

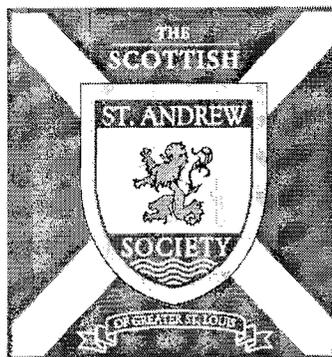
## SCOTTISH ST. ANDREW SOCIETY OF GREATER ST. LOUIS

### PRESIDENT'S EDITORIAL

**D**ear Members,

Well, can you believe it — here we are heading out of summer already and on the brink of a new session for the Society. Hope you all had a good time doing some exciting things. It didn't seem to be as hot as usual this year — but maybe that's because I spent more time sitting in the air conditioning of an airplane seat, or meeting room.

We had the final meeting of the existing Board a couple of weeks ago, and decided to have the elections for our incoming President and new Board members at the Annual General Meeting (at Youngs on Tuesday September 29th — see inside). Please try to make this event which is a great chance for an informal get-together as



well as an opportunity to tell us what you think about how we are doing....and it's your only chance to vote on Board members for another year. See page 2 on the May 1998 Thistle Times for the slate of nominations.

We are also planning on the 3rd Annual Kilted Golf Tournament (see attached flier) and I'm looking forward to seeing a good turnout again for that exciting and fun event.

See you at Youngs,

*Aw ra' best, Jim McLaren*

### 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*

### **S**cottish City Slickers

A youngster from the city was travelling on vacation in the Scottish countryside. Seeing some sheep that had just been dipped the inquisitive child asked, "why do some of the sheep have yellow wool?"

The mother replied, "oh, that must be the ones they use for the wool to make goalies jerseys!" 😊

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# Upcoming Events

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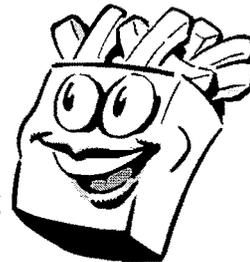


Event

NOTE:  
It's a  
Tuesday

## SEASON KICK-OFF TUESDAY, September 29th, 6:00-9:00pm

Fabulous fish and chips (fries): Dinner 6:00-7:00pm.  
At **YOUNGS, 385 Meramec Station Road** in Valley Park  
Come along and catch up with the summer stories.  
Also our ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 7:00-9:00pm, plus



Other events for the year:

### Thursday, October 1st: KILTIED GOLF TOURNAMENT

(see attached flier) A tremendous success last year.  
Spectators also welcome.

### October: HALLOWEEN PARTY

Always a fun time for all ages.

### November: ST ANDREW CELEBRATION

We're working on a final format (watch this space for details)

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If you would like  
to help out, call  
Marilyn Geery  
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## Scottish IQ Testing Hits Headlines

Hear about the Scottish kids who went for the new IQ test. The sister went in first and was asked "What happens when you cover one eye?" *I can only see wi' one eye*, she replied.  
"What happens if you cover both eyes?" *I canna see anything*, she replied.

Having passed the test and being worried about her little brother, she whispered the two responses to him on her way out. So, he marches in with great confidence, and was asked...  
"What happens if we cut of one of your ears?" *I can only see wi' one eye*, he replied.  
"What happens if we cut of both your ears?" *I canna see anything*, he replied.

In complete amazement at contrast between the apparent confidence of this youngster, and the nonsense answers he provided, the examiner said sarcastically, "and how do you expect that would happen?"

The little brother immediately responded....

*"First ma bunnet would fall down on one side, and then it would fall down completely over ma heid, thereby causing me to nae see anything! How else did ye think that could happen?"*

# Caledonia Corner

**W**ould you believe it?

Glaswegian, Peter Gilpin, won the championship for the best salsa at the Boulder County Livestock Fair (Colorado). This event was reported in the Glasgow Herald, along with a description of just what "salsa" is. Apparently, Peter has won some other interesting events in Scotland, including his novel delicacies called sun-dried tattie scones!

One of the new musical phenomena (in some countries at least!) is the playing of Chris Armstrong. He started playing the pipes at age six and was composing his own music by age nine. His highly acclaimed debut album called "Notes in Ma Heid" is in fact original compositions ranging from reels to jigs to a bossa nova for the pipes. The other instruments on this album include bodhran, wind synthesiser, keyboards, guitars, congas, bouzoukis...  
(KRL: CDLDL 1271, CD)



Head of the Scottish Tourist Board (Tom Bunclie) recently made some comments about certain foreign workers in the Scottish hotel trade, which made the headlines. Apparently, he was not too kind to those from the Southern hemisphere who were making out in Scotland — perhaps at the expense of local folks. When reporters called his office at Ravelston Towers it was discovered that his secretary, who answers the phone, is in fact Australian! Her reaction to her boss's comments were not printable.

## Wha wad ken?

**F**irst to answer all three correctly wins a Society lapel pin.....

1. Where in Scotland would you buy a left-handed hammer?
2. Where would you find Galashiels?
3. Which is further north, Kirkcudbright (Scotland) or Minneapolis (MN)?

### Answers:

No quiz in the previous edition.

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## O ut and About

The Highland Mist Scottish Country Dancers, and Scottish folk singer, Alex Sutherland, provided the crowds with a touch of Scotland at the Wood River Summer Fest.

Erin English, of Sandra Brown's Dance Caledonia, participated in the U.S. Inter-regional finals in Detroit. The Society helped sponsor Erin's travel and received a nice thank you letter from her.

Through our website we have been contacted by the St Andrew Society of Maine, and the St Andrew Society of Rhode Island.

We are at <http://www.inverizon.com/scotlink/>

# TOASTS & THINGS

## **T**he Feartie-Cat

A feartie-cat, an richt hen-hertit,  
Ah'm shair tae loass onie rammie —  
Fur well afore it wud even be stertit  
Whae'd be skirlin fur his mammie?

Ah wud!

Cushie cushie, the corbie wud ca,  
as a wirricow's speirer oot,  
Kecklin nichtily as Ah lowped the wa,  
He's clypin tae carlines so wud Ah scoot?

Wud Ah!

A wee peep an Ah'm aa peellie-wallie,  
Ne'er min a fleysome tattie-bogle!  
Feart as Ah am o ma ain shaddae  
Whit does it tak, ma smeddum tae coggle?

Nuthin!

Outstanding Scottish verse from Rowena M. Love

## **S**cots Wha hae (by Robert Burns)

Scots Wha hae wi' Wallace bled,  
Scots whan Bruce has aften led;  
Welcome to your gory bed, Or to victorie!

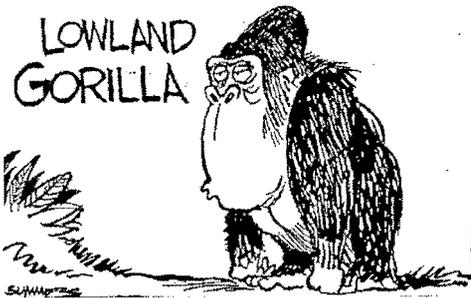
Wha will be a traitor-knave?  
Wha will fill a coward's grave?  
Wha sae base as be a slave? Let him turn an' flee!

Wha for Scotland's king and law  
Freedom's sword will strongly draw,  
Freeman stand, or freeman fa', Let him follow me!

Lay the proud usurpers low!  
Tyrants fall in every foe!  
Liberty's in every blow!

Let us do, or dee!

LOWLAND  
GORILLA



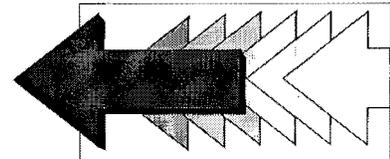
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discovery. Expedition funded  
by the monkey-business

**We're Back & Your Dues  
are Due!**

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**H**ope you all enjoyed reading our very own newsletter, the **Thistle Times**. Thank you to all who contribute material. It is appreciated. Comments, and new material to the Editor:

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