

Ceilidh Recapped

I am going to give you a fair assessment of the MSSSI annual Ceilidh held just this past Saturday at St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church. I was pleasantly surprised to get there at 5:00 and find tables and chairs set up, along with a PA system, and the kitchen work was well under way. Thanks to Ken Noe, David Corbett, Sue Malone, Geoff and Elaine Meece, Terry and Barbara Campbell along with their granddaughter, Mallorie Miller, and her friend, Colby Davis. John and Margo Wright brought Charles and Maria Robertson as guests as well. Robertson is famous for the Robertson jams out of Scotland. . Nice to have visitors!

The meal for the evening was enhanced with the sounds of the hammered dulcimer under the capable hands of Larkin Bryant, but the real highlight of the evening was, of course, the members who came prepared to share their skills of singing, and piping. Our first volunteer was John Schultz who gave us his passionate

rendition of John McGonagall's "Tay Bridge Disaster," all from memory nonetheless. Then Jim Lucas volunteered to sing the Old Blind Dogs song, "The Star of the Bar." Mary Ann swears it took no cajoling on her part for Jim to offer this. Good job, Jim, I salute your courage to get up and sing for us. Now, Can You Duet? Well, Mary and Ken Siple can and did sing in duet our beloved "Loch Lomond" and invited all of us to sing with them on the chorus. The very next entertainer was our own webmaster, Gavin Anderson, who gave a lovely rendition of Mist Covered Mountains in his best Gaelic. Gavin has a lovely voice - if you ever get a chance to hear him, you should listen. Next up were Ric Clausi and David Corbett, also in duet. This time there was no singing, but with pipes ringing in a spirited song. It just isn't the same without a bit of blaw from our piper friends. Mary Ann Lucas sang "Barbry Allan" for us and I hate to admit, but it was the first time I have ever

heard it sung in person. Nice job, Mary Ann. Now was the time for some real impromptu entertainment when Bill Crump stood up and delivered his famous mouse song and then another ditty that brought laughter to all. Next was Elaine Meece sharing her own composition, which is a work in progress. Next on stage was David Corbett, who shared his version of a pibroch that he is learning for competition and if I have ever heard lovely piping, this was it. Now the evening is just about to draw to close so I offered my Scottish version "Willie's Drowned in Yarrow," along with a fiddle arrangement of the same tune and then Almeeda Riddle's version of the same song to close out the evening. We then closed the evening down and were just beginning to clean up when Gavin's son offered a couple of jokes to top off the evening. Well done my lad, and to all who contributed to this delightful evening. Thank y'all for your help. Sammy Rich

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Bagpiper News of Note



I would like to thank the Scottish society for allowing me and the other drummer's the opportunity to learn new things that would help us teach others. I hope to go next year and learn even more, this was a huge milestone for us drummers. I give you my thanks and appreciation. I learned a lot while I was there. A new technique that I will never forget. I liked the food, classes and the staff. Tom was a very helpful teacher and hope I to see him again. Dannie Vaughn, Drummer-NEAC

Sorry its taken me a week to send this message, work has been hectic since I've gotten back from the mountain.

I wanted to send you guys an email, a letter also will come soon, letting everyone know how the week at school, and the competition at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games went.

Through out the week of school not only did I enhance my Tenor and Bass drum playing but I also started to learn Snare drumming from the great instructors at the school. In a weeks time I had learned enough Snare drumming to compete at the GMHGs.

Not only did I take 1st in both the Professional level Bass and Tenor competitions, but in my first ever Snare event

I placed 2nd in the Grade V category!!! I wanted to thank everyone at the Memphis Scottish Society for making all of this possible, with out your help I would be so far behind in my learning. As I said before I will be send the MSSSI a letter in the coming week telling of how well my week went and also have pictures of my medals I was awarded.

Let me know when would be a good time to come in and talk to the MSS and put on maybe a small recital of playing for everyone as a thanks for all of your help!! I hope to hear from your soon and that all is well. - Cheers, Kenny Hiner

Kudo's Webmaster

We have received a message from Mike Whitfield, President of Clan Lamont Society of North America, saying: "I'd like to say Thank you for including our clan on your website. Very nicely done and your webmaster should be commended!"

Ne Parcas Nec Spernas
Neither Spare Nor Dispose
Michael E. Whitfield

We Consider it a privilege to pass along nice comments. Well done Gavin!

GRACE NOTES

Grace Notes is the official publication of the Memphis Scottish Society, Inc. It is published monthly. Like the Society itself, the credo of *Grace Notes* is "to foster education and promote understanding of things Scottish."

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Piping Competition to Continue at Clanjamfry

There will be for the 2ND year, an *unsanctioned* youth solo piping and drumming competition Saturday, September 26th in Memphis, TN. It is unsanctioned for reasons of flexibility, but the primary purpose is to showcase, and encourage our youth in their efforts, and possibly recruit more youth (and even adults) into the piping and drumming world.

The competition will be in the afternoon (due to festival and flight schedules).

Judges are: Barry Conway (Pipes) & Michael Crawley (percussion) from Cleveland, OH.

We are also this year, including a 2 event mini-band competition, open to all ages. however the makeup of the mini-band is going to be fairly strict, to allow the possibility of more entrants. Details as follows:

Youth Solo's.

Entrant must be 18 years old, or younger, on the day.

It is an "Open" competition, there are no "grades" being used.

Highland dress is strongly encouraged, but not required. If you have it, wear it. If you don't own a kilt, dress appropriately for an event being held on

Church grounds and facilities.

Youth Events - Pipes

Full Piobaireachd, 2/4 March
Slow Air/Slow March,
Strathspey/Reel combination
Snare: March (4 pts)
Tenor: March (4 pts)
Bass: Medly (3-5min)
Practice Chanter: March (2 pts)
Drum Pad: March (2 pts)
Mini-Band: QMM (current or old EUSPBA rules)

Mini-Band: Choice (anything goes.. almost)

Now, for the makeup of the Mini-bands: 3 pipes, 1 snare and Either 1 bass -or- 1 tenor (but not both) That's it. No more, no less.

The QMM can follow the previous, or new EUSPBA rules for time etc. The "Choice" event, must use the same players, but they can swap instruments (piper now playing bass, bass going to tenor, tenor to pipes.. whatever). They may incorporate, within reason, any other instruments as well, as long as all 5 original instruments are also played. Such as, a drummer may attach and play a cowbell, bongo, triangle.. pipers may switch to small pipes. Something that's fun and a crowd pleaser, but within reason. Please, no full percussion pits, no

amplified instruments. (5 gallon buckets might be fun.. hmm.)

If you have a question, just ask me. I want it to be fun and inventive. There are other activities going on as well we need to be considerate of.

There is no entry fee, though as the competition is but one event in a whole festival, each participant and person may be expected to pay the entry to the festival.

The festival is Clanjamfry, A Scottish Festival and is a long running fund raiser for Evergreen Presb. Church's community ministry. They have just been kind enough to allow us the use of the venue, crowd, facilities, insurance, security... for this event.

(disclaimer), This event is being planned, organized and funded solely by David Corbett, and not any other person, band, organization, society, governmental body, or alien race. If you have a question or issue with the competition, contact David directly. (end disclaimer)

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Tongue Twister

If six shrinking sheep are shrieking on six sinking ships, how many ships can six shrieking sheep sink? Pretty good eh!

I just made that up off the top of my head. Actually, this was to be a companion piece for a shrinking sheep article that will run next month, but we ran out of room, so the article will have to wait! But, I thought so highly of my little creation, that I decided to run it anyway. SR



Golf Poem

In My Hand I Hold A Ball,
White And Dimpled, Rather Small.
Oh, How Bland It Does Appear,
This Harmless Looking Little Sphere.

By It's Size I Could Not Guess,
The Awesome Strength It Does Possess.
But Since I Fell Beneath Its Spell,
I've Wandered Through The Fires Of Hell.

My Life Has Not Been Quite The Same,
Since I Chose To Play This Stupid Game.
It Rules My Mind For Hours On End,
A Fortune It Has Made Me Spend.

It Has Made Me Yell, Curse And Cry,
I Hate Myself And Want To Die.
It Promises A Thing Called Par,
If I Can Hit It Straight And Far.

To Master Such A Tiny Ball,
Should Not Be Very Hard At All.
But My Desires The Ball Refuses,
And Does Exactly As It Chooses.

It Hooks And Slices, Dribbles And Dies,
And Even Disappears Before My Eyes.
Often It Will Have A Whim,
To Hit A Tree Or Take A Swim.

With Miles Of Grass On Which To Land,
It Finds A Tiny Patch Of Sand.
Then Has Me Offering Up My Soul,
If Only It Would Find The Hole.

It's Made Me Whimper Like A Pup,
And Swear That I Will Give It Up.
And Take To Drink To Ease My Sorrow,
But The Ball Knows, I'll Be Back Tomorrow.

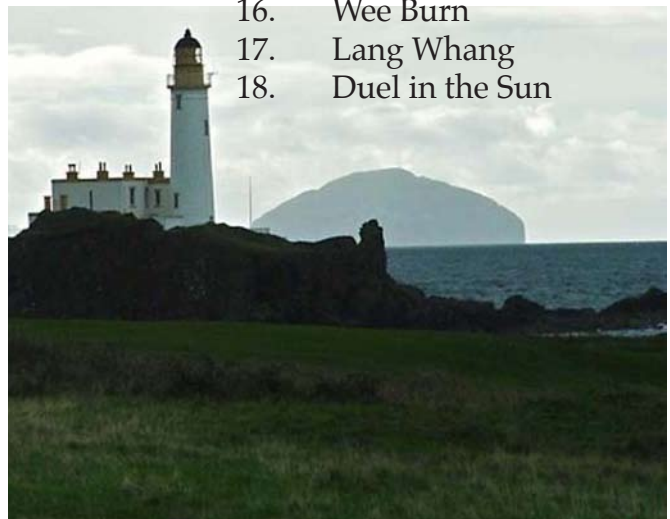
Stand proud you noble swingers of clubs and losers of balls.... A recent study found the average golfer walks about 900 miles a year. Another study found golfers drink, on average, 22 gallons of alcohol a year. That means, on average, golfers get about 41 miles to the gallon. Kind of makes you proud. I Almost feel like a hybrid

Thanks to Kent McAden for this submission.

Turnberry , home of the 2009 Open Championship, has a charming tradition of naming the holes on their golf course. Listed below are the hole names for the Ailsa Course at Turnberry, that detoured Tiger Woods in his march to owning the most victories in major golf championships. Below is a picture of the Turnberry Light House with Ailsa Craig in the background.

Ailsa Course Hole Names

1. Ailsa Craig
2. Mak Siccar
3. Blaw Wearie
4. Woe-Be-Tide
5. Fin Me Oot
6. Tappie Toorie
7. Roon the Ben'
8. Goat Fell
9. Bruce's Castle
10. Dinna Fouter
11. Maidens
12. Monument
13. Tickly Tap
14. Risk-An-Hope
15. Ca' Canny
16. Wee Burn
17. Lang Whang
18. Duel in the Sun



For All That an' All That

I have really enjoyed using the maps of Scotland on this website: Kathy Schultz

Ordnance Survey Maps

1920's Ordnance Survey maps of Scotland are available on the website of the National Library of Scotland - www.nls.uk/maps/index.html. Select county maps of Scotland; then select a county. The sheets cover all of Scotland. Select the required sheet and the map comes up. You can zoom in and out and move about the map using the controls.

Thanks to Kathy Schultz for these sites:

Tartan Rain Boots; Now this should have run last month!

For the individual who has to pass much time going to and fro during inclement weather. At least you can go in style.

<http://www.zappos.com/n/p/dp/48025023/c/396.html>



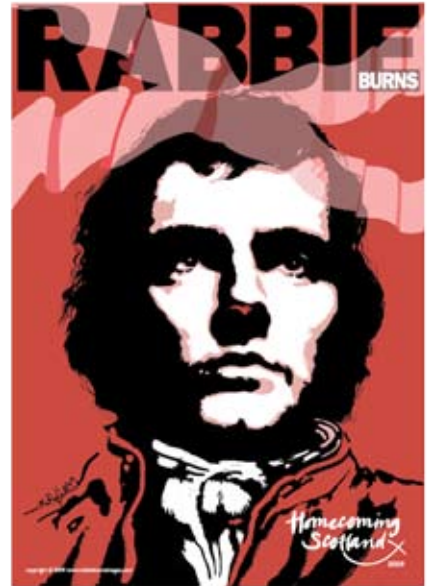
Subject: To Burns enthusiasts everywhere

If you like Burns, you'll probably like the new t-shirts and posters we've created for Scotland's Homecoming 2009. We hope they will appeal to a younger market and introduce many more people to the genius of Scotland's national Bard.

Click on: www.rabbieburnsimages.com or copy and paste the address into your browser bar to view.

Bulk orders can be dispatched to most countries for individual, corporate, club, and retail sales.

Ask about getting a quotation in a facsimile of Burns own handwriting or your club or business logo printed on the sleeve or back.



Scottish Tartan Kippot

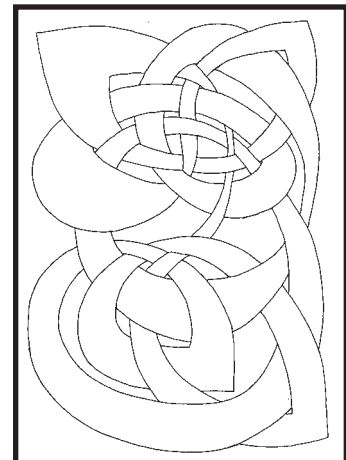
Scottish tartan style kippot (yamaka) from Israel. The tartan yamaka have a Scottish feel but are from Israel. Add a special touch to your simcha: personalize these beautiful kippot!

<http://www.a-zara.com/p218000.htm>

Carmen Wright, an Edinburgh correspondent forwarded these sites for our readers.

<http://www.scottishpotterysociety.co.uk/>

<http://bonesspottery.co.uk/default.aspx>





Flowers of the Forest

Our condolences to Gus Whyte in the passing of his mother, Rona Whyte of Nevada, also to the friends and family of Russell Denis "Russ" Spaulding, of Ft. Oglethorpe, Ga., Russ was a former director of the Scottish Heritage Program at Lyon College. Jim Geddes, a Scotsman and piper who used to live in Memphis, and also to Diane Wade in the recent loss of her father, James Roy Wade, Sr. a WWII and Korean war Vet.

Clanjamfry News - Clans at Clanjamfry

Clanjamfry will be held September 25-27 this year, with the Faire itself on Saturday the 26th. It promises to be another great year for the clans and Scottish societies at Clanjamfry; as of this writing we have 17 clans and societies confirmed as attending. Our honored clan for 2009 is **Clan MacLean**, one of the great Highland clans as well as one of the largest clan societies in the world. Representing Clan MacLean will be its regional commissioners, Julie and Mark Lane, and the society's president emeritus, Clarence Greek. As for the rest of the crowd, we will have some new friends and some old friends arriving: **Campbell, Cumming, Currie, MacGillivray, MacLeod, MacTavish, Ross, Skene, and Wallace**. Also, members of our own Scottish Society are making sure their clans are well represented: Jackie and Louis Garner are representing **Cunningham**, Mary Ellen and Ben Kemker are representing **Elliot**, Sandy and Allen Simpson are representing **Fraser**, and Becky and Frank Trafford representing **Maxwell**. Our friends from the **Celtic Society of West Tennessee** and the **Scottish-American Military Society (SAMS)** will be there again, and last but certainly not least, our own **Memphis Scottish Society**, presided over by our fearless leader, Mary Ann Lucas, will be there in full glory. So come on down—listen to the pipes, eat some haggis, and sit in a clan tent with your friends. It will be a great time! - MA _____

Catherine and I drove to Dallas for the Texas State Scottish Games this weekend and got back late and I'm about to drop. We were recruiting vendors and clans. Here's the Clanjamfry news:

- We will not be having a 5K Run this year. I think you and some others knew that already but it is official now. Hopefully we will have it again next year.
- The website has been updated with a list of attending clans, among other things.
- Thanks to Ann and Lindsay Lane and Bill Crump, the Scottish Society at MacRae Meadow, Grandfather Mountain, will sponsor the Children's Activities area at Clanjamfry this year.

As for Dallas - between the clans, vendors, and musical groups there we did run into several people we knew. I recommend the event if anyone is ever interested. - Lee

This 'n' That

Board Member Geoffrey Meece received some good news recently. He won the Grand Prize of \$50 in a Mississippi poetry contest for his poem, "The Witness".

David Corbett reports that he now has his Notary for Arkansas. He is awaiting information to find out if that will be of any use to us in Tennessee. Do any of us know?

Good Opportunity to Show Support with Vollintine Ever-

green Neighborhood Association, Wolf River Conservancy, and Clean Memphis are coordinating a clean up of Lick Creek, Saturday, Sept 12th 8:30-10:00. Lick Creek that runs very close to the V&E Greenline—a bridge crosses the Creek about two blocks east of the Expo site. Volunteers will meet at the Stationhouse (620 Avalon) an easy walk up the V&E Greenline, to the creek where there are several access points and work their

way back. You are encouraged to wear kilts and shoes that are safe to wear in the water. There really isn't much water in the creek unless someone is generating out of Rainbow Lake in Overton Park or we lapse into another monsoon. Clean Memphis will provide bags and gloves. Feel free to contact me for further information. Sammy Rich

Calendar of Events

Mondays

Caledonia Chorale 7 pm
Holy Communion Episcopal,
Walnut Grove at Perkins,
272-7159

Thursdays

Sgt. Singleton Pipes & Drums
6:30-8:30 at Bethel Pentecostal
Church, Stage Road- Bartlett;
call 386-2052 for info.

Wolf River Pipes & Drums,
7:00-9:30 St. Luke's Lutheran;
2000 Germantown Parkway.
753-9494

Fridays

Contra Dancing: 7:30-10 pm,
Idlewild Presbyterian;
1750 Union Ave,
West Entrance - 274-1889
2nd, & 4th Friday:
Scottish Country Dancing

Sundays

NEAC Pipes and Drums
1:30-4:00
First Presb. Church; SW Dr
Jonesboro, AR exit 45

Monday, August 10

MSSI Monthly Meeting
Jason's Deli: Poplar@Highland
For directions call 757-4200 or
memphisscots.com.
6 pm Dinner
7 pm Program: Elaine Meece
"To Tell The Truth"
William Wallace

Thursday, August 27

Board Meeting at 5:45
St. Lukes Lutheran
2000 N Gtown Pkwy

Saturday, August 13

2010 Burns Night Committee
Cordova Branch
Memphis/Shelby County
Library 5:30 - 7:00

Friday-Sunday Sept 25-27

Clanjamfry

Evergreen Presbyterian

Saturday, October 17

MSSI Halloween Party
St. Columba



Scottish - Celtic RadioShows

Sundays, 6-7 p.m.
"The Thistle and Shamrock"
WKNO-FM 91.1

Saturdays, 10 a.m.-1
p.m. "Strands of the Celtic
Knot" Robert Campbell, host
WEVL-FM 89.9

Sun and Mon 6 p.m. and
Fridays, 7 p.m.
"The Thistle & Shamrock,"
WMAV-FM 90.3

August 6: New World Releases
Hear tracks from the latest
albums by North American
artists who work to expand the
reach of Celtic traditions.

August 13: Northsound
Travel to northern places in
Europe and North America to
hear the sound of unspoiled
landscapes and rocky shore-
lines bathed in northern light.

August 20: A Case for Guitar
Virtuoso players in Scotland,
Ireland, Brittany and beyond
are setting a new standard for
roots-inspired acoustic guitar
music.

August 27: Mythography
Ballads and tunes of Celtic ori-
gin and inspiration lead us on
an exploration of myth, legend
and mystery.

September 3: New Writing
From festival commissions for
traditional instruments to new
songs from emerging singer-
songwriter talent, we uncover a
wealth of new music this week.

Scottish American Military Society Post 1943

Link Information: Post 1943 is an active unit of the Scottish American Military Society in the Mid-South region. We welcome any and all veterans of the Armed Forces that are interested in their Scottish heritage.

We are very active in the Memphis and Mid-South communities. We provide a Color Guard for public events including civic parades, Scottish festivals, and military funerals. Post 1943 supports the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps in the local Memphis high schools by providing a merit-based scholarship and medal to exemplary cadets. Our members devote their time and energy volunteering at the Memphis Veterans Affairs Hospital to ensure the proper "care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow and his orphan," as President Lincoln directed.

Ian Todd

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Next Monthly Meeting - Monday, August 10th
Jason's Deli - Poplar and Highland
Dinner at 6:00, Program @ 7:00 Elaine Meece "To Tell The Truth" William Wallace
Regular Board Meeting, August 27th at 5:45 St. Luke Evangelical Lutheran -
2000 N. Germantown Parkway

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