the above address with questions. Facebook and Instagram contacts are: Facebook: www.facebook.com/AlaskanScottish (Club page) www.facebook.com/alaskashg (Highland Games page) Instagram: www.instagram.com/alaskanscottish</p> <p>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.</p>
<p>Braveheart at the Beartooth April 2, 11:00 am Bear Tooth Theaterpub</p>	
<p>Tartan Day Feast April 6, 6:00 pm The Blarney Stone, 645 G Street, Anchorage</p>	
<p>Celtic Rendezvous 2.0 With Irish Dance Academy of Alaska April 23, 2:00 pm Wendy Williamson Auditorium</p>	
<p>Celtic Spring Festival April 29, 10:00 am – 6:00 pm Alaska Pacific University, Carr-Gottstein Building</p>	
<p>Nessie Paint Night May 13, 6:00 pm Virtual event via zoom</p>	
<p>Alaska Scottish Highland Games June 24 & 25 Alaska State Fair Grounds, Palmer</p>	
<p>Tartan Tourney Saturday, July 29 Settler's Bay Golf Course</p>	

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