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AGM - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2024

Everyone's invited this Saturday, February 3rd to the Annual General Meeting for Clan Donnachaidh of Southern California. Festivities start at NOON with lunch served followed by an enthralling board meeting where we will set the agenda for events and activities for next year. As good Scotsmen, we hope you all will come and give your opinions, consider joining a committee or serving on the board. We are family and this is the one time of year we aim to gather all together. Please give us a heads up if you are coming. Tiffany 714-943-6635 or Lori Butler 760-224-2074.

& KILT LIFTIN' CHILI COOKOFF

WHERE: Lakewood Community Church at 4515 Sunfield Ave, Long Beach, CA 90808 ·

WHEN: NOON

WHAT: Bring a pot of chili to enter the contest or bring a wee appetizer or dessert to share. Beverages provided.

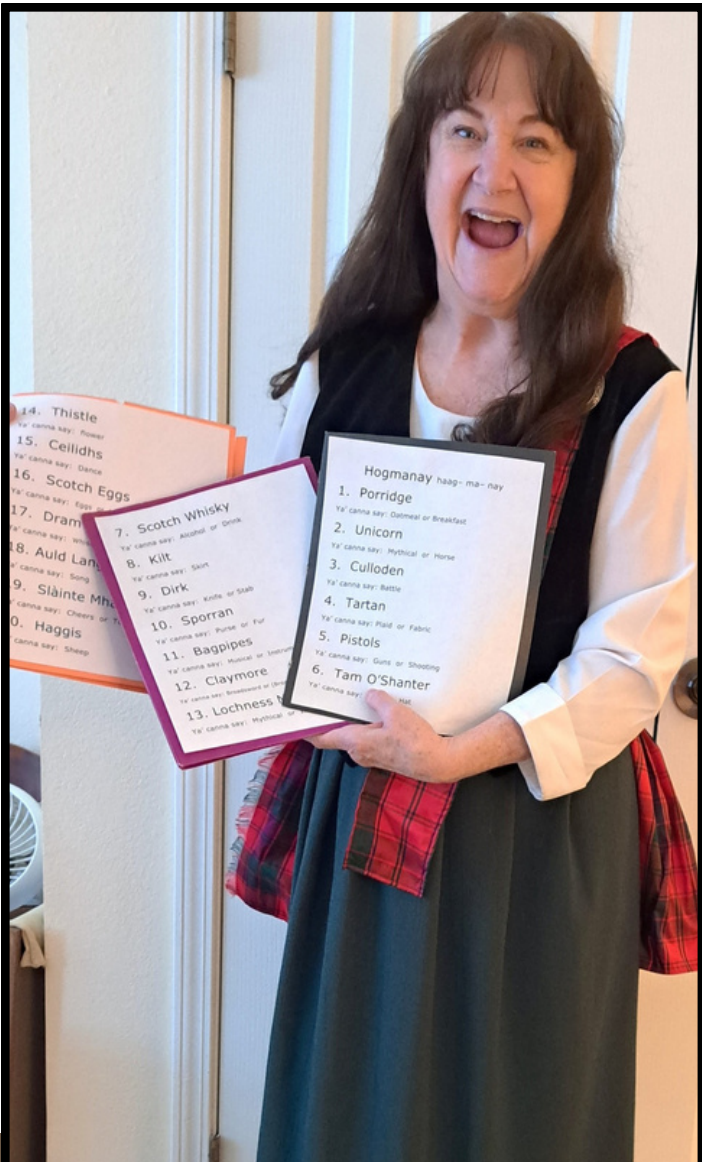
ADDITIONAL: Please bring contributions of bottles, basket items and anything you would like to contribute to the dinner dance scholarship fundraiser. This is your chance to regift a Christmas present for a good cause.





HOLIDAY PARTY RECAP

Thank you to the Leonard family for cooking all the meats and holiday sides for our annual Christmas dinner and gift melee. This year we changed it up a bit with a roll the dice game-- pass the gift left or right or steal or open and more. General consensus from the crowd -- they like the just stealing gift exchange of yester years which shall return. Thank you to Nancy Reid for providing educational games and providing amazing prizes.





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MARCH
2024

CLAN DONNACHAIDH SOCIETY
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
PRESENTS

SCOTSMAN'S *Ball*



25th Anniversary!

INCLUDES:

An elegant dinner buffet, a live dance band, entertainment,
raffles, march of the haggis & more!

Early Bird Tickets by 2/9: \$75 per individual, \$140 a couple & \$675 per table of 10
Regular Tickets: \$80 per individual, \$150 a couple or \$725 per table of 10

5 p.m. Social - 6 p.m. Program & Dinner

The Grand Event Center, 4101 East Willow Street, Long Beach, CA

Checks payable to CDSSC. Mail: 5433 Halifax Rd. Temple City, CA 91780

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760/224-2074 or 714/615-0407

History of the Highland Games

Caber Tossing, Bagpipes, Kilts, Fiddles, and You!

This year in Scotland, they've scheduled over 60 Highland Games - from Carmunnock in the lowlands below Glasgow to Durness in the northwest. Covid had disrupted so many, but they're back! The Highland Games occasion dates back to the 4th century AD. The Games were originally a contest of strength designed "as a means of selecting the most able men for soldiers and couriers." To this day, they are seen as an expression of ultimate 'Scottishness'. With Bagpipes, Highland dancing, whiskey tasting, that beloved tug o' war, music and brute strength competitions, they all feature as an ongoing tribute to Scotland.



The
SCOTTISH VARIANT
At least you can hear it coming.

The first historical reference was made during the reign of King Malcolm III (1057 - 93) who summoned men to race up Creag Choinnich near Braemar in order to select the best man to serve as the Royal Messenger. The Games, however, were also a means of adding prestige to a clan. The oldest, continuous Highland Games in Scotland is said to be the Ceres Games in Fife which started in 1314. The growing tradition of that particular event was stalled after the Battle of Culloden 1746 when Proscription Acts were passed, which dismantled the Highland identity (including the use of Scottish Gaelic). Despite this oppression, the Scottish Games persisted over the years and was even attended by Queen Victoria in 1838. Some have suggested that her endorsement of the Highland Games is one of the reasons why it shot up in popularity. More importantly, as many Scots were displaced from their ancestral homes and moved around the world, this was a way of retaining their Scottish traditions and customs.

And for a wee bit of trivia: Golf and 'Football' (aka Soccer) were banned in Scotland in 1457 to 1502 to ensure citizens wouldn't waste time playing instead of preparing for an English invasion. Rather, they were expected to spend their time practicing archery!



UPCOMING EVENTS

QUEEN MARY SCOTTISH GAMES - Postponed

Join our dinner dance in Long Beach that night

**25TH ANNIVERSARY SCOTSMAN'S BALL - 3/9 at
5 p.m. Social 6 p.m. Dinner and Program -The Grand
Event Center, - 4101 East Willow, Long Beach -
Early bird tickets on sale now!**

**ST ANDREWS SOCIETY OF L.A. - TARTAN DAY
PARADE & FILM FESTIVAL -Friday, April 5th thru
Saturday, April 13th, 2024**

MENS (& ladies) PUB NIGHT - TBD

LADIES (& mens) Tea - TBD

O.C SCOTS FEST

Memorial Day

MAY 25-26, 2024

10am-6pm Sat, 10am-5pm Sun

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