



Scottish Society of the Treasure Coast

The Scotsman

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Kaye's Komments

Since our last newsletter in December, we have had many successful events and new members joining the Scottish Society. Steve and I spent three days at the Central Florida Highland Games and plan on attending next year as well and hope more Scottish Society members will join us.

Our Annual Burns supper was well attended and featured Highland dancers and the full Vero Beach Pipes and Drums Band. Rev. Dr. Brad Klostreich gave the Selkirk Grace, Dorothy Carter, the Address to the Haggis, Mason Russell, the Toast to the Lassies, Donna Sherrard, the Response to the Laddies and James Auld, the Immortal Memory. This event received a pictorial article in the publication "32963" and coverage in the Vero Beach Magazine.

Polo Matches--Scottish Society attendance began on February 9th and concluded on April 13th, 2025 for a total of four matches. Every match was attended by approximately 20 people who shared a dish to pass and enjoyed the match. We now have three canopies as a member donated a new canopy for this event. We plan on attending next year's matches as well and the schedule will be posted.

Our 30th Afternoon Tea at the Vero Beach Garden Club was a great time and our members were able to share each other's company and a glass of champagne to toast our 30 years as a prosperous society.

Westminster Presbyterian Church in Vero Beach was the site of our Kirkin O' The Tartans celebration on Sunday, May 4th. This year the tartan bearers were joined by the full Vero Beach Pipes and Drums band. This was a most memorable event, the best we have ever had.

The first Pub Night of 2025 was held at Marsh Landing in Fellsmere on April 24th for Blue Grass open-mic music. The music was great, food was good and our members all enjoyed themselves. We will again be returning to Marsh Landing on Thursday, May 22nd with 16 members attending; everyone is looking forward to the event. We hope to have more Pub Nights and eagerly await our members to volunteer to help.

Kaye Hicks, President

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

We continue to have a steady increase in our membership. Our members have stepped up to assist with the running of our organization and its many functions.

Our Scholarship Committee now has Brad Mason overseeing our investments and financial success. Karen Wilson has updated our Scholarship application and attended the Central Florida Highland Games where she met with several aspiring musicians. David Stewart has generously donated his time to the Scholarship Committee as well. He was also instrumental in bringing another applicant forward. The Committee met recently and reviewed five applications and have awarded five scholarships for this year. These scholarship awards were made possible in part due to generous donations from some of our members. These scholarship awards makes a large difference in these young people's development. I encourage all who can to please donate to this fund, which is fully tax deductible.

Our website has been updated and improved and our mass email capacity was created by Doug Wood, who has become our newest Board Member as Director of Communications.

We have contacted a company," Kilts & Quilts", that offers custom polo shirts with our embroidered logo. Please go to our website for more information and the ordering of polo shirts.

Kaye and I have met with Russell Van Wyk at the Pointe West Country Club and have set the dates for our upcoming events. We will be having all of our traditional events, including the tea at Pointe West Country Club this season.

All members are invited to attend our Monthly Board Meetings at Sean Ryan's Pub in Vero Beach, the first Friday of the month at 10:00 am. Your opinions matter and we would like to hear them. Please contact us at 586-909-0509 if you wish to attend.

Steve Hicks, Director of Membership

UPCOMING SOCIETY EVENTS

Annual Meeting - Thursday, Oct. 9, 5:00 p.m. at
Pointe West Country Club

St. Andrew's Celebration - Thursday, Nov. 20,
5:00 p.m. at Pointe West

Burns Supper - Sunday, Jan 25, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. at
Pointe West

Afternoon Tea - Sunday, Mar 22, 2026, 2-4 p.m. at
Pointe West

The 2026 Kirkin O' the Tartans will be held at
Westminster Presbyterian Church - date to be
determined

SCOTTISH JOKES

Why do pipers walk while they play? - to get away
from the noise.

Man lost in Edinburgh says to a policeman, "Excuse
me, is there a B&Q in Leith?" Policemen replies, "No
sir, but there are two Ds and two Es in Dundee."

A student at an English university, by name of
Donald MacDonald from the Isle of Skye, was living
in the residence hall in his first year there. After he
had been there for a month, his mother came to visit,
no doubt carrying reinforcements of oatmeal. "And
how do you find the English students, Donald?" she
asked. "Mother," he replied, "they're such terrible
noisy people! The one on that side keeps banging his
head against the wall, and won't stop. The one on the
other side screams and screams away into the night!"
"Oh, Donald! How ever do you manage to put up
with these awful noisy English neighbors?" "Mother,
I do nothing, I just ignore them! I just stay here
quietly playing my bagpipes!"

Two Irishmen, two Scotsmen, and two Englishmen
were stranded on an island. The Irishmen killed each
other over the last Guinness. The Scots killed each
other over who owned the island. And the English-
men wouldn't talk to each other because they hadn't
been properly introduced.

What's the Loch Ness Monster's favorite snack? -
fish and ships!

GENEALOGY REPORT



Greetings from the Scottish Genealogy
Special Interest Group!

With the return of Snowbirds to more northern climes, our second season is drawing to a close. Our final meeting of the 2024-25 Season was held on Monday, May 19th – we will reconvene in October for the 2025-26 Season. For the last two years our meetings have been held on the third Monday of each month at the IRC Main Library. Due to scheduling conflicts among some of our regular attendees, we hope to move the meetings to the fourth Monday of October through May at 10:30 am. We normally wrap up meeting by 12 noon. Stay tuned for further updates!

Overall we've had a successful second season. Most of the meetings have featured "open mike" discussion of topics ranging from DNA based research to Scottish genealogy resources available online and in Edinburgh. As always, we are looking for more formal presentations on topics of both general and Scottish genealogy interest. Of particular note, in the last year we received formal recognition from the Indian River Genealogical Society (IRGS) as its Scottish Genealogy Interest Group (GIG). Our meetings are now advertised on the IRGS website and in the "members only" section. Our Society's Past President Roy Thompson has been our chief contact with IRGS and has been ably assisted by our Vice President Mason Russell.

We hope to see you at a future meeting! If you have any questions or feedback, please reach out to either Roy (roysloanthompson@gmail.com) or Mason (vicepresident@scottishsocietytc.com)

SOCIETY PHOTO ALBUM OF RECENT EVENTS



Vero Beach Pipes & Drums Band at the Burns Supper



Highland Dancers at the Burns Supper



Some of the tasty treats at the Annual Tea

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Pub Night at Marsh Landing, Fellsmere



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Champagne Toast at 30th Anniversary Tea
L to R - John Michael Matthews, Steve Hicks, Kaye Hicks

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Polo Match at Pointe West



Kirkin O' The Tartans at Westminster Presbyterian Church

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THE MONTHLY TARTAN QUIZ

This month's tartan is an official district tartan of the Canadian Maple Leaf. The colours of the maple leaf through the changing seasons became the basis for this asymmetric tartan designed by David Weiser in 1964. Known officially as the Maple Leaf tartan, the pattern incorporates the green of the leaves' summer foliage, the gold which appears in early autumn, the red which appears with the coming of the first frost, and the brown tones of the fallen leaves. It was made for a firm named Highland Queen in anticipation of the centenary of Canada's Dominion status in 1867. It was adopted by the Canadian Government as one of its official symbols in March 2011.

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