



SCOTTISH ST. ANDREW SOCIETY OF GREATER ST. LOUIS

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members & Friends,

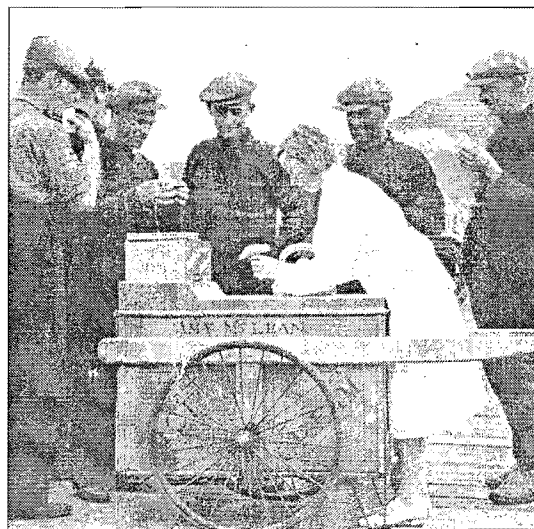
Where's the summer gone? It's been busy for members involved with the Games, now only six weeks away. We've promoted that big event and benefits of joining our 30 year old Society in May at the picnic during the Ren Faire at Wentzville. Also in June at our Folklore Federation's Clayton & the International Institute's Tower Grove festivals, plus the *Scottish Warriors* event by Pam & Wayne Davis & our "heavies" Joe and Scott. Then in July at a fun *Kilted Golf Tournament* with the help of Pat's Bar & Grill and Forest Park Golf Course, which helped *Friends of the Games*. The Sutherlands even took Scotland to Six Flags for a few weeks. Next publicity is at Belleville, Sept 14 - see inside.

It's time to look forward to a new season, new Board, new ideas - certainly new things to deal with. Doing this last message as president is bitter sweet - it seems I wrote the first just weeks ago! Where have two years gone? I'm proud of where we are and what's been accomplished in so many impressive aspects, and grateful to so many people both inside and out. I acknowledge my dear wife, partner and friend Jen, who even got through our recent house move, area code change & all, in her upbeat way.

God Bless & God Speed on our exciting Scottish journey in Missouri.

Yours aye, Bill Nicoll

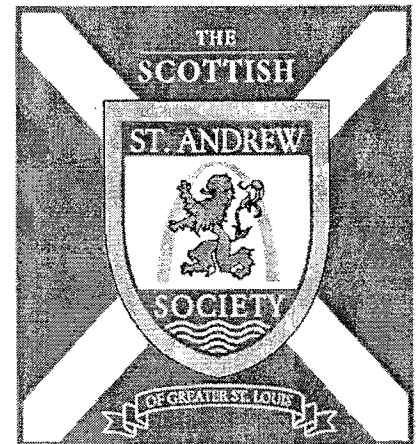
A Wee Slice o' Scotland



Dishin' up "sliders" (ice cream wafers) on a Scottish summer holiday (~1930).

We're Back!

We trust you had a good summer, and you're ready for the October Games.



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Upcoming Events

Caledonia Corner

St Louis Scottish Games

UPCOMING EVENTS

Next



Event

Tuesday, September 17th, 2002 at 7:00pm

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

At Coco's Bakery Restaurant, 731 S. Lindbergh Blvd. (just north of I40)

Come along early and eat first then join us in the meeting room

Don't miss this important event to kick-off our new session
Plus you get to vote for new officers and tell us what's on your mind.

Other exciting events for this year....

The planning for several events is already underway, including

October 11-12, 2002. See you at the 2nd Annual St. Louis Scottish Games

November 23rd, 2002. St Andrew's Day Dinner Dance at Forest Hills CC

December 2002. Christmas Party

January 25th, 2003. Annual Robert Burns Dinner

If you would like
to help out, call
Diane McCullough
314 773 4195

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Tom & Anna Sandidge, St.Louis

Don Jones, St. Louis

Scott & Joann Mackenzie, Webster Groves

Festival of Cultures

September 14th, 1:00pm.

At Our Lady of the Snows, Belleville, IL.

Call Bill Nicoll at 636-527-3386 if available to help out.

A bheil Gàidhlig agad?

Would you like to learn to speak Gaelic?

Wayne Elrod has just returned from his studies on the Isle of Benbecula, and will be teaching a class in Gaelic. If you are interested please call 636-519-7979 and we'll be happy to sign you up.

Slàinte mhath

GO AHEAD HAVE A CHUCKLE

Complaints to Greenock City Council....

I wish to report that the tiles are missing from the outside toilet roof and I think it was the bad wind that blew them off.

The toilet seat is cracked — where do I stand?

Baby twins that were up for adoption were split with one going to a family in Egypt and he was called "Ahmal", the other went to Spain where he was named "Juan". Years later Juan sends a picture to his natural mother. She says to her husband that she wishes she also had a picture of Ahmal. The husbands says, "Whit, din'ae be daft, they were twins!" "If you've seen Juan you've seen Ahmal!"

Thanks to Jessie Gober for these smilies.

Caledonia Corner

From the Pictish Pony by Polly Pullar

This island in the Atlantic, swept by gales and surf,
Had houses thatched with marram grass, or built with roofs of turf.
The men went off to sea to fish, the women worked the land,
While Eriskay's children rode to school, or played upon the sand.
An island often storm-bound and cut off by the weather,
Had ponies round about its doors, no need for rope nor tether.
This ancient Pictish pony was suited to its life,
But alas its numbers dwindled as it witnessed years of strife.
And the crofters have long gone now, and the thatch has blown away,
In its place the bungalow, broods dully every day.

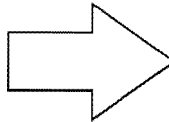
It happens in Scotland too!
(except it can be real wash out).

The Perthshire Advertiser tells us: "The Guildtown fete had to be postponed last Saturday due to heavy rain for the sixth year in a row." Or, as a member of Community Association admitted: "All other organisations should look for the date for next year's and keep well clear if planning anything."

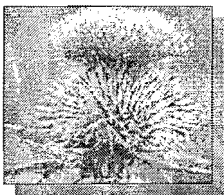
Can you believe this is Scotland?

- ◆ Hidden romantic coves
 - ◆ Crystal clear water
 - ◆ Beautiful hillsides
 - ◆ Wonderful white sand
- Scotland really?

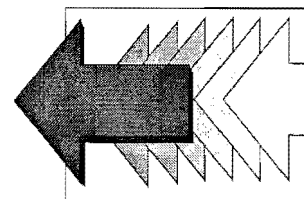
- ◆ Plus temperature about 40F
- OK, that's Scotland!



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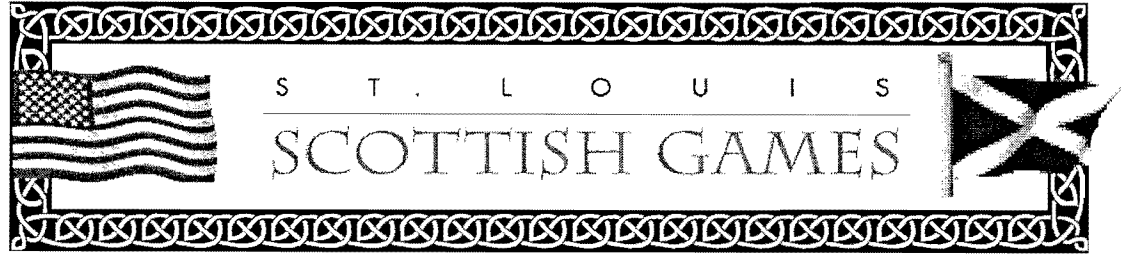
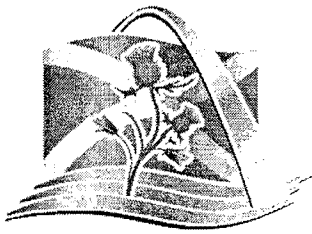
**Know anyone interested
In joining the Society
Call Geoff Chaboude
At (636) 519 7979**



Hope you all enjoyed reading our very own newsletter, the *Thistle Times*. Thank you to all who contribute material. It is appreciated. Please send comments, new material, and letters to the Editor:

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The St Andrew Society phone number is (636) 519 7979



Committee Chairs

The following people are leading the organization of the respective areas via personal efforts and through Committees of volunteers:

- Jen Nicoll
Admission Gate
- Joe Moore/Scott Runnels
Athletics
- Dave Massey
British Car Show
- Judie Chaboude
Ceremonies
- Annabel Blackiston
Children's Activities
- Geoff Chaboude
Clans & Associations
- Doreen Beckman
Dog, Bird & Livestock Exhibits
- Patricia McRoberts
E-mail Coordination
- Alex Sutherland
Entertainment
- Dr Tom Simpson/Diana Aitchison
Fundraising
- Diane McCullough
Gaelic; Genealogy; Grants; History
- Sandra Brown
Highland Dancing
- Doreen Beckman
Hotels/Accommodation
- Dan Bohn/Kirt Beckman
Logistics & Facilities
- John Daniels R.N.
Medical
- Christopher Fulton
Merchandising; Volunteers
- Carrie Sutherland
Merchants & Food Vendors
- George Gerules
Piping & Drumming
- Erik Miller
Program Design
- Charles Henderson/Diana Aitchison
Publicity & Media Relations
- Larry Carr
Radio Communications
- Ron Baum
Refreshment Concessions
- Gary Stacey
Security

2nd Annual St Louis Scottish Games & Cultural Festival

October 11th (Friday evening) and 12th (all day)
At Forest Park G.C.



What did they say about the Games last year? Well, some said it rained and that provided a Scottish atmosphere. Others said things like....

"I've been going to Games for 10 years and this was one of the best ever -- it was first class -- we'll be traveling to St Louis again!"

With comments like that how could we not have another Games. Well, one aspect is financial. It costs over \$100,000 to organize and run such a first class event. Typically, these costs would not be a problem except that the rain did keep a lot of people from attending. Consequently, in 2001, we made a significant net cash loss on the Games. Many people have worked hard all year to assist in financial recovery. We are almost there but not quite. We believe that having a great Games with a good turnout this year would put us back into the positive side. So, we decided to proceed with building a traditional event on an annual basis.

Many thanks to the volunteers and "Friends of the Games" who have helped during the past months. Additional help is always welcome, either via financial contributions, as volunteers for Committees, or even helpers for a few hours during the event

SLSG Board of Directors

	Turk Lewis (Treasurer)
	Alex Sutherland (Secretary)
Dr Jim McLaren (Chair)	Diane McCullough (Director)
Bill Nicoll (Managing Director)	Richard Lodge (Director)

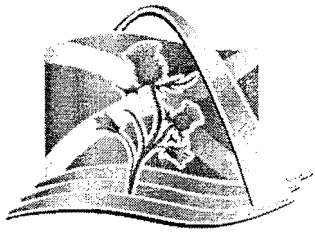
NEED TO CONTACT SOMEONE AT SLSG:

Call Bill Nicoll at The Games phone no. (314) 821 1286

E-mail to macmail@stlouis-scottishgames.com

Web URL is www.stlouis-scottishgames.com





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SUMMARY OF EVENTS & SCHEDULE

Friday, October 11th, 2002

Gates open @ 5:00pm.

~6:00pm: Torchlight Ceremony & Calling of the Scottish Clans.

Starting 8:00pm: Ceilidh and Musical/Singing performers.

(Bring your own lawn chair for the torchlight ceremony).

Saturday, October 12th, 2002

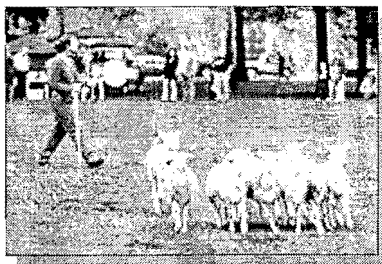
Gates open @ 8:30am.

Ceremonies, music, athletics, dancing, pipebands, sheepdog demonstrations, history, storytelling, British collector car show, animals, birds, kids games, Clan tents, merchandise.... Distinguished guests.

Closing ceremony at 5:00pm.

Food and beverages available both days from a range of vendors.

Please note: No pets allowed on site.



The SLSG Board has determined that for 2002, the beneficiaries of the St. Louis Scottish Games will be the Forest Park Forever campaign, The St Andrew Society of Greater St. Louis, and a local organization benefiting needy children, depending on net proceeds.



STILL THE BEST VALUE EVENT EVER

AGE GROUP	Friday Torchlight & Ceilidh	Saturday All Events	Both Days Combo Pass
6 to 11	\$3.00	\$5.00	\$6.00
12 to 20 and 65+	\$8.00	\$12.00	\$15.00
21 to 64	\$10.00	\$15.00	\$20.00
Family pass 2 adults + kids	\$25.00	\$35.00	\$50.00



MUSIC AND ENTERTAINMENT

In addition to the greatest Ceilidh in the MidWest, and fabulous pipebands (all day long), there is program lineup that would be rated a first-rate show itself, in any theatre. Performers include:

**Ed Miller John Taylor Alex Sutherland and His Cronies
Duddybreeks Alex Usher The Boatrights Wayne Elrod**
In the Entertainment Tent and the History Museum Grand Hall.



SPECIAL ATTRACTION

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3648 WASHINGTON BOULEVARD, ST. LOUIS, MO 63108

The Battlefield Band

Friday, November 22 at 8 p.m.



\$40 orchestra. \$35 balcony

For over 30 years, the Battlefield Band has toured the world, becoming the most influential act of the Scottish folk revival. With 20 albums to their credit, the band's exciting live performances combine modern and traditional Celtic instruments including bagpipes, synthesizer, guitar, bodhran and accordion.

Inspired by their rich heritage of Celtic music and fired by the strength and vibrancy of today's Scottish cultural scene, which indeed they have done much to create and fuel, they have led, and been at the forefront, of a great revival in Scottish music.

"A national treasure!"

— Edinburgh Evening News

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