



The Porridge Pot



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BELTANE POTLUCK PICNIC May 20 5:30 p.m.

Duck Creek Park, Davenport at Pavilion 1
Bring your favorite picnic dish to share and your own table service and whatever you want to drink (beer and wine are permitted). Before joining together for this meal (which turns into quite a feast year after year), Bill Hawthorne will lead the group in a short ceremony commemorating this special time in the Scottish calendar. As in years past, Ty Thomson will again provide an anniversary cake, but this year the cake will be in honor of Chick who passed away in February.

Some history on Beltane:
Beltane is the last of the three spring fertility festivals, the others being Imbolc and Ostara. It is celebrated approximately halfway between Vernal (spring) equinox and the midsummer (Summer Solstice) and traditionally marked the arrival of summer in ancient times. Beltane is about honoring Life. It is the time when the sun is fully released from the bondage of winter and able to rule over summer and life once again.

Beltane is a time of "no time" when the veils between the two worlds (Samhain being the other) are at their thinnest. "No time" is when the two worlds intermingle and unite and the magic abounds! After the winter we've experienced this year, we need Beltane, as the earth needs the sun, for our very Spirit cries out for the renewal of summer jubilation.



2014 KILTED T GOLF DAY June 21st @ 1 p.m.

Highland Springs, Rock Island
Longest Drive, Hole in One, Longest
Putt, Cash Prizes, Raffles There's still
time to enter.

Registration ends June 7th.
\$65 per player/\$260 per team of 4.
Questions - 563-579-9224
To enter send your registration to:
Darren Low
KILTED T
1640 Marlo Ave.
Davenport, IA 52803



MEMBERSHIP

This month's newsletter is being sent only to those who have renewed their memberships. If you know of anyone interested in joining or who may have forgotten to renew, please let Gale Hoff know. The Board will also be making an effort to be obtain and/or update e-mail addresses so it will be easier to send reminders about the various SAS events. If you aren't aware of it already, SAS has a Facebook page. Be sure to "friend" SAS if you are a Facebook user!



CATCHING HAGGIS IN SCOTLAND



CELTIC FESTIVAL & HIGHLAND GAMES September 19-20

This year's event has been extended to include Friday evening. There will be multiple musical groups who will be performing beginning at 3:00 on Friday and throughout the day and evening on Saturday. Dance competitions and Celtic games of strength (for both men and women) will be occurring throughout the event. There will be vendors and artisans selling Celtic wares and art. Clans and other related groups will have tents for those interested in understanding more about their heritage. For more information about this free Festival, check on-line by Googling Celtic Festival Quad-Cities..

SAS will again have a tent on display. As is the case every year, the Board asks anyone who can donate an hour or two to sitting in the tent as representatives of SAS, to contact us so we can add you to our schedule. It's a day full of fun and an opportunity to get to know each other better. To volunteer you can call Roger & Karen Stancliff 309-521-8000 or send an email tooscochf@theinter.com or return the attached volunteer form below.

Laird John and Lady Gale Hoff would like to thank the SAS members for the wonderful gift of one square foot of property in Scotland in recognition of John's work as president of our organization. They hope to someday be able to go see their own little piece of Scotland!

RETURN FORM TO Roger & Karen Stancliff, PO Box 158, Andover, IL 61233

I will volunteer at the SAS tent during the Celtic Festival/Highland Games:

Friday, Sept. 19 To help set up the tent and display 1:00 PM

Saturday, Sept. 20 9:00-10:00 12:00-1:00 3:00-4:00
 10:00-11:00 1:00-2:00 4:00-5:00
 11:00-12:00 2:00-3:00 5:00 (help take down tent)

Name _____ Ph Number _____

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FORWARDING SERVICE REQUESTED

SCHEDULE FOR 2014

May 20 - Beltane Picnic
Sept. 19-20 - Celtic Festival/Highland Games
Oct. 24 - Samhain Potluck
Dec. TBA - Christmas Party

TARTAN DAY

This year's annual celebration of our beloved "tartans and all things Scottish" was held at the 11th Street Precinct in the Village of East Davenport on April 6th. Derek and Sue Grant made the arrangements and provided the group with special placemats that represented the Declaration of Arbroath, as well as Tartan Day pins. A special toast was made in honor of the day and Derek provided some "indoor" bagpipe music. Many of us hadn't seen each other since the Burns Celebration so welcomed the opportunity to get together again. There were also a few guests and new members present.

