



# the Sporran

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### Fáilte!

So much has happened since the last edition of The Sporrán! We lost another long-time member and tremendous supporter of the Highland Rim Scottish Society, Randal Cunningham, and dear friend Ron Porter. Please read the articles that are a tribute to their service and spirit. With help from many people and businesses in the community, the 8<sup>th</sup> annual Piping on the Green was held on a beautiful, sunny day. We all enjoyed Celtic music, food, and crafts as well as connecting with friends, old and new!

Don't miss the next General Membership meeting on Tuesday, May 17, at 6:00 pm, where Mark Smith will present "Genealogy 101" at The Celtic Cup. Come early to get a good parking space, get some food, and be prepared to ask some questions about how to research and document family relationships.

Mar sin leibhn an-dràsta!

Rita Christensen

## 2022 UPCOMING EVENTS

**Society Meeting: 17 May 2022, 6pm at The Celtic Cup.**

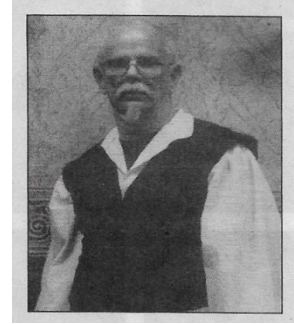
**Executive Board meeting: June 21, 2022, 6:00 P.M. at The Celtic Cup.**

**General Membership Meeting: July 19, 2022, 6:00 p.m. at The Celtic Cup.**

*The Sporrán* is the bi-monthly newsletter of HRSS, edited by Alan Clark. We welcome news of events, book reviews, and articles from the membership. The next due date for the **July** newsletter will be **June 30**. Let the membership hear from you!

Have a wonderful memory & story to share with the Society? Let **Tom Bentley**, Program chair, know and get scheduled for a 15 minute presentation after one of our Society meetings! Contact [htbentley@lighttube.net](mailto:htbentley@lighttube.net) to schedule your presentation. Thank you!

**POP QUIZ:**  
**Can you ID**  
**this famous**  
**HRSS**  
**storyteller?**



### **R.I.P. Randal Cunningham**

Randal Eugene Cunningham passed away unexpectedly April 16, 2022, at his home in Tullahoma. A U.S. Air Force veteran and employee at Wisco, he was a devoted member of the Highland Rim Scottish Society since 2009 serving as Hospitality Chair, and Clan Cunningham. He is survived by sister Sandra Webb and brother Glen Cunningham, also an HRSS member.

Gentle and kind, a friend to all, he was loved by HRSS members and will be sorely missed. A Memorial was held at St. Barnabas Church in Tullahoma April 30.



### **R.I.P Ron Porter**

**4/6/1966 – 5/1/2022**

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of our longtime friend and webmaster, Ron Porter, loving husband of HRSS member, Desiree Porter. (Above) Ron passed peacefully on Sunday, May 1, 2022, doing what he enjoyed; walking his favorite puppy, "Buster". Ron was born and lived in New York state until 2006 when he met his soulmate Desiree and decided to give himself a special birthday present...her. He moved to Tennessee and on 6/16/2010, Ron and Desiree married in a small ceremony in the Smoky Mountains. Together, they filled their home with love and laughter, and opened that home to any and all. Ron enjoyed computers, flying his drone, playing with their four-legged furbabies and spending time with his many friends and extensive family. Ron was an entrepreneur and had several businesses, including 4-Wheelin' Expeditions, Eye in the Sky Photography, and most recently, Timely Engravings, which he had embraced with a passion! Ron loved taking Desiree to the Smoky Mountains, never met a stranger, and loved the music of Journey.

*"Right down the line, it's been you and me  
And lovin' a music man ain't always what it's supposed to be  
Oh, girl, you stand by me  
I'm forever yours, Faithfully"*

God speed and God bless.



## PIPING ON THE GREEN PHOTOS

by John Peden

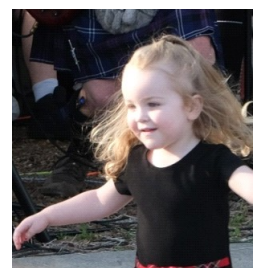


## RETURN OF PIPING ON THE GREEN

The eighth annual Piping on the Green was held on the grounds of The Celtic Cup April 23, 2022. By all accounts, the event was a huge success with more than 1,000 people attending to enjoy Celtic culture and entertainment from 8:00 am until 6:00 p.m.

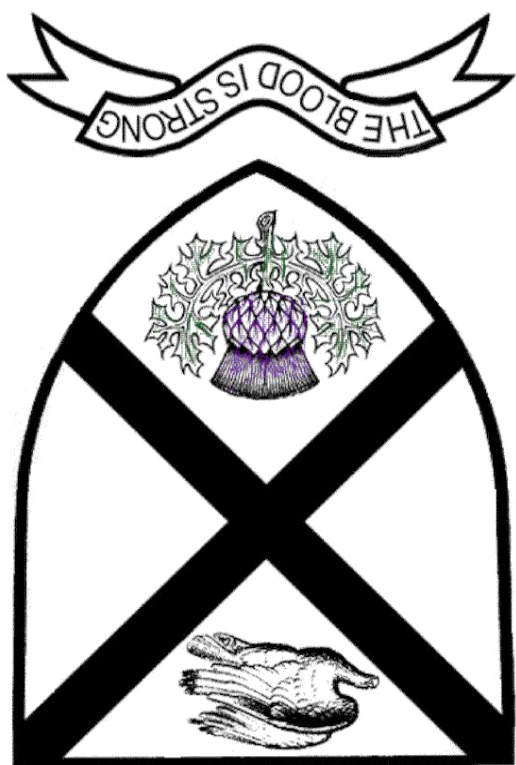
Enjoy the photos of the event on this page, and plan to attend the ninth annual POTG next year.

For more photos of this year's event, go to the HRSS Facebook page at: [www.facebook.com/HighlandRimScottishSociety](https://www.facebook.com/HighlandRimScottishSociety)





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