

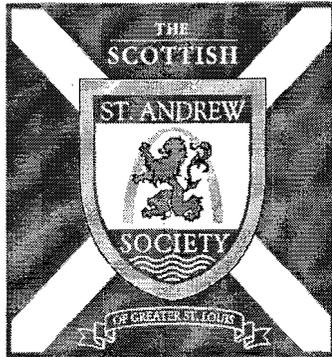
SCOTTISH ST. ANDREW SOCIETY
OF GREATER ST. LOUIS

PRESIDENT'S EDITORIAL

Dear Members,

In some ways it's hard to believe we are at the end of another Society year. Time just seems to past more quickly these days. We had a super picnic at Tower Grove Park, thanks to Marilyn for all the organization. I think it's safe to assume that that was the first time there had been "haggis throwing" in the park! The aroma of Scotch around the BBQ may also have been a first, and as for that Bocce Ball... A great time was had by all.

This will probably be my last Editorial as your President, and it's a good opportunity to say thank you to a lot of people. First, to all of you, the members for your support and for making our group what it is. I think that it's genrally true that people often get back from Societies or organizations in proportion to what they put in. We have a lively group and some very enjoyable events.



I must also thank the Board who have done so much over the past two years. Without the support, dedication, and effort of this group, we would not have nearly as much fun at our events. In fact, the most of the events would not happen without the commitment that the Board members have for this Society. It's been an exciting two years and it was my privelege to work for the Society and with this group of results-oriented people.

THANK YOU.

Replacements and new potential Board members have been nominated (see inside for details), and we will hold elections as necessary at our first meeting in the Fall (we'll send a flier with details).

Wishing you all the best for the summer, stay cool, prosper, and see you

NOTE

1. We now have a dedicated phone number for the Society:

(314) 519 7979

2. We have 25th Anniversary plaques for sale (\$25 each).

3. We have colorful decals with our new logo for sale (\$2 each). Inside window and outside versions.

Call Anne McLaren at

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The Old and The New

The Retiring Board:

President: Jim McLaren
Exec Vice President: Denise Duffy
Immediate Past President: Keith Parle
Membership VP: Peter Geery
Treasurer: Anne McLaren
Program Director: Marilyn Geery
Corresp/Recording Secretary: Carrie Sutherland
Chaplain: Rev. Thom Hunter
Attorney: Alan Stewart
Historian: Duncan Macpherson
Planning Director: Bill Nicoll
PR Director: Gigi Steadman
Entertainment Director: Alex Sutherland
Pipeband Liaison: Bill Henry
Director-at-Large: Tom Brennan
Some of these people will be on the new Board

This Board did some great work:

In addition to an outstanding professional job with the annual events such as the Burns Dinner, the St Andrew's Dance, the Ceilidh, the kids parties, and the regular monthly meetings, this group of dedicated people worked on many new items. Some of these did not make it, others are still projects in progress, and those that did make it included:

- ◆ New Constitution
- ◆ Society web page
- ◆ New logo and seal
- ◆ Decals with logo
- ◆ Anniversary plaques
- ◆ Kilted Golf Tournament
- ◆ Directional/Planning outlines
- ◆ Stirrat's Memorial Bench

Donations of \$2,535 were made to support various activities and charities, including:

- Ladue HS students to perform at Edinburgh Festival
- Glavin soccer kids to play in a Glasgow Tournament
- Dance Caledonia for travel to competitions
- Scott girls to dance competitively in Scotland

The New Board may contain the same members as the previous Board with the exception of the positions of President and First Vice President — these must change every two years. Additional nominations may be made to serve on the Board and, if elected, these people will be given an opportunity to serve in a particular capacity as designated by the new incoming President.

The Nominating Committee consisted of Keith Parle (Chair), Peter Geery, Alex Sutherland, Carrie Sutherland, Malcom Bee, Sheila Bee.

Nominations to-date are:

For President: Denise Duffy

For 1st VP: Alex Sutherland

Candidates as additional Board members:

Sheila Bee
Malcom Bee
Diane McCullough
Jeff Choubde
Judy Choubde
Shawn Steadman

Elections will be at our first meeting in September, at a local restaurant. Be sure to attend and make your views known.

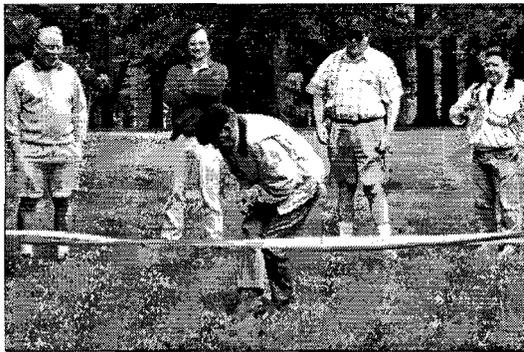
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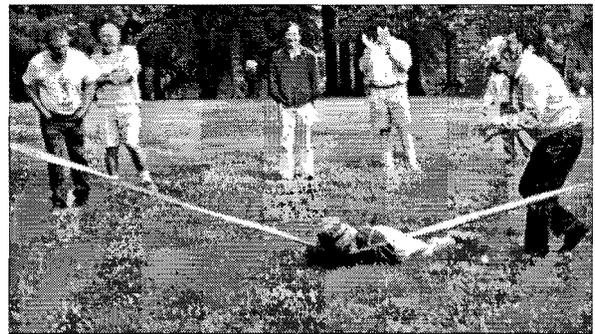
Throwing styles differed at the Haggis Toss



Catching styles differed at the Haggis Toss



There was a two-step type style....



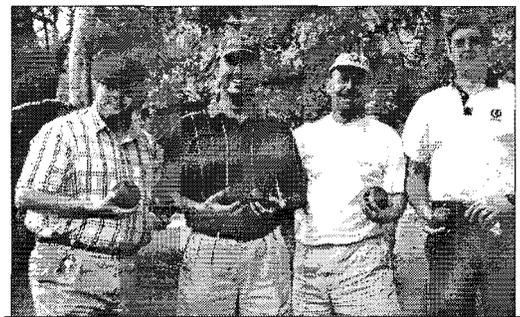
..and what we might call the no-step style...



There was real picnic food too....



We were only 14 when we first joined....



Must be the Scottish Bocce Ball team!

As you can see the Society's Annual Picnic was a lively occasion. Everything went very well, except it didn't rain, so we couldn't pretend it was Scotland. Fire up those BBQ's, chase the mosquitoes, listen for the cicadas, don't even think about humidity, and have a great St Louis summer....

Caledonia Corner

Did you ever hear about the Scottish Gold Rush! Well, it wasn't on the same scale as those this side of the Pond but, for centuries, there have been gold seekers in Scotland. The country is a rich source of minerals but most are not in large concentrated sites, rather spread around by the glacial forces of the Ice Age. Hence, gold is usually found in streams, not in veins, and the best method of finding it is panning.

Gold is twenty times heavier than water, and about six times heavier than river gravel and other minerals, so it sinks quite rapidly and this is the basis for panning. Today, a small suction device is used to bring up a batch of sandy gravel from the river-bed, and then the panning method is the same traditional rocking of a 14 inch "pan." Scottish gold was mined by the Romans and on occasion there has been some excellent finds. The largest nugget ever found in Britain was in the Lowther Hills in Southern Scotland, and it weighted in at two pounds. It is said that, in the same hills, one hundred thousand pounds worth of gold was extracted in only three months in 1500. Scottish gold is also of high quality being up to 22.8 carats (almost pure). The world average for mined gold is around 19 carats.

In Scotland today, gold panning is a regular hobby for many people. It is estimated that over 500 people will be out panning every week-end. However, if you are on holiday, don't just wander into a stream and start panning. For most of the good sites a license is required from the local Laird —usually \$5-10 per day, so it's not prohibitive. Most people use gold panning as a fun venture rather than for any economic gain —it's hard to make a living at gold panning. Some have found enough to have special jewelry made —there's a shop in Banchory that custom makes items based entirely on Scottish gold. Good

Luck!

Wha wad ken?

First to answer all three correctly wins a Society lapel pin.....

No quiz this month, back in the Fall.
Try the pictures on the next page instead...

Congratulations to Ranada Walsh who won.

Answers:

1. Harris is the island that makes tweed that is named after it.
2. First demo of TV: John Logie Baird
3. "The Thin Red Line" regiment: 93rd Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, at the Battle of Balaclava (1854).
(see last page for poem)

Tales from the past...

Glasgow Examiner, March 1863.

David Talyor, chimneysweep was fined 2 pounds, or 40 days imprisonment, for placing a stone slate on the chimney top of a house in Springbank. He said it was an accident, while the Magistrate indicated he believed it had been done to gain a job.

Glasgow Weekly Herald, January 1897.

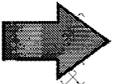
Baillie Anderson, Southern Police Court, sent Hugh Killiet to prison for 14 days for the theft of two barrows. Hugh had painted the barrows to avoid detection. Cheekily, he had tried to sell one of the barrows back to the owner, leading to his arrest!

What was the best thing BEFORE sliced bread?!?

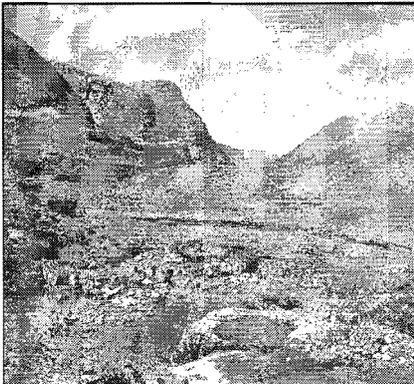
Where's That?

Mainland Scotland covers 30,000 square miles, and there are about 3,000 islands around the coastline — although most of the islands are in the West and North in the regions of the Hebrides, Orkney and Shetland. The views here are just a few of the spectacular sights to be seen in every corner of this majestic country that has been inhabited for over 7,000 years. Can you guess the correct locations....

Answers

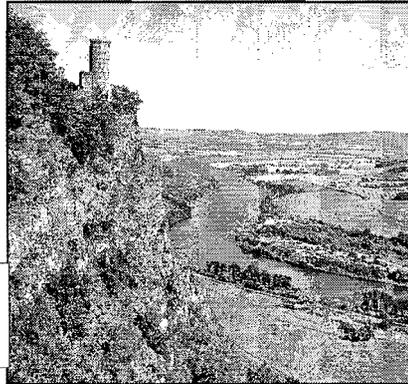


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- A) The Three Sisters?
- B) A glen near St. Andrews?

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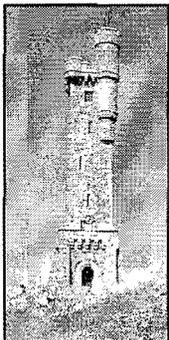
- A) Bunge Jump Hill?
- B) The Tay valley?

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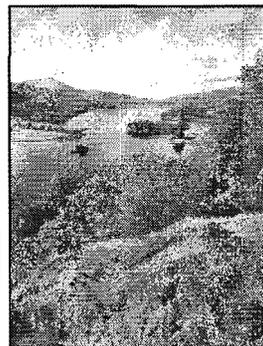
- A) A new GM steering wheel?
- B) Islay's Celtic Cross?

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- A) The Loch Ness Folly?
- B) A War Memorial?

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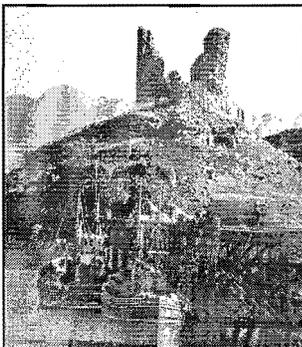
- A) Ben Nevis?
- B) Queen Victoria's picnic spot?

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- A) The Callanish Stones
- B) The source of Edinburgh Rock?

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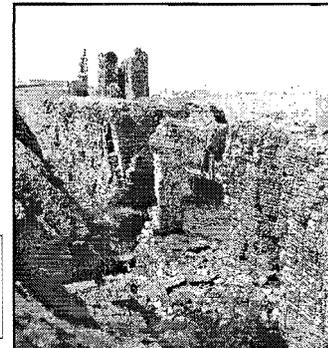
- A) The Viking Horns of Toule?
- B) The entry to Skye?

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- A) Apollo 35?
- B) Walter Scott's steps?

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- A) Two Castles?
- B) Where London pavements originated?

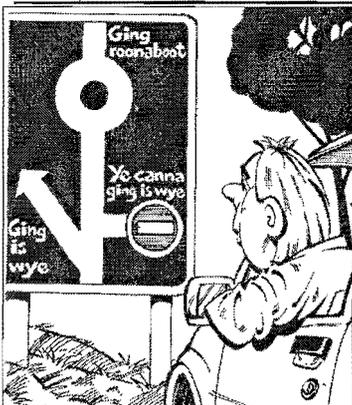
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Tales from “Another Dash o’ Doric”....

A local government official from Dyce (Aberdeenshire) was attending a council committee meeting (just as famous for the double talk as some U.S. committees). Before the official proceedings he asked a colleague about a former councillor that he had not seen for a long time. The answer:

“Hae’s nae interactin wi’ his environment ony mair!”
 “Fit’s that?” (*what do you mean, in plain English!*)
 “He’s deid!”

Ye can talk about your Gordons
 And the Camerons sae braw,
 The silver streaked Seaforth,
 And the Gallant Forty-Twa.
 But gae tae me the tartans
 O’ the lads that fought sae fine,
 The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders,
 The “Thin Red Line”

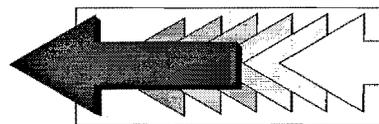


If you have chance to visit Scotland this summer, we think you’ll really enjoy it. If you’re driving the NE of Scotland here’s some tips for you!

The ANSWERS

1. Seen from the Pass of Glencoe, the mountains on the left are called the Three Sisters. Ossian’s Cave is hidden in a fissure here. Ossian was a Celtic Bard.
2. The Tay River valley some 730 feet below Kinnoull Tower, built in the 18th century.
3. This Celtic Cross in the village of Kildalton, on the Island of Islay, was carved in the 9th century.
4. Overlooking Stornoway, on the Island of Lewis, this War Memorial has over 1000 names of islanders who died in the First World War.
5. This is the famous “Queens View,” a favorite place of Queen Victoria overlooking Loch Tummel.
6. The Callanish Stones (Island of Lewis) date back to 2900BC and line up exactly with the compass points.
7. Kyleakin, Island of Skye, with the ruins of Castle Moil in the background. Today there is a bridge to Skye, instead of the old romantic ferry.
8. This is the Walter Scott monument in Princess Street Gardens, Edinburgh. If you are fit enough, and not too tall, you can climb the 287 steps inside.
9. Tricky — both answers are correct! The ruins are of Girnigeo and Sinclair Castles. The slate rock from these Caithness cliffs has been used the world over, particularly for sidewalks in London and Paris.

**Have a Great Summer
 we’ll be back in the Fall**



Hope you all enjoyed reading our very own newsletter, the **Thistle Times**. **THANK YOU** to all who contributed this year. It was appreciated. Comments, and new material to the Editor:

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