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CELTIC NIGHT OUT JULY 20

This will be the fourth year SAS has sponsored this fun evening at Riverfront Grille in Rock Island. The enclosed flier provides details along with the reservation form that needs to be returned by July 13 in order to qualify for the \$5 discount.



BIRDIES FOR CHARITY

We are again participating in this opportunity to contribute to local charities sponsored by the John Deere Classic. You can either donate a flat amount or guess a Birdie amount for the contest. Either way, your donation will be returned totally to SAS along with an additional 5% or more which will be used to support our organization and its efforts to provide quality educational/cultural experiences and donate to local community needs. Your donation also helps cover SAS operational costs. To participate in the contest, your donation is due by June 26. To just donate a flat amount, return the form by July 5. You can donate online or complete the enclosed flier. Our specific Birdies number is 2179 and is preprinted on the enclosed form. It is important that the number be included with your donation.



BELTANE PICNIC POTLUCK

May 28, 5:30 p.m.
Pavilion 1, Duck Creek Park, Davenport
Come to enjoy what always turns out to be a delicious late spring/early summer feast in commemoration of the growing season in the Scottish calendar. Ty Thomson makes sure we celebrate her and her late husband's (Chick) anniversary with a cake. Just bring a dish to share, your own beverage and table service. After the meal,

we'll have a short history lesson as is related to this tradition. No RSVP is required but if you have any questions, contact Sandi Barnes 563-650-1935.



WISCONSIN HIGHLAND GAMES

at Waukesha, WI

Saturday, August 31

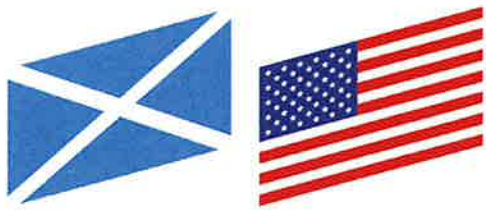
Several people have told Board members how much

they miss not having the Highland Games in our area, so the Board has decided to seek out other options. Our society has never been in charge of the Games but always tried to be supportive. In order to pursue this further, Gale Hoff, our SAS Travel Agent Extraordinaire, has made arrangements for a one-day Tri-State bus trip to the Waukesha Expo Center. The details are on the enclosed form. The drive will leave from Davenport and will be a 3 hour ride with one rest stop on the way. To see what is offered at the Wisconsin Games you can access their website - wisconsinscottish.org. You will need to make your reservation by no later than August 16 (although sooner would be much better) and either send it to Gale Hoff, PO Box 132, Moline, IL 61266 or on the SAS Eventbite page (this would include a processing fee). For questions, Gale can be reached at 563-210-1591 or galehoff@gmail.com.



ALL SCOTS SUMMER PICNIC JULY 7

The Des Moines Chapter of SHSI (Scottish Heritage Society of Iowa) has invited any Scottish-inclined people (which includes HAGGIS from the Cedar Rapids area and SASQC) to a potluck picnic at Greenwood Ashworth Park, Urbandale (Greater Des Moines Area) 12:30-3:00 p.m.



SCOTTISH-AMERICAN

SAS BOARD MEETINGS

If you'd like to attend a Board Meeting, the upcoming dates are: June 8, July 13, and August 10 at 10:30 a.m. We are currently meeting at the Butterworth Center in Moline, but if you're interested in attending, contact a Board member to be sure of the location.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The mission of the Scottish-American Society of the Quad Cities is to provide social opportunities, promotion, or education around the areas of Scottish culture, art, and heritage. While we fulfill many of those missions through annual activities (such as the ones you'll read about in this newsletter,) the board has also been considering how to standardize the SASQC's donation policies and procedures.

The board recently approved the qualifying focus areas when considering annual donations to organizations or events in Eastern Iowa and Western/Central Illinois:

- Support of Scottish culture, such as music, dance, arts organizations, or non-profit groups supporting Celtic music and arts.
- Scottish genealogy, Scottish/Celtic language and literature organizations.
- Celtic sport organizations.
- Study or promotion of Scottish Heritage/History.

For the Society's first donations of 2024, the board has allocated \$200 to Black Hawk Pipes and Drums to use for supplies, uniforms, and other needs that support the band, and a \$200 donation to support the Augustana Golf Team's trip to Edinburgh and St. Andrews this June. Society members recently spoke to the team to help the students prepare for their first trip to Bonnie Scotland.

The SASQC board is holding up to \$600 aside for other donations to support Scottish/Celtic causes this year. We're currently investigating options, so stay tuned for other news on how we're supporting Celtic culture and heritage. These, and other donations, have been made possible by your generous donations to Society raffles, Birdies for Charity pledges, and other support.



EDUCATION AND OUTREACH:

Augustana Men's Golf Team traveling to Scotland

As part of our community outreach, SAS members Gale Hoff and Bill and Judy Hawthorne met on April 10 with 19 young men and their coach from Augustana College. The men's team will travel to Scotland in June to play on courses in the "home of golf." Bill showed the golfers some of his paintings of courses and talked about his personal experiences of playing golf in Scotland. Gale and Judy prepared a slide show to help them understand more about the history and some of what to expect on their travels. We're hoping our support and expert tips enhance their experience!



HELPING GIRL SCOUTS "JOURNEY THE WORLD"

The Scottish American Society was pleased to join our Scottish colleagues from HAGGIS (Hawkeye Area Grand Gaelic Isles Society) at the Girl Scouts of Eastern Iowa and Western Illinois "Journey the World" event. More than 1,000 girls and parents attended the April 20 "Our World, Our Thriving Future" event at The Bend XPO in East Moline, IL. Girl Scouts learned about different cultures and countries by visiting booths with activities or information. SASQC volunteers Greg & Mary Bouljon, Judy Redlinger and Lisa Lockheart met with nearly 200 scouts, teaching them about Scottish tartans. Girls took home a paper tartan weaving craft and a Scottish word search. Our friends at HAGGIS were equally busy with their Scottish dolls craft!

RSVP NOW FOR THE SASQC



CELTIC



NIGHT OUT!

SATURDAY, JULY 20

DOORS OPEN: 6PM

RIVERFRONT GRILLE

4619 34th St, Rock Island

**Black Hawk Pipes & Drums
& Blame Not the Bard**

Hors d'oeuvres & Haggis, too!

\$30 *reserved & paid no later
than July 10*

\$35 *at door, cash or credit*

Children 12 & under with adult admitted for \$10

Open to all - SASQC membership not required!

Yes! I want to enjoy a night of music & fun
with the Scottish American Society!

Name(s): _____

Email: _____

Ph: _____ # in group: _____



Return form by July 10 with check to SASQC,
PO Box 132, Moline, IL 61266

Pay online: **www.eventbrite.com**

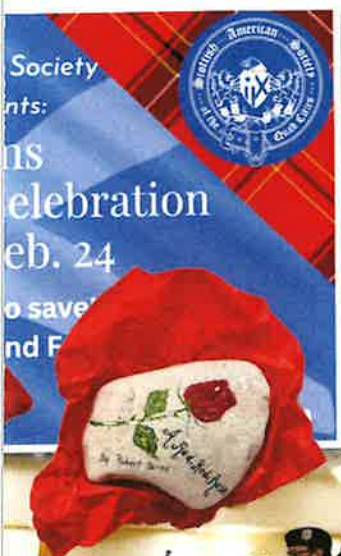


LIVE MUSIC



Scottish-American Society of the Quad Cities

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BUS TRIP SIGN-UP FORM

SATURDAY, AUG. 31, 2024

Name: _____

Email: _____

Contact Number: _____

Total # in party Names of others traveling w/you

Adults: _____

Children: _____

Payment Details

CHECK: P.O. BOX 132, MOLINE, IL 61266

payable to Scottish-American Society (SASQC)

CASH: CONTACT GALE HOFF, (563) 210-1591, OR
galelhoff@gmail.com for arrangements

CREDIT/DEBIT: USE OUR EVENTBRITE PAGE

EventBrite: <https://tinyurl.com/3dnz2rrn>

EventBrite payments incur service &
processing fees.

Reservation not final until payment received.

Person to contact in case of
emergency: _____

SASQC Member: \$80

Non-Member: \$90

Children 12 & under: \$60

Tri-State Travel motor coach and
admission to Wisconsin Highland
Games in Waukesha, WI. Games
admission free to children 12 & under.

Trip is non-refundable. Contact Gale Hoff if you need
to cancel. We may be able to fill your seat.

DISCLAIMER AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY

The SASQC is not responsible for the transportation
to or from the games or for activities at the games.
The undersigned participant understands and agrees
that the SASQC is not liable for any injuries, accidents
or property damage associated with either the
transportation or attendance at the games. Each and
every participant waives any claim of liability against
the SASQC for accidents, injuries or property
damages related to participation in this activity.

☐

Yes, I have read the waiver and acknowledge
that this trip is taken under my own risk.

Amount enclosed

Ages 13
& up

fill in rate x # of seats = _____

Ages 12
&
under

\$60

_____ x # of seats = _____

Contact Number: _____



THE TRADITIONAL MAKING OF THE HAGGIS



2024 BURNS CELEBRATION & DINNER

The Blackhawk Pipes & Drums and Barley House Band provided music that helped set the mood for a very Scottish evening. Ty Thomson's hand painted rocks were on every table and her banners (made with a wide variety of tartans) were hung on the walls of the ballroom at The Isle.

Special recognition was given to

two of our attendees - Jeanette Carpenter who was 101 and Jan Coffenberry who was one of the SAS founding members and who will turn 99 years young in June. Jan gave a delightful "Toast to Scotland". There were several attendees from states other than Iowa or Illinois. As has been the case in years past, Bill Hawthorne displayed some of his artwork and two new vendors - Dragonfly Pottery and Daydream Art - had Celtic-themed items for sale. There were so many wonderful raffle items.



We had every intention of having Kait Meeker teach a Scottish dance again this year, but other events ran over time. The board regrets the loss of this fun cultural opportunity, and plan to make some changes to next year's event to prevent this from happening again.

We're also planning on setting aside some dance floor space at the Celtic Night Out! February 22, 2025 is the date to include on your calendar for next year!



ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Unfortunately SASQC didn't have a float in the Grand Parade. The Black Hawk Pipes &

Drums were able to march for the first time in five years.

Derek Grant also visited the Fountains with some Irish bagpipe tunes. It's Derek's favourite stop, to see our very own, Jan Coffenberry. Erin Go Bragh!



TARTAN DAY

Bill Sterba shared some of the history of why this day is recognized in the United States. There were 27 or 29 (depending on who was doing the counting!) who enjoyed a meal, lots of good conversation, and comparing tartans with other SAS members at Front Street Brewery. Thanks to Jill & Brian Tuck for bringing a cake. Even though the food and service was good at Front Street, next year, plans are to find a location that is more easily accessible for our group.



SCOTTISH AMERICAN SOCIETY

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Moline, IL 61266

FORWARDING SERVICE REQUESTED

UPCOMING EVENTS

Beltane May 28
Birdies for Charity - see flier for deadlines
Celtic Night Out July 20
Wisconsin Highland Game Bus Trip August 31
Samhain October 12
Celebration of the Saints/St. Andrews Day-Christmas Party December TBA
Robert Burns Celebration & Dinner February 22, 2025

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CHARITY SOLICITED FOR

2179

BIRD NUMBER

I PLEDGE TO DONATE:

\$ _____ to the charity noted above.
(one time, flat donation amount)

BIRDIES FOR CHARITY BONUS FUND

☐ Yes, I would like to make an additional donation to the Birdies for Charity Bonus Fund in the amount of \$ _____, to help provide the minimum 5% match to all participating charities.

GUESS THE BIRDIES TO WIN A TWO YEAR LEASE ON A 2023 LEXUS!

I guess that _____ birdies will be made.

Only one grand prize will be awarded. Void where prohibited by law. Guesses due by June 26.

BIRDIES SCORED BY YEAR

1,990 (2015)	2,355 (2018)	1,905 (2021)
1,982 (2016)	2,091 (2019)	2,041 (2022)
1,918 (2017)	N/A (2020)	1,929 (2023)

PLEDGE & DONOR INFORMATION (please print)

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

PHONE AND/OR EMAIL _____

Chip in for your chance to win

When you chip in to help area charities, you could win! But your favorite charity will be the real winner. That's because participating charities receive 100% of the donations pledged to them in this program, plus a bonus from the Birdies for Charity Bonus Fund, which is a guaranteed 5% match.

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS

Simply make a one-time flat donation and mail with payment to the Birdies for Charity office at
15623 Coaltown Road, East Moline, IL 61244

To enter the contest, guess the number of birdies that will actually be made by PGA TOUR Pros during the tournament, Wednesday through Sunday. A grand prize will be given to one person who guesses the correct number. In case of ties, winners will be randomly selected.



GRAND PRIZE:
2 YEAR LEASE ON A 2024 LEXUS NX!

One lucky supporter of the John Deere Classic's Birdies



for Charity program will win a 2 year lease on a 2024 Lexus, courtesy of Smart Lexus of Quad Cities.

CONTEST RULES

- Only 1 grand prize awarded. Ties determined by random drawing.
- All guesses must be on an official pledge card and received at the tournament office by June 26.
- Rules are available at www.birdiesforcharity.com
- No pledge or purchase required. Need not be present to win.
- Pledges submitted after the JDC may be applied the following year.

KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS AS YOUR RECEIPT

I pledged \$ _____ one-time donation.

I guessed _____ birdies would be made.

Payment was included with pledge

☐ YES \$ _____ ☐ NO

CASH CHECK NO _____

Please make checks payable to:

BIRDIES FOR CHARITY
15623 COALTOWN ROAD
EAST MOLINE, IL 61244



Quad Cities Golf Classic Charitable Foundation is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization.
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Please include payment & make checks payable to:
BIRDIES FOR CHARITY



**JOHN DEERE
CLASSIC**

JULY 1-7, 2024