

Great SCOT!

Scottish Cultural Organization of the Triangle

Look what's
going on...

May 2014

Mother's Day Tea

You are cordially invited to an elegant Mother's Day Tea on Sunday, May 11 from 3:00 to 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall of West Raleigh Presbyterian Church at 27 Horne Street in Raleigh.

A variety of delicious teas, scones, shortbreads, tea sandwiches and other savory and sweet goodies will be served, along with live Scottish fiddle music.

Each attendee is encouraged to bring a favorite tea cup and saucer. Attendees may also add their collectible tea cups to a display for a program on the history of tea cups, led by special guest, Sue Dayton from Foxy Farms.

The cost for each attendee will be \$10.00 for SCOT members and \$15.00 for non-members.

Please RSVP by May 3 to Susan at 919-210-6542 or susan.cruickshanks@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing you, your family members and friends for a wonderful afternoon of fun, fellowship and excellent food and tea!

- Susan Cruickshanks



Cary Indoor Success

Thanks to all the SCOT, dancing, piping, and other volunteers, the 2014 Cary Indoor was another spectacular success! Both the Solo Piping and Highland Dance Competitions saw bigger numbers than last year, even bringing in an extra piping judge.

Some volunteers set up (and took down) the tables, sets, and decorations for the competitions. Other volunteers, including SCOT President Donald Ross, who greeted all participants and guests (and took their money, too, which makes him very happy), ran a costume sale, marshaled the participants in both competitions, got judges where they needed to go and kept them content, and countless other jobs, big and small. Volunteers cleaned the areas used, especially the bathrooms and dining area, so that church members would find their space ready for use on Sunday and in tip-top shape. Thank you to all our volunteers for their hard work.

Carol Muth and her merry band of dance parents hit the streets and brought in vendors, advertisers for the program, free rooms for the judges and dance piper, and items for the auction—helping to earn \$2,000 in profit for planning and perhaps expanding the Cary Indoor

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Golf Tournament and Family Barbecue

Once again it's time to dust off the cleeks, mashies, baffys, niblicks, brassies and spoons. Details are being finalized for this prestigious affair, and 24 slots will be reserved in anticipation of a large gathering. Sign up now!

Date: Saturday, May 31, 2014

Where: Crooked Creek Golf Club in Fuquay-Varina

Time: 10:00 am for check-in, group photo & practice range; 10:30 a.m. is 1st tee-time

Rate: SCOT member: \$55; non-SCOT member: \$65; includes greens fee, cart rental & range balls

Format: 2-person Super Ball

Attire: Collared shirt, golf shoes (spikeless), no jeans; Scottish wear encouraged: plus fours, kilts (non-regimental only)

There will be prizes for a variety of categories, including closest to pin, longest drive, best Scottish attire, and of

course, the Champion Trophy! The deadline to sign up is Monday, May 26. To register, contact Chuck McDougal at elscrodley@nc.rr.com, H: 919-783-7476, or W: 919-783-0491 x208.

All SCOT members and their guests are invited to come out later that day to share in feasting and fellowship.

Where: Home of Chuck and Amy Mooney
403 Mill Creek Drive in Fuquay Varina

Time: 6:30 pm for Meet & Greet; 7:00 pm for Dinner!

Cost: SCOT member: \$8; non-SCOT member: \$9

The menu includes barbecue ribs prepared with Mark Johnston's famous recipe, pork barbecue, fried chicken, hush puppies, coleslaw, vegetables, cornbread, rolls, iced tea, and lemonade. BYOB if you prefer other libations!

To reserve your spot, please contact Cheryl McDougal by May 30 at cherylmcd@nc.rr.com or 919-783-7476.

Cary Indoor, cont.

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Competition in 2015. The pipers also brought in ads and donations to help defray costs and were able to add to this year's profit margin, even after adding a third judge.

Daphne Wright put together and published the best program yet, with the advertisements in color and giving the competition a classy 'polish' that others our size don't have. Angie Luyster arranged for the food truck, which was a big success. Beth Schleusener's parents helped again with the clean up, making sure everything was back where it should be and spotless. SCOT board member Thom Bowie's new trophies were a big hit with both the dancers and pipers this year. There are so many others to thank, I'd better give a grand thank you to all who helped in either a small or big way.

Final counts: 78 dancers from 10 states and 40 pipers competing. See page 4 for results. Parents from the Ghillie Gang and SCOT members worked together to make the event possible. Cary Indoor is known in both the Piping and Highland Dance worlds as a top-notch and well-run competition. Together, we do great things.

And finally, to Pat Johnston, Amy Mooney, Jo Kalat, Emily and John Sprague—for hours of work each year putting this competition together, getting judges, publicizing the event, and doing all the other countless things you do to make Cary Indoor happen each year: THANK YOU!

- Virginia Kent

Mary, cont.

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forced her to abdicate in favor of her son, James. The Earl of Bothwell fled to Europe where he died an alcoholic. Mary, age 25, escaped to England where she hoped her cousin, Queen Elizabeth I, would befriend her. Instead Elizabeth imprisoned her. There was a claim that since Elizabeth was the daughter of Henry VIII and Anne Boleyn, which was not recognized as a legal marriage, that Elizabeth was illegitimate and, therefore not the legal monarch, leaving Mary as Queen of both England and Scotland. Fearing Mary, and her supposed participation in assassination plots, Elizabeth had Mary executed on February 8, 1577. Mary was so frail and sickly that she had to be helped onto the scaffold. It was discovered that she had hidden her Skye terrier under her skirt for emotional comfort. Mary rests in Westminster Abbey.

- Catherine McKinley

Busy Spring for Dancers

It's been a busy spring for our Triangle Highland dancers, with competitions, shows, parades and such. New dancers are starting to learn steps and be more secure in their performances, new venues for dancers to showcase Highland dancing, and success at Cary Indoor and Loch Norman competitions make for lots of fun. Other dancers traveled to cold, snowy Pennsylvania in February for a workshop, steamy Florida for competitions, and Chicago for a workshop. There's never a dull moment when your feet want to dance.

March was hectic. On March 15 was the St. Patrick's Day parade and performance with the new, much-longer parade route and dancing in the street, tiring the dancers' feet and ruining ghillies. They were well-received and book-ended by different Irish schools performing this year. The next weekend was the Ceilidh at the Cary, where our dancers got to make new friends with the Irish dancers and perform for a packed Cary Theatre. And finally, the last weekend in March brought all hands on deck to compete on Saturday at the Cary Indoor Competition and turn around on Sunday and attend the Cary Indoor Workshop! The dancers needed to go to school or work the next day to rest from the three consecutive weekends of dancing. Thanks go out to Angela Clendenin, who once again organized, set up, planned, fed, and cleaned up the Cary Indoor Workshop with Ellen Wall's able assistance with the Workshop. Job well done, ladies!

April brought flowers and a beautiful sunny weekend for the Loch Norman Highland Games. The Highland Dancing competition was fierce this year, with Canadian and US National dancers competing. At Loch Norman, there were twelve dancers from various local Triangle Highland dance schools, and they all danced well. Lauren Wall was 3rd Runner Up in the Carolina's Open Championship and Annabelle Christensen won the Novice trophy on Saturday. Next up is the Southeast Regional Championship (qualifier for the U.S. Interregional Championship in July) and Competitions at the Savannah Highland Games on May 10. Good luck to all our dancers!



Tartan Day Recap

On April 26, SCOT celebrated Tartan Day at Cary Spring Daze. The day could not have been more perfect, with temperatures in the 70s and a beautiful sunny day. It was a day filled with fun, fellowship, a parade of Tartans, and a Bonnie Knees Contest. The slogan for the day was "You provide the knees, we'll provide the kilt." Everyone seemed to enjoy the judging, especially the judges.

Bonnie Knees Winners for 2014

- Champion ~ Steve G.
- 2nd Place ~ Dave Henderson
- 3rd Place ~ Donald Ross

Our amazing standing stones SCOT shelter, courtesy of Carolyn and Doug Graf, was located in the children's village, where we were shaded from the heat of the day and enjoyed music, snacks and good fellowship. About 18 members and 6 guests were on hand to meet, greet and share Scottish culture with visitors to the tent. While the youth were occupied with Craft Mistress Megan, the parents were free to get to know more about SCOT and Tartan Day. The event concluded with a Parade of Tartans led by our own pipers Emily and John Sprague and the Bonnie Knees Contest. The consensus was that a clan tent atmosphere prevailed and they were able to get to know each other better. We hope more members will be able to attend next year to join in the camaraderie.

- Lynn McElroy



The contestants show their wares, while the judges carefully consider

Relaxing in the shade



What a St. Pat's Day!

2014 saw a total revamp of the Raleigh St. Patrick's Day events in downtown Raleigh. The parade had grown so large over the past few years and the Moore Square area so congested, that it was moved to take (almost) the same route as the Raleigh Christmas Parade. The day started out cold and blustery, with a hard wind blowing down the canyons of Fayetteville Street, knocking over tents and sending everyone scurrying for the sunny side of the street. Pat Johnston and the Triangle Scottish Dancers were setting up by 7:30 am, while Amy Mooney, the Grafts, dancers, and others were at the start of the parade route by 8 am. That's dedication!

It was a very long, diverse parade with hot rods, NC State University Pipe Band, several Irish dance troupes, dog groups, Wake and District Pipe Band, Highland Dancers, our SCOT float, and a wide variety of other things to marvel at that you hadn't seen before! There were many more vendors lining Fayetteville Street this year. The Triangle Scottish Dancers' face-painting and bake sale table was surrounded with tents from all over the East Coast, with many other bake sales and face painters competing with them. The distance from Moore Square pubs also meant fewer adults getting their faces painted for the evening's festivities. As a result, the earnings were down from years past. The afternoon was highlighted by a well-received Highland dance performance on Fayetteville Street. As the day warmed up, so did the fun and we'll make plans to be back next year!

- Virginia Kent

Highland dancers at Raleigh's St. Patrick's Day parade and performance



Cary Indoor Highland Dancing Competition Winners March 29, 2014

Most Promising Beginner Layla Giardina

Dancer of the Day Laura Hester

Primary

Pas De Basques

- 1st McKia Davidson
- 2nd Juliet Hyams
- 3rd Reagan Kaufman
- 4th Isabelle Bruce
- 5th Genevieve Finegan
- 6th Rayleigh Ward

Pas De Basques

& High Cuts

- 1st McKia Davidson
- 2nd Reagan Kaufman
- 3rd Isabelle Bruce
- 4th Quinten Christensen
- 5th Juliet Hyams
- 6th Rayleigh Ward

Highland Fling

- 1st McKia Davidson
- 2nd Reagan Kaufman
- 3rd Rayleigh Ward
- 4th Isabelle Bruce

Sword Dance

- 1st McKia Davidson
- 2nd Reagan Kaufman
- 3rd Quinten Christensen

Beginner 7 & under 10

Trophy: Kayla Shute

Highland Fling

- 1st Layla Giardina
- 2nd Genevieve Poulin
- 3rd Kayla Shute
- 4th Johannah Moreno
- 5th Rebecca Ward
- 6th Marta Striplin

Sword Dance

- 1st Kayla Shute
- 2nd Layla Giardina
- 3rd Genevieve Poulin
- 4th Johannah Moreno
- 5th Regina Christensen

Seann Triubhas

- 1st Kayla Shute
- 2nd Layla Giardina
- 3rd Johannah Moreno
- 4th Marta Striplin
- 5th Rebecca Ward
- 6th Regina Christensen

Flora

- 1st Kayla Shute
- 2nd Layla Giardina
- 3rd Marta Striplin
- 4th Johannah Moreno
- 5th Rebecca Ward
- 6th Regina Christensen

Beginner 10 & under 14

Trophy: Emily Henry

Highland Fling

- 1st Emily Henry
- 2nd Evelyn Fite
- 3rd Audrey Altman
- 4th Lilly Powell
- 5th Alexandra Altman

Sword Dance

- 1st Emily Henry
- 2nd Audrey Altman
- 3rd Evelyn Fite
- 4th Lilly Powell
- 5th Alexandra Altman

Seann Triubhas

- 1st Emily Henry
- 2nd Lilly Powell
- 3rd Evelyn Fite
- 4th Alexandra Altman
- 5th Audrey Altman

Flora

- 1st Emily Henry
- 2nd Evelyn Fite
- 3rd Audrey Altman
- 4th Lilly Powell
- 5th Alexandra Altman

Beginner 14 & over

Trophy: William Winter

Highland Fling

- 1st Andrea Palmer
- 2nd Amy Shields

Sword Dance

- 1st William Winter
- 2nd Andrea Palmer
- 3rd Charlotte Yunker
- 4th Amy Shields

Seann Triubhas

- 1st William Winter
- 2nd Andrea Palmer
- 3rd Amy Shields
- 4th Charlotte Yunker

Flora

- 1st William Winter
- 2nd Andrea Palmer
- 3rd Amy Shields
- 4th Charlotte Yunker

Novice 7 & under 13

Sword Dance

- 1st Lilli Anne Burgin
- 2nd Eleanor Brooks
- 3rd Ruby Watts

Seann Triubhas

- 1st Lilli Anne Burgin
- 2nd Annaliese Poulin
- 3rd Eleanor Brooks
- 4th Shona Wood
- 5th Ruby Watts

Flora

- 1st Lilli Anne Burgin
- 2nd Annaliese Poulin
- 3rd Shona Wood
- 4th Eleanor Brooks
- 5th Ruby Watts

Novice 13 & over

Trophy: Annabelle Christensen

Highland Fling

- 1st Nathaniel Morrison
- 2nd Clarissa Christensen
- 3rd Evelyn Saunders
- 4th Annabelle Christensen
- 5th Josephine Brooks
- 6th Ellen Daniels

Sword Dance

- 1st Clarissa Christensen
- 2nd Evelyn Saunders
- 3rd Annabelle Christensen
- 4th Josephine Brooks
- 5th Ellen Daniels

Seann Triubhas

- 1st Annabelle Christensen
- 2nd Evelyn Saunders
- 3rd Clarissa Christensen
- 4th Nathaniel Morrison
- 5th Josephine Brooks
- 6th Ellen Daniels

Flora

- 1st Nathaniel Morrison
- 2nd Annabelle Christensen
- 3rd Evelyn Saunders
- 4th Josephine Brooks
- 5th Clarissa Christensen
- 6th Ellen Daniels

Intermediate

Trophy: Constance Yunker

Highland Fling

- 1st Constance Yunker
- 2nd Renn Lemler
- 3rd Aubrey Carley
- 4th Windsor Rose Whitlock
- 5th Isabella daCunha
- 6th Katherine Craig

Intermediate

Sword Dance

- 1st Renn Lemler
- 2nd Constance Yunker
- 3rd Windsor Rose Whitlock
- 4th Aubrey Carley
- 5th Katherine Craig
- 6th Isabella daCunha

Seann Triubhas

- 1st Constance Yunker
- 2nd Renn Lemler
- 3rd Katherine Craig
- 4th Aubrey Carley
- 5th Windsor Rose Whitlock
- 6th Isabella daCunha

Hornpipe

- 1st Constance Yunker
- 2nd Windsor Rose Whitlock
- 3rd Aubrey Carley
- 4th Katherine Craig
- 5th Isabella daCunha

Premier 7 & under 12

Trophy: Ivy Roche

Highland Fling

- 1st Ivy Roche
- 2nd Kayli Robb
- 3rd Lauren Ballard
- 4th Fiona Wright

Sword Dance

- 1st Ivy Roche
- 2nd Kayli Robb
- 3rd Lauren Ballard
- 4th Fiona Wright

Seann Triubhas

- 1st Ivy Roche
- 2nd Kayli Robb
- 3rd Lauren Ballard
- 4th Fiona Wright

Reel

- 1st Ivy Roche
- 2nd Kayli Robb
- 3rd Lauren Ballard

Premier 12 & under 14

Trophy: Ingrid Findlay

Highland Fling

- 1st Ingrid Findlay
- 2nd Gillian Wright
- 3rd Waverly Noble
- 4th Elizabeth Ballard
- 5th Ava Smith

Sword Dance

- 1st Elizabeth Ballard
- 2nd Ingrid Findlay
- 3rd Waverly Noble
- 4th Gillian Wright
- 5th Ava Smith

Premier 12 & under 14

Seann Triubhas

- 1st Ingrid Findlay
- 2nd Waverly Noble
- 3rd Elizabeth Ballard
- 4th Ava Smsith
- 5th Gillian Wright

Reel

- 1st Ingrid Findlay
- 2nd Elizabeth Ballard
- 3rd Waverly Noble
- 4th Gillian Wright
- 5th Ava Smsith

Premier 14 & under 16

Trophy: Lauren Wall

Highland Fling

- 1st Lauren Wall
- 2nd Megan Minnear
- 3rd Katelyn Fraker
- 4th Lillian Morrison
- 5th Meredith Polk
- 6th Madison Stewart

Sword Dance

- 1st Lauren Wall
- 2nd Katelyn Fraker
- 3rd Megan Minnear
- 4th Lillian Morrison
- 5th Madison Stewart

Seann Triubhas

- 1st Katelyn Fraker
- 2nd Lauren Wall
- 3rd Lillian Morrison
- 4th Madison Stewart
- 5th Meredith Polk

Reel

- 1st Megan Minnear
- 2nd Katelyn Fraker
- 3rd Lauren Wall
- 4th Lillian Morrison
- 5th Jessica Riker
- 6th Madison Stewart

Premier 16 & under 18

Trophy: Kelsey Luyster

Highland Fling

- 1st Elaine Hinkel
- 2nd Kelsey Luyster
- 3rd Kathryn Carley
- 4th Stephanie Ward
- 5th Anneliese Koontz
- 6th Liam Davis

Sword Dance

- 1st Kathryn Carley
- 2nd Kelsey Luyster
- 3rd Elaine Hinkel
- 4th Stephanie Ward
- 5th Liam Davis
- 6th Anneliese Koontz

Premier 16 & under 18

Seann Triubhas

- 1st Kelsey Luyster
- 2nd Kathryn Carley
- 3rd Elaine Hinkel
- 4th Stephanie Ward
- 5th Anneliese Koontz
- 6th Liam Davis

Reel

- 1st Elaine Hinkel
- 2nd Kelsey Luyster
- 3rd Kathryn Carley
- 4th Stephanie Ward
- 5th Liam Davis
- 6th Anneliese Koontz

Premier 18 & over

Trophy: Laura Hester

Highland Fling

- 1st Laura Hester
- 2nd Julian Ritzik
- 3rd Theresa Woessner
- 4th Dominique Koontz
- 5th Linka Schleusener
- 6th Azure Davis

Sword Dance

- 1st Laura Hester
- 2nd Theresa Woessner
- 3rd Linka Schleusener
- 4th Ruth Packard
- 5th Azure Davis
- 6th Amelia Gassner

Seann Triubhas

- 1st Laura Hester
- 2nd Linka Schleusener
- 3rd Theresa Woessner
- 4th Dominique Koontz
- 5th Ruth Packard
- 6th Azure Davis

Reel

- 1st Laura Hester
- 2nd Julian Ritzik
- 3rd Theresa Woessner
- 4th Linka Schleusener
- 5th Ruth Packard
- 6th Azure Davis

Group Choreography

- 1st Electric Thistle
Thistle & Shamrock
- 2nd El Captain
Thistle & Shamrock

Duet Choreography

- 1st Julian Ritzik / Azure Davis
- 2nd Lauren & Elizabeth Ballard

Cary Indoor Piping Results

A record number of 38 pipers competed at the Ninth Annual Cary Indoor Solo Piping Competition at the Resurrection Lutheran School in Cary on Saturday, March 29. This year's judges were Ed Krintz, Jerry Finegan, and Robert Minnear, and the EUSPBA Monitor was Thomas Hahn. New trophies, designed by SCOT Board Member Thom Bowie, were impressive and obviously treasured by the recipients.

Grade 4 Jr. Trophy - Taylor McLellan

Grade 4 Jr. – 2/4 March

- 1 Taylor McLellan
- 2 Clay Ashford
- 3 Katharine Priu

Grade 4 Jr. – Piobaireachd

- 1 Taylor McLellan
- 2 Katharine Priu

Grade 4 Sr. Trophy - Mark Wilson

Grade 4 Sr. – 2/4 March

- 1 John Starke
- 2 Chad Graham
- 3 Mark Wilson

Grade 4 Sr. – Piobaireachd

- 1 Mark Wilson
- 2 Chad Graham
- 3 Pete Curry

Grade 3 Trophy – Ally McKinnis

Grade 3 – 2/4 March

- 1 Evan Johnson
- 2 Ian Minnear
- 3 Chris Vogan

Grade 3 -Strathspey/Reel

- 1 Ally McKinnis
- 2 Brendan Abernethy
- 3 Evan Johnson

Grade 3A – Piobaireachd

- 1 Brendan Abernethy
- 2 Ian Minnear
- 3 Ally McKinnis

Grade 3B – Piobaireachd

- 1 Chris Vogan
- 2 Duncan Fraser
- 3 Patrick Boland

Grade 2 Trophy – Mary Grace McCool

Grade 2 - 2/4 March

- 1 Mary Grace McCool
- 2 Wyatt Brown
- 3 Stuart Marshall

Grade 2 - Strathspey/Reel

- 1 Mary Grace McCool
- 2 Patrick Johnson
- 3 Stuart Marshall

Grade 2 - Piobaireachd

- 1 Mary Grace McCool
- 2 Robert Stinson
- 3 Stuart Marshall

Grade 1 Trophy – Sean Patrick Regan

Grade 1 - 2/4 March

- 1 Sean Patrick Regan
- 2 William Shropshire
- 3 Gabriel Nierman

Grade 1 - Strathspey/Reel

- 1 Sean Patrick Regan
- 2 William Shropshire
- 3 Grace Washam

Grade 1 - Piobaireachd

- 1 Sean Patrick Regan
- 2 William Shropshire
- 3 Eric Albert

Grade 1
Competitors



SCOTTISH MOVIES!

SCOT celebrated National Tartan Day on April 6 by hosting “Hooray for Scottish Movies” at The Hibernian Irish Pub in Cary.

About 32 movie lovers gathered to watch Scottish movies, eat good Celtic food, and enjoy each other's company. The Hibernian's enclosed patio with 50" TV and excellent sound system made for great viewing.

After ordering food and drinks, the evening's movies began with Season 1, Episode 1 of “Monarch of the Glen,” a quirky British comedy/drama TV series about a modern, young Scottish restaurateur, Archie MacDonald, trying to restore his childhood home in the Scottish Highlands. Mark Blake, the Hibernian's General Manager, mentioned that when he lived in Ireland, he and his friends loved this series so much that they would watch marathons of this show until the wee hours of the morning.

After this funny comedy kicked off the evening, the main feature was presented, “I Know Where I Am Going!” This is a stunningly photographed 1946 black-and-white comedy, where romance flourishes in an unlikely place—the bleak and moody Scottish Hebrides. It is a classic Scottish movie with lots of surprises in store for the lucky viewer.

The evening was successful enough that SCOT is planning to host another Scottish Movie Night at The Hibernian in the future. The movie shown will be “Whiskey Galore,” so viewing it in a pub will be perfect, since some of us will want to have whiskey close at hand! Stay tuned for future information.

- Amy Herman

Wake and District

March proved to be as busy as we expected—staying in Raleigh this year to play in several venues, especially our favorite Tir Na nOg for the St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 15 and then again on March 17. From parades to pubs, sidewalks to tents, we created quite a stir everywhere we went; and our presence was an overwhelming force every time we struck up the pipes and drums. On March 24., Pipe Major, Joe Brady had the honor to once again march with his comrades from the City of Chicago Police Pipe Band at Le Défilé de la St-Patrick de Québec. The Quebec City Parade is in its 4th year after being cancelled in 1926 for unknown reasons. It was a very cold, snowy day to march through the gates of the city playing a very cold set of pipes, but delightful it was for Joe to play with his old band again.

The last of the March ended with rigorous practices for both our Grade 4 and 5 competition bands to prepare new sets for our first outing at the Loch Norman Games in April. We've changed up leadership a bit for the 2014 season. Our G4 will once again be under the direction of Pipe Major Ken McKeveny with lead tip Patrick O'Leary, while our G5 is under the leadership of Pipe Major Alan Armstrong and lead tip Nicholas Martin. We like it a lot – and we hope you will as well.

The judges at Loch Norman surely liked our new leadership and sets! It was a weekend full of Firsts and Seconds for the Wake and District program at the Loch Norman Highland Games. Congratulations to our solo competitors Jean Russell – 1st place tenor, Garret Justice – 1st place piob, and Ian McKeveny – 2nd place march. It was also a first for four of our G5 side drummers (their first time in the circle) – Madalyn Justice, Jeff Rogers, Ian McKeveny and Jennifer Dumont – along with their Bass Drummer Andrew Kosydar, who kept it steady throughout. Also congrats to mom-to-be Lindsey Kosydar for striking a pose in the G4 tenor line. In the circle, both bands performed exceptionally. Our G4 members scored 1,1,2,3 with an



Calendar of Events

May

- 2-3 Triad Highland Games, Greensboro, NC
- 10 Savannah Scottish Games, Savannah, GA
- 11 SCOT Afternoon Tea, West Raleigh Presbyterian Church
- 16-18 Smokey Mountain Highland Games, Maryville, TN
- 24-25 Gallabrae Highland Games, Greenville, SC
- 31 SCOT Golf Tournament at Crooked Creek Golf Course, and Family Barbecue at Chuck & Amy Mooney's home

June

July

- 10-13 Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, Linville, NC

August

- tbd SCOT Annual General Meeting*
- 30-31 Virginia Scottish Games & Festival, Great Meadow, VA

*to be confirmed

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The Scottish Cultural Organization of the Triangle (S.C.O.T.) is a non-profit organization dedicated to informing and educating the public about the history, culture, and heritage of Scotland and the Scottish people.

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AGL (above grade level) in piping, and our G5 members (under the leadership of first time Pipe Major Alan Armstrong) scored 2,2,2,4. These scores placed both the G4 and the G5 bands in second place!

The pages of the calendar continue to turn and on May 3 will find us once again participating in the North Carolina Fallen Firefighters (NCFFF) march and memorial at Nash Square located in downtown, Raleigh. This is the 9th annual iteration of this march | memorial — and it is the event which sparked our formation. Come share the day with us, honoring the state's fallen firefighters.

- Joe Brady & Virginia Kent

Tastes of Scotland



Honey Cakes

Honey is perhaps the oldest sweetener used by man. It is mentioned in the earliest writings dating back to 2100 BC, but was surely in use before then. In Scotland, where there are large swaths of heather for the bees to gather their nectar, there is a history with honey also. There are shelves built into the walls at Skara Brae, in the Orkneys, that were made 2500 to 2000 BC, perhaps to hold bee skeps, although there is no written mention of honey in Scotland until almost 1700. Today, heather honey is quite common.

One of the most famous uses of Scottish honey is as an ingredient in Drambuie. Legend has it that Prince Charles Edward Stuart, Bonnie Prince Charlie, gave his own secret recipe for his personal liqueur to the chief of Clan MacKinnon as thanks for helping him escape from the King's men after defeat at the battle of Culloden, 1746. The story continues that in 1873 the recipe was passed on to a hotelier in Skye whose customers called it "an dram buidheach" or the drink that satisfies. The shortened form of that became Drambuie.

There are many honey cake recipes, with and without the addition of whisky. This one, from Lady Clark of Tillypranie, c 1872, is almost like an American breakfast biscuit, with a sweet honey topping.

4 c. sifted flour	Pinch of salt
½ c. butter	1 egg white, lightly beaten
2 heaping T. sugar	
2 T. honey	<u>For the Topping:</u>
1 ½ t. baking powder	1 c. honey
2 egg yolks	3 T. ground almonds
1 c. milk	



Rub the butter into the flour. Gently heat the honey and sugar until it is well mixed, then add the baking powder. Beat the egg yolks into the milk and add to the flour mixture, alternating with the honey. Mix well. Add the salt and mix again. Very lightly roll out on a floured board, cut into rounds or shapes, put onto a greased baking pan, and bake in a moderate oven (350°) for about 20 minutes. Move to a rack and cool slightly. Paint the tops with the egg white



President's Corner

Dear Members,

It would appear that winter is finally making way for some springtime weather and I am sure everyone is ready to get out and enjoy the sunshine!

We have had several great events already this year: our Whisky Tasting, St. Patrick's Day Parade, Cary Indoor Competition, our first Movie Night, and our Tartan Day Celebration at Cary Spring Daze, which will be over by the time you receive this newsletter.

May brings our Mother's Day Tea, and the annual Golf Tournament, which will be held at the end of May this year; so all in all, a very busy spring for SCOT members and friends.

Ceud mile failte - one hundred thousand welcomes to our new members from all over the Triangle: Paul & Lynn Boyd, Bryan Williams, John & Linda MacKenzie, Stuart & Terri McIrvine, Brian Bullard & Family, Catherine Bersch & Family, and Chuk & Carla Gleason. We are delighted that you have joined SCOT.

I look forward to meeting up with many of you at some of these events, and my sincere thanks to everyone involved in getting every event organized and running smoothly.

Once more, I will encourage you to let us know what we can do to make your experience in SCOT all that you want it to be! We are unable to read your minds, so please keep us informed of ways that we can help. I, of course, want each of you to encourage young people to get involved in SCOT, as they are our future.

Watch your inbox for email updates!

God bless and have a great year,

Donald Ross

welake87@gmail.com



and spread with the honey topping. Put in a cool oven for no longer than 5 minutes to set.* Eat either hot or cold. Makes approximately 24 cakes.

*Note: I put the cakes back into the oven, which, although I had turned off, was still quite warm, for 5 minutes. This worked fine.

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- Carolyn McDonald Graf

Mary, Queen of Scots

The new television series on The CW Network called "Reign" is about the life of a teenage Mary, Queen of Scots. It's in its second season and, clearly, the producers are taking great liberties with the historical truth. The most fictional of the fiction is the supposed existence of "Bash," a handsome, illegitimate half brother of France's King Francis II, Mary's betrothed. Other objections raised by historians are about the hairstyles being too modern, although the clothing and sets get high marks. However, in the series, as in real life, Mary does not marry Bash, but Francis.

Mary's actual story, while different from the TV show, had plenty of drama. Mary, was born in 1542. Mary's father, James V of Scotland, died when she was only one year old. Being far too young to rule, the Scottish Lords sent her away to France at age six until she became of legal age.



While in France, Mary married Francis in 1558 when she was 15 and he, 14. During her marriage to Francis, Mary lived in luxury. However, Francis who had always been sickly, died in 1560. Mary, therefore, was a widow at age 17. With her husband gone, Mary returned to Scotland and became Queen at age 18.

In 1565, she married her cousin, Lord Darnley, who was disliked by the Scottish people as he was a violent, ill-tempered, lazy drunkard. He even participated in the murder of Mary's trusted advisor, David Rizzio. In 1566, Mary gave birth to a son, by Lord Darnley, named James. When Lord Darnley was killed in 1567, Mary married James Hepburn, Earl of Bothwell who was as disliked as Darnley.



As a result, the Scottish Lords revolted against Mary and

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