

Great SCOT!

Look what's
going on...

Scottish Cultural Organization of the Triangle

June 2009

SCOT Golf Classic

It's that time again! Time to dust off your mashies, cleeks, baffys, niblicks, spoons and brassies. The 6th Annual Mark Johnston SCOT Classic golf event is just around the corner on **Saturday, June 20**. The course selection committee has chosen Prestonwood Country Club for this prestigious affair! All details are being finalized. 24+ players/slots will be reserved in anticipation of a large gathering, so sign up now! The pertinent details are as follows:

Date: Saturday, June 20, 2008

Place: Prestonwood Country Club

Tee Time: Range balls will be provided. Please arrive by 12:00 pm for groupings, directions, and pictures. First tee time is 1:00 pm.

Format: 2-person Super Ball

Cost: \$85.00 for SCOT members, \$95.00 for non-SCOT members, and \$75 for Juniors (under 16). Includes greens fee and carts. Cash or checks payable to SCOT on the day of the event. These will be collected by Pat Johnston at the beginning of the tournament. Shower facilities in the clubhouse are available after the round to freshen up for the barbecue.

Must sign-up by noon on Monday, June 15th! Please let the organizer know if there is anyone with whom you wish to play, or if you want to be paired with an A or B player.

Contests: Mark Johnston SCOT Golf Classic Champion Trophy, Closest to Pin (Men and Women), Long Drive (Men and Women), Best Scottish Attire, and others!

Attire: Classic golf attire: collared shirt, golf shoes (spikeless), no jeans. Scottish wear encouraged: plus fours, kilts (non-regimental only—there is a lot of spinning and twirling involved when swinging the club!)

Contact Chuck McDougal to register, at home: 783-7476, work: 783-0491 ext. 208, or by email: elscrodley@nc.rr.com.



Family Barbecue

Who: All SCOT members and their guests

When: Saturday, June 20, 2009, immediately following the SCOT Golf Classic
6:00 — Meet and Greet
7:00 — Dinner

Where: Craig & Jeannette Hill's home
279 Hogans Valley Way
Cary, NC 27513

What: Barbecue Ribs prepared with Mark Johnston's famous recipe by the "Johnston/Mooney Clan" plus pork barbecue, fried chicken, hush puppies, coleslaw, vegetables, corn bread, rolls, tea, and lemonade.
BYOB if you prefer other libations!



Cost: \$7.50 for SCOT members
\$8.50 for non-SCOT

RSVP: by June 18th to Cheryl at cherylmcd@nc.rr.com or (919) 783-7476

Ceud Mile Sailte!

One hundred thousand welcomes to our newest SCOT members:

Jennifer Weichel	Apex, NC
Dr. William McCulloch	Raleigh, NC
Wrennie & Rob Edwards	Raleigh, NC
Alan B. MacIntyre	Chapel Hill, NC

We are delighted you have joined SCOT and look forward to seeing you at some of our upcoming SCOT events.

We hope that all our members share their "Great SCOT" newsletters with their friends and family, and encourage them to join SCOT so they can receive their own newsletters and discounted admissions to some events.

SCOT Scholarships

We are pleased to announce that SCOT awarded four scholarships to NC residents to attend a NC Scottish arts camp or summer school. We received a dozen applications. It was a difficult decision to narrow the field but in the end two scholarships went to dancers to attend the School of Scottish Arts in Minneapolis, NC and two scholarships went to pipers to attend the North American Academy of Piping & Drumming in Valle Crucis, NC. Both of these schools occur in July just before and after the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games. The winners were chosen by the SCOT Board of Directors. Evaluation criteria included dedication to the applicant's Scottish art, a desire to learn, accomplishments and a willingness to share their Scottish art with other students and the public. The teacher's recommendation was an important part of each choice. Each applicant was evaluated by every member of the SCOT Board who submitted their top five choices. Four clear winners emerged.

Our dance winners were **Megan and Zack McElroy of Cary, NC**. It may be unusual to award two scholarships to the same family, but in this case, the applications from both dancers were judged on their own merits and were among the top choices by almost all of our eleven judges. The same was true of our piping winners. Both **Carter Neely of Raleigh, NC** and **Drew Bradshaw of Morganton, NC** stood out in our pool of applicants. All of our winners showed outstanding dedication to their field and presented very convincing papers.

Congratulations to all of our winners!



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SPONSORED EVENTS 2009

- June 19-20 **John Turner** concert and workshop at New Hope Camp and Conference Center. Contact Amy Mooney at danceramy@aol.com. See flyer for more details.
- June 20 **6th Annual Mark Johnston SCOT Golf Classic** at Prestonwood Country Club Contact Chuck McDougal at elscrodley@nc.rr.com or 919-783-7476 to register. Details on Page 1.
- June 20 **SCOT Family Barbecue** at the home of Craig and Jeanette Hill. Contact Cheryl McDougal at cherylmcd@nc.rr.com or 919-783-7476. Details on Page 1.
- July 9-12 **SCOT Booth at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games**. Details on Page 2.
- August 30 **SCOT Annual General Meeting**. Contact Cheryl Jones at jones_cherylrae@yahoo.com or 919-851-3956.
- September **Kirkin' O' the Tartan** at Kirk of Kildaire in Cary.
- Oct. 10 or 11 (tentative) **Robert Burns event**. Contact George Birrell at gsb.burns250@yahoo.com.

Your Help Needed!

The SCOT Booth, in all its glory, will be at The Grandfather Mountain Highland Games on Saturday, July 11 and Sunday, July 12, and we need your help!

Talking to people about SCOT and our activities is easy and fun. Many people from the Triangle area have not heard of us (hard to imagine). If they are at the games, it's because they already have an interest in things Scottish. All they need is to hear about the great activities we offer and they want to join on the spot. They can't join if there's no one in the booth.

If you can volunteer for one or two hours, email me and I'll assign you a time. As an extra incentive, **the first person to volunteer for a whole day will get a free parking pass**. When you are not giving out information, you will have a shady place to watch the games.

- Carolyn Graf, CMcDGraf@aol.com

Cary Indoor Success!

April 4 and 5 was a wonderful weekend of piping, dancing and fiddling. More than 100 dancers, pipers and fiddlers competed and/or attended workshops at the Eighth Annual Cary Indoor Competitions and Workshops. The Saturday events were held at Cary High School Performing Arts Center.

This new building had plenty of space for our highland dance competition, piping competition and fiddling workshop. The lobby area of the building was used for a variety of breakfast, lunch and snack items provided by the Ghillie Gang, used dance clothing sale, and vendors of dance and piping items.

Sunday's dance workshop was also successful with three teachers leading all levels of dancers through successful workshop routines. Dance piper, Matt Turnbull, and dancing judge, Andrea Troness Walin, were two of our teachers. Our own Sandra Kennedy Gribbin, now from Pennsylvania, led the third session. Sandy was also our adult trophy winner and Dancer of the Day.

A list of all dance winners is included in this newsletter.



The Fourth Annual Cary Indoor Solo Piping competition took place at Cary High School in Cary on Saturday, April 4, 2009. There were nine events offered in amateur light music, spread over four grade levels. Participating were 21 pipers and two judges, Bill Caudill and Ken McKeveny. The trophy winners were:

- Grade 2 – Charly Slagle, Laurinburg
- Grade 3 – Gabriel Nierman, Raleigh
- Grade 4 Sr. – Matthew Poletti, Laurinburg
- Grade 4 Jr. – Cameron Brown, Durham

Ceilidh Reflections

Approximately 25 SCOT members and friends enjoyed a free evening of creative and diverse entertainment and fellowship at the SCOT Family Ceilidh on March 21. Some ceilidh contributions were educational and touching—such as when Pat Johnston read moving Burns poetry and talked about Burn's home in Ayr. We all sang cheerfully along with ceilidh emcee Dan Brubaker as he played his guitar and Amy Mooney courageously played her Scottish fiddle debut. John and Emily Sprague revealed the mysteries of tuning bagpipes before Emily nicely played a set of pipe tunes. Barbara Youngman involved everyone with feet in a "round the room" dance. Carolyn Graf and Cheryl Jones had us all laughing our heads off during their dance interpretation of "The Village Maid"—complete in Victorian maid costumes! Mairead Horton gracefully treated us to a couple of beautiful Highland dances. Craig Hill surprised us all by singing a tune traditional to his family—a cappella—and I even surprised myself by telling about the Hefner family adventures at a ceilidh in Glasgow last summer and teaching a fairly raucous ceilidh dance to the group at large. It was so much fun! In fact, the only thing that could have made it MORE fun, was to have more people there to enjoy it.

I've organized the SCOT Ceilidh for the past few years, and I just can't seem to crack the code of how to attract more SCOT members to attend. I'm pretty sure that cost is not a barrier—it was free this year! Is the time of year bad? What would your favorite month for a ceilidh be? Is the location of the SCOT Ceilidh inconvenient? I've been booking the Triangle Dance Studio (used weekly by one of our local Scottish Country Dance groups) because its Durham central to our membership and parking is at the door. Do you have suggestions (and connections) of other low cost venues? Is a ceilidh something that is just not going to rise to the top of your priority list, and you prefer that we should focus on other SCOT projects? Please contact me with any and all ceilidh comments at dbhefner@aol.com so the SCOT Board can plan most effectively for next year. Thanks in advance, and I look forward to hearing from you!

- D'Nise Hefner



Parliament Visitors

The Presiding Officer of the Scottish Parliament, Alex Ferguson, accompanied by the Minister for Enterprise, Energy and Tourism, Jim Mather, were guests of honor at the North Carolina House on Wednesday, April 8. Speaker Joe Hackney, when introducing the guests said "The chair expresses no opinion as to whether kilts are appropriate attire under the rules". Later they met Governor Bev Perdue at the Capitol Rotunda where she declared April as "Scots-Irish Heritage Month".

Later in the day a reception at the History Museum, was held for guests of Scottish affiliated organizations and interest groups, including SCOT. Lt. Governor Walter Dalton, Members of the House, Senate, and US House mixed with the Diaspora sharing wine, beer and canapés. Most notable names attending were US Congressman Mike McIntyre, Chairman of the Scottish Caucus and US Congressman Bob Etheridge. Joe Hackney addressed the audience with Alex Ferguson giving a very spirited reply. Both leaders exchanged gifts with Alex Ferguson presenting the House Leader with an engraved Quaich celebrating the 250th anniversary of the birth of Robert Burns. The following day Alex Ferguson gave an address at Duke University.

Among SCOT members present were Donald & Nancy Ross, George & Alison Birrell, and Harry & Trish Nicol who mingled with the crowd accosting and lobbying the MSPs!

Scottish Parliament

The Scottish Parliament is located opposite Holyrood Palace in Edinburgh, seating 129 Members with the Scottish National Party currently holding the largest, but not the majority, of seats. The Presiding Officer (Speaker) chairs the Assembly. Visit the web site at www.scottish.parliament.uk for more information. The site is in 14 languages including Old Scots, Gaelic, Sign Language and, of course, BBC Standard English. You can watch live Assembly and Committee meetings.

Scottish Government – Scottish Act 1998

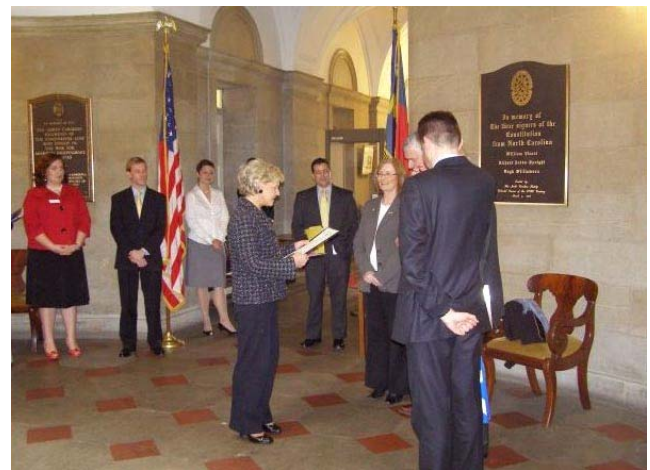
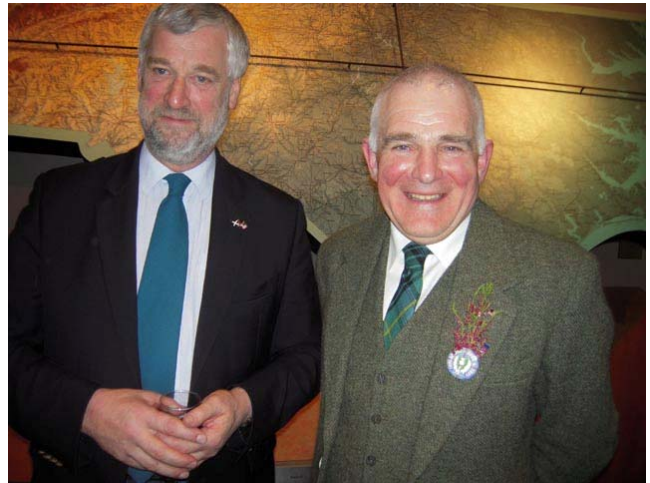
The devolved Government for Scotland is responsible for most of the issues of day-to-day concern to the people of Scotland, including health, education, justice, rural affairs and transport.

The Government was known as the Scottish Executive when it was established in 1999 following the first elections to the Scottish Parliament. The current administration was formed after elections in May 2007.

The Scottish Government is led by a First Minister who is nominated by the Parliament and in turn appoints the other Scottish Ministers who make up the Cabinet. Civil

servants in Scotland are accountable to Scottish Ministers, who are themselves accountable to the Scottish Parliament. Alex Salmond is currently the First Minister. Visit www.scotland.gov.uk for roles, responsibilities, Ministers and framework.

- Harry Nicol



Pipers and Drummers Shine At Loch Norman

Members of the NCSU Pipes and Drums brought home prizes from the recent Loch Norman Highland Games held in Huntersville, NC on April 18.

In piping, Cameron Brown of Durham won the Grade IV Junior trophy; Gabriel Nierman of Raleigh won the Grade III trophy; and Steve Fisher of Raleigh won the March-Strathspey-Reel contest in Grade II. Connor Thompson of Durham took third place in the Grade III March. NC State senior Carter Neely of Rutherfordton took second place in the Grade IV Senior March on snare drum.

Tartan Day Recap

Tartan Day at the Renaissance Faire gains in notoriety each year with more people coming to the Faire on the Tartan Day date specifically. We had a photographer from Electric Scotland spend the day taking pictures. This year with the open space, the Faire was all in one area in mostly small tents. We had great weather, except for the first day when it rained and I discovered that my car doesn't do well at all when trying to leave a muddy field. We left rather sheepishly being towed by a tractor.

The NC pipes and drums led the Parade of Tartan and Scots. It was an awesome feeling as we marched behind them with Mary, Queen of Scots and her court when I looked toward the field to my left and saw people streaming like lemmings to a cliff, racing to the grove where the band to hear the band play. Later, a fairy on horseback (part of a tumbling, jousting, and vaulting act) stopped to watch our piper soloist for a bit.

We are at the Faire to promote Tartan Day. The booth is a multi-clan booth where we look up names and give out information events close to and within Raleigh including, of course, SCOT-sponsored events.

The Bonnie Knees Contest, which is partially sponsored by SCOT, was a hoot with an 18-month-old claiming the top prize. This year the performer whose spot we took that day was the announcer for the contest which drew 18 entries and kept the crowd quite entertained.

- Judith Lloyd



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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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Tastes of Scotland

Carolyn McDonald Graf



Dundee Marmalade

The origins of marmalade go far back. The word marmalade comes from marmelo, the Portuguese word for quince, from which marmalade was originally made. Wilson (Food and Drink in Britain) traces the history of marmalade back to the ancient Greeks, whose physicians prepared quince jellies to aid digestion. Marmalade changed over the centuries as tastes changed and other fruits became available. Marmalade has been ingested as an aphrodisiac, to combat seasickness and gastronomic disorders, to fight colds and heal bruises. It was popular as a dessert before it became a breakfast food, and originally it was dried in brick form and sliced, and often had a variety of spices added to it.

The best known, and probably true, story of marmalade comes from Dundee Scotland where William Keiller bought a shipment of Seville Oranges around 1786. Stories differ on how he came by the oranges, by mistake or through a bargain, but they all agree that his wife made the bitter oranges into marmalade. This endeavor was a resounding success and Dundee Marmalade is still sold by his descendants.

As with all traditional recipes, this is only one version.

2 lbs Seville or bitter oranges
2 lemons
4 pints water
4 lbs preserving sugar

Wash oranges and lemons, put whole, into large saucepan or preserving pan. Add water, cover, bring to boil, simmer 1-1/2 hours until fruit can be easily pierced. When fruit is ready, remove, leave on plate to cool. Slice to required thickness, remove pips (pits) and add to juice, boil 10 minutes, strain. Add sliced fruit to juice, bring to boil, add sugar, stir over gentle heat until dissolved. Boil up rapidly without stirring for 1/2 hour or until setting point, about 220°F. A small spoonful on a cold saucer will wrinkle when tilted if marmalade is cooked enough. Pour into warmed jars, cover immediately. Makes about 4 lbs. Converted by MC_Buster.

Of Poems and Songs

This year, 2009, is the 250th anniversary of the birth of the world renown Scottish poet, Robert Burns and celebrations of his poems and songs are taking place all around the world. While there are many of his poems which are well known and worthily and repeatedly presented in many places by many people, there are others which are less well known but are equally succinct, meaningful and enjoyable and were clearly written with heartfelt immediacy rather than being of long intricate labor.

Down through the centuries, the small village of Roslin, a few miles from Edinburgh, has been known by the beauty of its Roslin Chapel and its association to the mysterious Knights Templar and this interest has expanded in recent years by the book, *The Da Vinci Code* by Dan Brown and the subsequent film of the same name.

However, Robert Burns visited Roslin, probably on one of his travels around Scotland collecting bits and pieces of local words and tunes to take back to Edinburgh where he labored repairing, composing and crafting words and music to be more harmonious for people's enjoyment of Scottish life and culture for centuries to come.

On his first, but clearly not last, visit to Roslin, he had enjoyed a very good evening of food, drink, music and

company at the Roslin Inn. As was his way after the stimulation of an enjoyable experience, he sat down and wrote his thanks in verse, of course to the innkeeper's wife and cook who had so well provided for him and his friends that evening. Here is that thank you from Robert Burns for an enjoyable and memorable evening at the Roslin Inn.

- Dr. George S. Birrell

AT ROSLIN INN

My blessings on ye, honest wife!
I ne'er was here before;

Ye've wealth o' gear¹ for spoon and knife
Heart could not wish for more.

Heav'n keep you clear o' sturt² and strife,
Till far ayont³ fourscore,

And by the Lord o' death and life,
I'll ne'er gae⁴ by your door!

¹ stuff, ² worry, ³ beyond, ⁴ go

We welcome your contributions to this quarterly newsletter! Please forward news of any achievements, births, marriages, or graduations to Amy Mooney (danceramy@aol.com) to be included. If you have an article, story, artwork, or bit of Scottish lore to share, please submit it to Jane Dunbar (thedunbars@mindspring.com).

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