

Highland Rim Scottish Society



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The Highland Rim Scottish Society

Exploring and celebrating Scottish ancestry, traditions, history, and music. Meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of the odd months at 6:00 pm at The Celtic Cup Coffee House.

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Highland Rim Scottish Society

The Highland Rim Scottish Society (HRSS) is a non-profit educational organization that promotes and preserves Scottish history and culture. If you are interested in Scotland in any way, consider coming to one of our general meetings held on the third Tuesday of the odd months at The Celtic Cup in Tullahoma. The next one is November 15th and some big things are happening like determining leadership. If you are interested in being a member we invite you to attend one of our general meetings and inquire about becoming a member. Membership fees are \$10 for individuals and \$15 for a family membership which includes children under 18. Check out the calendar of events on our website and you will see dates for some of the highland games in our area and when some of our special events like our Burns Dinner and Piping on the Green will be held. The HRSS also provides different scholarship opportunities that you can learn more about at the general meetings. If there is something that you are particularly interested in like cottage gardening, culinary, music, arts, history, or even whisky the HRSS is trying to form interest groups to expand on those subjects. There is something for everyone and we encourage you to attend next week's meeting and get involved in all things Scot with the Highland Rim Scottish Society!

Famous Scots Dinner & Scottish Chili Cookoff

The Highland Rim Scottish Society held two events in the last two months. On September 25th we had our Famous Scot Dinner featuring Robert Louis Stevenson and on October 23rd we held a Scottish Chili Cookoff. First, we would like to thank all who attended these events and look forward to many more.



The Famous Scots Dinner was a big success held at the Celtic Cup presented by the HRSS. The evening was welcomed in by Denise Smith and Philip G Short as he went over the life of Robert Louis Stevenson. He covered the childhood of Robert Louis Stevenson, expanded on his journey to discovering his love for writing, and discussed his travels. Denise introduced the meal that consisted of Balmoral chicken, tatties, neeps, and peas with Banbury apple pie for dessert.

The meal was 10 out of 10 and made the evening all the more enjoyable! Throughout the dinner, there were exert readings of Robert Lewis Stevenson's works such as The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, Children's Garden of Verses, and Treasure Island. A special thanks go out to the people who read the works. Thank you Philip G. Short, Ed Leblanc, Rene Cavett, and Cathy Hamilton. Also other special thanks to Tom Bentley that spoke On Fanny and Family of Robert Louis Stevenson and Roberta Adams who wrote and read an Ode to Robert Louis Stevenson to wrap up the evening.

October 23rd the HRSS set up at Frazier McEwan Park in Tullahoma TN to have a downright pleasant evening. As we all accepted the challenge to find a way to make our chili Scottish. The event had a decent turnout and people showed up kilted and comfortable. We also enjoyed carving some jack o' lanterns out of potatoes along with some badminton set up. It was yet another enjoyable event.



If you are looking forward to the next event and want to know more please join us at the Celtic Cup on November 15th to find out more!

Picture 1 features Philip G Short *Picture 2 features Rocky, Mark, Craig and Logan*

Piping on the Green 2023

Exciting news! Piping on the Green has officially been set for April 15th, 2023! We are excited to bring back this event and would like to thank our sponsors and volunteers from last year! We are working to make sure that we have the best one yet next year. Be on the lookout for updates on this event in the next Sporrán!

Stone Mountain Highland Games

This past October 2022 the 50th Annual Stone Mountain Highland games took place near Atlanta in Stone Mountain Park. The history of the games was printed in their program where they went back to the beginning talking about the different Presidents and successes of many years to the current President Norman P. Livermore. As the Stone Mountain Games have grown throughout the years it is very evident that they are thankful for all the volunteers that make it possible. The games were a three-day event spanning the 14th through the 16th with 2022 guest of honor Donald MacLaren the 25th head of the Clan

MacLaren. He has served as Convenor of the Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs since 2018 and is a descendant of King Lorn Mor of the late fifth century. Other distinguished guests included Colin Gray, Deputy Consul General, Andre Morrison, Viscount Dunrossil, Lorne MacLaine of Lochbuie, Baron of Moy, Angus MacLaine, Wilkins Fisk Urquhart of Urquhart and Hope Vere Anderson, Baron of Bannockburn.



I and our very own Logan Lee attended the games. Along with us were Brittany Elser, my wife Jailen Watson, and my dad Sean Watson with his wife Susan. Stone Mountain featured musical entertainment from The Muckers, Colin Grant-Adams, The BorderCollies, and The Reel Sisters. The pipe bands included the Atlanta Pipe Band, John Mohr MacKintosh Pipes & Drums, and Atholl Highlanders Pipes & Drums. The Highland Heavy Athletics were in full swing and we enjoyed the hammer throw, the caber toss, the weight throw and toss, the stone of strength, and the sheaf toss. The Highland Dancers were in full spirit as they showed of there strength and agility in solo competition and the event also featured a Scottish Country Dancing demonstration, the traditional ballroom dancing of Scotland. On top of that with even more piping and Scottish fiddle, you could not escape the sound of Scotland, and that not even scratches the surface of what this event had in store. The Scotch Eggs had sold out by the end of the festival and many vendors showed up with plenty of Scottish merchandise. The Clans seemed to be in full attendance as we marched in the Parade of Tartans with our respective Clans. The event was grand and certainly was full of Scotland spirit.

If you get a chance you should mark this event on your calendar for next year. It is mentioned on our website (<https://www.hrsstn.org/hrss-calendar-of-events>) in our calendar of events where you can find other highland games near you. They also have a website of their own if you want to check the out at <http://www.smhg.org/> to find out more information on this specific event. We highly encourage you to go as I and Logan had a great time!

Picture features Logan Lee and Brittany Elser

Christmas Parade Efforts

The Highland Rim Scottish Society is thinking about marching in the Christmas parade in Tullahoma. We are looking for members that want to join us and possibly work on a float. We are looking for bagpipers, Scottish attire, and much more to bring a little Scotland to Christmas this year. If you are interested or would like to help in these efforts, please contact Logan Lee with the Highland Rim Scottish Society using the email highlandrimscottishsociety@gmail.com.

Sporran Stories

January 1st is the deadline for stories to be included in the next issue of the Sporran. Please send story ideas and inquiries to highlandrimscottishsociety@gmail.com.

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