



Tundra Thistle

The Newsletter of the Alaskan Scottish Club

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Coming Events:

Annual General Meeting & Club Tea

This year's Annual General Meeting and club tea will be held on March 5 at 2 pm at the Moose Lodge #1534 in Anchorage (4211 Arctic Blvd). All ASC Club members are invited to attend. If you are not current on your dues, you can renew at the meeting.

The agenda includes: a meet and greet time, with tea and treats, followed by reports on the health of the club from the Executive Director and Board Members, a vote on the proposed bylaw change (which was communicated earlier to all members via email) and the election of Directors to the Board. The Board of Directors is comprised of 9 members who are elected to serve 2-year terms. At this meeting, there will be 5 seats up for election. The bios of the 6 candidates running this year can be found starting on page 5 of this issue. An absentee ballot was sent with this issue, for you to submit if you are unable to attend. Ballots must be received by March 4, and may be submitted electronically, submission details are located on the ballot.

Hope to see you there!

April: Scottish-American Heritage Month and Tartan Day Events:

In celebration of April being Scottish-American Heritage Month and Tartan Day on April 6th, the Alaskan Scottish Club is planning some fun events! Please save the date for these fun events, all the final details will be made available on our Social Media, Website, and in next month's Thistle.

Braveheart at the Beartooth



On April 2nd at 12 pm, the Alaskan Scottish Club is taking over the Beartooth for a showing of Braveheart! This won't be just any movie showing, we will be having some good ol' Scottish fun with Costume Contests, Face Paint Contest, Best "Freedom" call, and more! This event will also assist the Club by raising funds for our activities and our scholarship fund.

Tartan Day Feast

April 6th at 6pm: Tartan Day Feast. We will be meeting at a Restaurant and enjoying good food, drinks, friends, and Tartan. We are finalizing details on the restaurant, but please save the date so you will be able to join us!



ASC Rocks Fur Rondy

With the theme of "Nessie Hunters," ten ASC members participated in the Frostbite Footrace Costume Fun Run, winning first prize in the Business Organization/club category. Many of the runners/walkers joined other club members to march in the Fur Rondy parade.

Meanwhile, club members Kevin Hall and Pam Clifton were representing the 3 Barons' Fair in the snow sculpture competition. These two artists, who have been creating designs for the Scottish Club for years, placed first in their category as well. You can still cast your vote for their sculpture in the "People's Choice" category until March 3rd!

Congratulations to all, and thank you to everyone who came out to support the club in our Rondy endeavors.



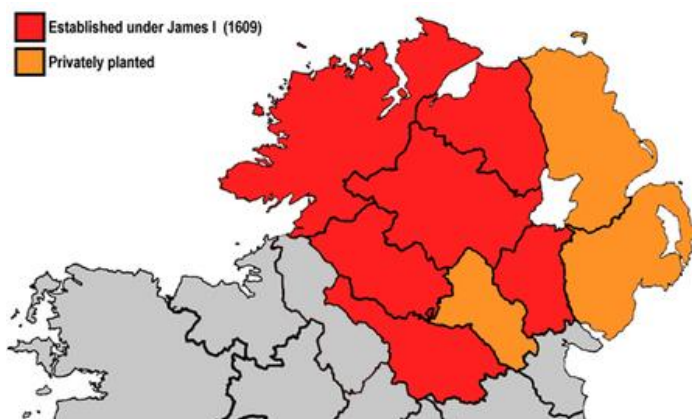
"Nessie Hunters" John Ruthe, Cathy Steen, Dottie McKee ("the Capatin"), Sheri Borchert, Nelson Alger as Nessie, Amberle Wright, Anne Freitag, Chrita Wallace, Preston McKee, and Christina Johnson.



St. Patrick's Day: A Day to Remember Your Scotch-Irish Ancestors

By Christa Wallace

America's population was 15 percent Scotch-Irish by the time of the Revolution. Today, that number is approximately 30 million of Scottish decent. Did you know that, of the 46 men who have served as US President, an astonishing 34 have been of either Scottish or Ulster-Scots descent? This includes George Washington, Theodore Roosevelt, Woodrow Wilson, Gerald Ford, Ronald Reagan and Bill Clinton. The term Scotch-Irish refers to Scots who migrated to the northern province of Ireland (Ulster) beginning about 1605.



The majority of Scots who migrated to northern Ireland came as part of an organized settlement/plantation scheme of 1605-1697. Plantation settlements were restricted to the Province of Ulster, in the counties of Antrim, Down, Armagh, Tyrone, Donegal, Cavan, Fermanagh and Derry. As many as 200,000 Lowland Scots crossed to settle in Ulster over a 90 year period. The primary purpose of the plantation scheme was to populate the northern counties of Ireland with loyal British subjects, to counterbalance the native Irish. Some Scots were willing to participate, others were pushed. England viewed the emigration as a method to eradicate Scotland of Lowland and Border Scots, whose desperate poverty compelled many to turn to a life of marauding and horse thievery. Lowland Scots were predominately Presbyterian, giving the English crown another reason to push out the Border Scots; thereby, setting the scene for future religious conflicts between the predominately Catholic Irish and the Presbyterian Ulster-Scots.

Several generations and multiple English Kings later, the plantation's land did not yield sufficiently to support the Scottish immigrants. Unrest in Scotland resulted in the Jacobite Uprisings (1689-1746). King William III (Orange), a Protestant, conducted several battles in Ireland and Scotland attempting to crush Catholicism in Ireland and Scotland. While King William III was unsuccessful in making all of Ireland and Scotland Protestant, William laid the seeds for the national, ethnic and sectarian conflicts in the future; these conflicts in Ireland are known as "The Troubles" (1960-1998). The term downplays the crisis.

Scots began immigrating to America beginning in the 1690's through the 1740s. From New Hampshire to North Carolina, Scots left their mark. So whether you wear Orange or Green on March 17th, take a moment to reflect on those brave souls, who embarked on a ship, risked everything to settle in this great land!

Games Planning Committee Meetings

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:

March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

April 6 Meeting-Tartan Day Dinner, 13, 20, 27

May 11, 25

June 8, 22 (1st Volunteer 101 Training)

Games Volunteers Needed!

Alone we can do so little; together, we can do so much!! Please consider Volunteering at the Alaska Scottish Highland Games on June 24th and 25th in Palmer.

Volunteer for your good health! 76% of people who volunteer say it makes them healthier. 94% of people who volunteer say it improves their mood. 95% of people who volunteer say it made their community a better place. 87% of people who volunteer say it makes them stronger team players at work.

It takes over 200 people to set up, run, and dismantle the annual games. We need help with planning the games. We meet every Thursday at 6:15pm in person and on Zoom. We need committee chairs. Please consider the donation of your time and talents to help with the clans. Did you come to see the pipe and drummers? Perhaps the up-close position as a judge's aide would fire your heart, or encourage the next generation of Highland athletes by volunteering with the children's games. This is a short list of the many opportunities to volunteer at the games.

Volunteers are not paid not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless! Please donate your invaluable talents at the 42nd Annual Alaska Scottish Highland Games.

Email Christa Wallace at volunteers@alaskanscottish.org. We'd love to hear from you!

New Games Event!:



Midnight Sun Spurtle Challenge

By Allison Fiscus

Porridge, once widely viewed as a cheap, hardy sustenance, has become one of the world's leading superfoods. Porridge (aka, oatmeal) has been a favorite food in the UK dating back as far as the 15th Century.

Oats were a staple in Scotland due to the short, wet growing season making oats easier to grow than wheat. Traditional porridge in Scotland is made with steel cut or pinhead oats soaked overnight in salted water and then cooking on a low heat in the morning. Serving porridge with cream, honey, and fruit is a delicious comfort food that fed the highlanders for centuries.

In order to not have lumps and have a wonderful creamy porridge, a spurtle was used. What is a spurtle? It is a wooden kitchen utensil used to stir and blend the oats while cooking. Oats can be eaten as a porridge, gruel, pudding, fermented drink and are as much a symbol of Scotland as whisky, bagpipes, and haggis.

This year at the Games, we're hosting the first annual Midnight Sun Spurtle Challenge. The challenge will be held on Saturday, June 24, 2023. There will be 3 divisions: under 12 years old with an adult; 13 – 17-year-olds; and, 18 and above. Watch for additional details as the games get closer. Having a spurtle is a great asset to your kitchen toolbox and feeling like an authentic Highlander from Scotland. Save the date and plan on joining the oatmeal spurtle contest!

Second Annual Tartan Tourney



Save The Date! The Tartan Tourney is back **July 29** at Settlers Bay Gold Course. Last year was a HUGE success and fun was had by all. You won't want to miss out this year! Registration and sponsorship will open March 15th. As always, the final details will be made available on our Social Media, Website, and in Next month's Tundra Thistle.

Piper's Corner:

This information is provided by the Alaska Piping and Drumming Association. For information about the organization and how to join, contact Teddy Krough at krough_teddy@hotmail.com.

Alan Walters Medal Award

The inaugural Alan Walters Medal and Mini Band Competition was last month on January 25th as part of the Anchorage Folk Festival. This is the first time a competition of this style and type has been held in the State of Alaska. The event was named after well known piper Alan Walters, who came to the state for decades to help teach and promote piping. The event was well attended by both competitors and curious listeners. The piobaireachd (pee-broch) competition used a "set list" of tunes and the competitions were divided into three categories: bronze, silver, and gold. Before the piobaireachd contest, there was a mini band event. Congratulations to all who competed, adjudicated, and participated. The results are as follows.

Mini Band Overall Winner:

1st - Anchorage Scottish Pipe Band

2nd - Crow Creek Pipes & Drums

(Adjudicated by Tim Burke, Joe Albrecht, & Heather King)

Alan Walters Medal Events:

(All adjudicated by Mark Ryan and Tim Burke)



Gold Medal:

1st - Conor Hlavinka "The Battle of Auldearn #1"

2nd - Joe Albrecht "Corriensan's Salute"

3rd - Ian White "Lament for the Old Sword"

Silver Medal - No contestants

Bronze Medal

1st - Ann Cross "Lament for the Old Sword"

2nd - Brian Gregg "The Groat"

3rd - Bill Watson "Tulloch Ard"

Recipe of the Month:

Chef Gary Mclean, the National Chef of Scotland, demonstrated the preparation of ten recipes from his cookbook: *Gary Mclean's Scottish Kitchen*. He has given permission for his recipes to be shared here.

Smoked Haddock Kedgeree



Kedgeree is one of those dishes that has been claimed by the Scots. It first appeared in a Scottish cookbook in the 18th century. It's the combination of smoked haddock and spice. What's not to like? I learned that it was devised by a Scottish regiment whose troops had returned from India and were looking for a little taste of something to remind them of their time there. *(When here for the Games last year, Chef Gary used smoked halibut, rather than haddock – editor)*

Ingredients:

750ml (3 cups) vegetable stock (a good quality stock cube would work for this)

400g (14oz) un-dyed smoked haddock

2 banana shallots, finely chopped

1 teaspoon ground coriander

1 teaspoon ground turmeric

2 teaspoons curry powder

250g (9oz) basmati rice

1 bay leaf

4 eggs

25ml (1fl oz) vegetable oil

Small bunch flat parsley, shredded

Small bunch coriander, shredded *(we call this cilantro – editor)*

Few sprigs dill, shredded

Salt and pepper, for seasoning.

Instructions:

1. Your first job is to cook the smoked haddock. Bring your stock to the boil in a large, shallow pan and add the smoked haddock fillet. Simmer for 4 minutes, until the fish is just cooked.
2. Lift it out onto a plate and leave until cool enough to handle. Keep the stock – it will now have loads of smokey flavour. Top up with water to 1 litre (1 quart) and set aside for later.
3. In a large, lidded pan, heat the oil, add the shallots and gently fry for 5 minutes until softened but not coloured. Add the spices, season with salt, then continue to fry until the mix starts to go brown and smells fragrant; about 3 minutes. Be careful at this stage not to burn the spices.
4. Add the rice and bay leaf, and stir in.
5. Add your cooking liquor from poaching the haddock, stir, then bring to the boil. Reduce to a simmer and cover for 10 minutes.
6. Take off the heat and leave to stand, covered, for 10 to 15 minutes more.
7. The rice should be perfectly cooked if you do not lift the lid before the end of the cooking.
8. Meanwhile, boil your eggs by carefully placing them into a pot of boiling water for 6 to 7 minutes (if you like your eggs hard-boiled, 8 to 10 minutes will be plenty of time).
9. Once the timer is up, make sure you cool the eggs immediately to stop the cooking process. Once cooled, peel and quarter the eggs.
10. To serve the kedgeree, fold through your shredded herbs and the haddock, and top up with the quartered boiled eggs.

2023 Board of Directors Election - Candidate Biographies

Sherri Borchert (Incumbant): My name is Sherri and I started competing in the Highland Games in 2017 after being a spectator for several years. I joined the ASC after the Games that summer and have been a board member since 2020. I have contributed many volunteer hours to the club from set up/tear down of the highland games, helping organize club events, and prepping implements for the athletic events, just to name a few. I have been a vet tech for over 20 years with a passion for spaying and neutering. Some of my hobbies include baking, fishing, weightlifting, and traveling. I've been to Scotland 3 times and it's one of my favorite places to visit. I look forward to continue helping grow the club and games for many years to come.

Erin Gregg: Halò, is mise Erin Gregg. I am the wife to Brian Gregg and mother of Alasdair (1.5 years old) and Edmund Gregg (3 months old). Our family are proud MacGregors—descendants of Rob Roy and the first kings of Scotland. I come from a resilient stock with an attitude of do more with less.

I am interested in joining the board to promote Scottish culture and fellowship. I care deeply about ensuring our future generations can be kilt wearing, caber tossing bagpiping hooligans. As a member of the club for the last

year I have assisted with Burns night and look forward to doing more! I have almost 10 years of experience in human resources and I am used to accomplishing tasks as part of a team. My friends describe me as a great listener, skilled organizer and responsive. I humbly ask that you consider me for the board to continue bringing our shared Scottish history and culture to light.

Michael Miller: As a member of the McFarlane Clan and a Glaswegian I got a late start in exploring my Scottish heritage. Just before the Games moved from Eagle River, I started attending the games regularly and realized I really enjoyed watching the competition.

I have lived in Alaska for the past 58 years. I recently retired from a private survey firm located in Eagle River where I was employed as Survey Manager. As such I supervised as many as 30 employees depending on the time of year as well as preparing cost estimates and managing multiple contracts. Prior to working in private practice, I was employed by the State of Alaska for 15 years with Department of Natural Resources and 16 years with the Department of Transportation (DOT) as the Central Region Survey Manager. In my DOT position I supervised 20 employees, wrote contracts, and managed multiple contracts with private companies.

My wife and I have had three kids that have attended Chugiak Elementary, Mirror Lake Middle School and graduating from Chugiak High School. During our kids I was a member of the Chugiak Elementary PTA for 2 years. I volunteered countless hours helping with the different activities that they participated in (In State and out of State Band trips, cross country skiing, cross country running, tennis). I was active in establishing the Chugiak High School band club and served as a board member for four years.

Currently I am the camping coordinator for the annual Scottish Game a position I have filled since the games moved to Palmer. I also volunteer wherever I am needed throughout the games.

With my many years of volunteering as well as my many years of serving in management positions I believe that I will be a good fit for the board. I still enjoy volunteering and learning about Scotland.

Tonda Scott: I am retired nurse after having practiced for 50+ years. Maybe it was my Scottish roots that made me interested in the Scottish Highland Games and all things Scottish. I attended a few in other states when I wasn't working. When I moved to Alaska, I attended several games. One day I read an article somewhere about needing volunteers for the games in 2020. I attended several meetings until it was decided to cancel the games due to COVID. I volunteered for the 2021 when we were able to have the event live, and again for the 2022 games. My main area of work during the games was at the Scotch Tasting event and entertainment communications. I helped in many other capacities when asked. I have enjoyed it very much. I'm hoping to continue working for the club and learn more about how the club works as a board member. I feel that I can contribute in many capacities in planning for the games as well as other events.

David Wallace: I started to attend club events back when the ASHG were still being hosted in Eagle River. It was this exposure that led my wife and I to beginning volunteering

with the games the year it moved to the Alaska State Fairgrounds in Palmer. Since those days I have become more involved with the various Club events: Burns Night, St. Andrew's Day, The Tartan Tourney and of course the Annual Highland Games. Last year I had the opportunity to dedicate my time to the Merchandise Tent. I am again focusing on the Merchandise Tent as my part of the games, helping with selection and organization of the products, working with sponsors to volunteer their time to this endeavor, and lastly enjoy the opportunity to be part of this event. It is this dedication of time that has led me to seek a position on the ASC board.

I bring not only my commitment to the club and its events, but also my past experiences with non-profit organizations. I was employed by the Anchorage School district as a Community Education Coordinator. This position entailed working with a volunteer board of directors to plan and implement a community-based program, to develop and operate fund raising opportunities, to recruit and train volunteers, to create and work within a defined budget, and to work on Community and City-wide special events. During this time, I also was a member of the Chugiak Children's Services Board of Director, serving 2 terms as the board president. My involvement on board of directors includes 2 terms on my daughter's School's PTA, secretary of our HOA and currently the Secretary of POST 35 American Legion Riders group.

I look forward to my continued involvement with the club whether a board member or just an active member.

Amberle Wright (Incumbent): Rev. Amberle Wright, an Interfaith Chaplain, is currently on the board of directors for the ASC, and held the position of Secretary for 2 terms. She has also built the Clans & Family subset of the ASC and continues to lead in all areas of education and community.

Rev. Amberle Wright has been integral to ASC events such as Burn's Night, Hogmanay, ASHG Clans Gathering, Frostbite Footrace, and Trail Cleanups. She has also leant her time to events such as St. Andrew's night and writing for the Tundra Thistle. She can always be found at all ASC events showing her passion for volunteer work and lending assistance and leadership wherever needed.

Rev. Amberle Wright brings to the Board of Directors her passion to share Scottish Culture, both historical and current affairs, both at the Highland Games and all ASC activities. As chair for the ASC Clans & Families, she adds value by listening to member's needs and representing those needs to the board.

In addition to her work with the ASC, Rev. Amberle Wright is passionate about her career in Occupational Health & Safety, Project Management, and Field Superintendent roles. She has also served, and continues to serve on other non-profit boards such as Alaska Governor's Safety Conference, ASP's Safety Summit, Celtic Community of Alaska, and Anchorage Interfaith Council. Serving on the Board of Directors for the ASC gives an opportunity for her to share her experience in leadership, organization, fiscal attention, and human relations.

Rev. Amberle Wright is dedicated to using her experience in both the public and private sectors to broaden access and share educational opportunities regarding American Scottish and Scottish cultures.

Activities with other Anchorage Groups:

Irish Club of Alaska:



Siúil a Rúin
Laments of War
Prayers for Peace

Exploring the
Irish anti-war
experience
through story,
song, dance and poetry

Sunday, March 12, 2023
The Nave 3502 Spenard Rd
Suggested Donation
\$15 per Person
\$30 per Family

Presented by The Irish Club of Alaska

AN AFTERNOON IN IRELAND

2:00 pm on Sunday March 12th
The Nave at 3502 Spenard Road

The **Irish Club of Alaska** returns to its roots with a Live production of An Afternoon in Ireland. This annual celebration of Irish culture is in its 35th year, and features the finest of the local Irish music scene.

The 2023 show will explore the theme of anti-war sentiment in song, story and poetry. A suggested donation of \$15 per person or \$30 per family will be accepted at the door.

The show will be streamed for those out of town fans to enjoy. For More information, log onto www.irishalaska.org .

Celtic Community of Alaska:

Celtic Spring Festival

The Celtic Community of Alaska (CCA) Spring Festival is returning this year as a live event. It is scheduled for **April 29, at Alaska Pacific University**. Classes booked to date include how to train to be a Highland Games athlete, the secrets of porridge making (so you can enter the Midnight Sun Spurtle Challenge at the Games!), make-and-take-craft activities, and more!

We are looking for more instructors and vendors for the day.

If you are interested in teaching a class related to Celtic culture, please contact the CCA at csteen@gci.net.

ALASKA CELTIC PIPES & DRUMS

Present a St. Patrick's Weekend Concert:

Wearin' O' the Green

featuring

Alaska Celtic Pipes & Drums

Saturday, March 18, 2023
at 4:00 pm

at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church,
18444 Old Glenn Hwy, Chugiak, AK

(On the Old Glenn Hwy, between North & South Birchwood Loop Exits)

Admission is free, but donations are greatly appreciated, and will benefit the Pipe Band, and the church youth group.

"Piping Hot Fun in the Last Frontier!"

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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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

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<p style="text-align: center;">Afternoon in Ireland Sunday, March 12, 2023 The Nave at 3502 Spenard Road</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Alaskan Scottish Club Board of Directors</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 33%;">Joan Massart-Paden</td> <td style="width: 33%;">President</td> <td style="width: 33%;">907-229-0022</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ron Norris</td> <td>VP</td> <td>ronldnorris@gmail.com</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Amberle Wright</td> <td>Secretary</td> <td>amberle1112@yahoo.com</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cathy Steen</td> <td>Treasurer</td> <td>csteen@gci.net</td> </tr> <tr> <td>MaryAnne Aadnesen-Norris</td> <td></td> <td>ma.aadnesen@gmail.com</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nelson Kevin Alger</td> <td></td> <td>nkalger@mtu.edu</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sherri Borchert</td> <td></td> <td>ak_snowangel04@yahoo.com</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Preston McKee</td> <td></td> <td>starkepm@gmail.com</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Christa Wallace</td> <td></td> <td>ashgvolunteers@gmail.com</td> </tr> </table> <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/alaskashq (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>	Joan Massart-Paden	President	907-229-0022	Ron Norris	VP	ronldnorris@gmail.com	Amberle Wright	Secretary	amberle1112@yahoo.com	Cathy Steen	Treasurer	csteen@gci.net	MaryAnne Aadnesen-Norris		ma.aadnesen@gmail.com	Nelson Kevin Alger		nkalger@mtu.edu	Sherri Borchert		ak_snowangel04@yahoo.com	Preston McKee		starkepm@gmail.com	Christa Wallace		ashgvolunteers@gmail.com
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