

SSI NEWSLETTER

"Gie it laldy." | Doing something with energy.

Meeting Details

Please be aware that the monthly meetings are in a buffet style. We do look for members to bring in the meat dish for the month. Please let us know if you are interested - we will reimburse you for the dish up to \$75.00.

Any or all guests are suggested to bring side dishes to share. Please bring a dish from the category based on the first letter of your LAST NAME with at least 3 servings per attending family member:

A-G – Salads
H-M – Veggies/Casseroles
N-Z – Desserts
Meat Dish - TBA

We will ask for anyone who is attending the meetings to please pay so we can pay for the rental space at the Latvian Community Center. Member price is \$5.00 - Guest price is \$7.00. The board has been discussing an increase with the pricing - more details soon to come with this possible change.

Monthly meetings take place ever 2nd Wednesday of the month. Meetings start at 7:00pm with announcements and dinner, then presentation will be around 8:00pm.

Social Media

For more information on articles, updates on meetings/events and more, please like and follow us on Facebook.

<https://www.facebook.com/indyscot.org>

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Letter from the Editor

Hello to all our SSI members, family, friends and fellow guests. We are halfway through the year and approaching the end of summer and going into fall. Please keep in mind that there are some nasty bugs flying around so please continue to stay safe and healthy during these times. If you know of anyone who would like to join our society, the board is working on new packets and hoping to spread the word to new potential members or guests to join us to help our organization grow.

The board is very close on getting our new SSI website updated and running properly. We have been working with outside source to help us update and to make the newsletter more functional than it was before. The website will be up to date with new information and items to explore. It is still a work in process so we apologize for the delay. We hope to get a new SSI website up, running and available soon. We appreciate everyone patience in this matter.

We are working hard with the 2024 Indianapolis Scottish Highland Games and Festival. The games committee and sub-committees have been working very hard behind the scenes preparing and getting this event ready. Much was learned from last year and there will be many improvements for the 2024 event - some changes will include more pipe bands (currently have two); layout of the grounds will change to improve access to activities and overall appearance; main stage and entertainment will be moved to a more central area on the grounds; more tables will be available for visitors; and so much more. If you don't know, the society and games committee is working to promote the games and gain early exposure compared to last year. The Games Committee chair is Greg Bowers. The set date for this event is on Saturday, October 12th.



Indy RSCD Updates

The Indy Royal Scottish County Dancers have been moving into 2024 with light feet. Here are some updates from this group:

- Moving forward, Barry Levitt with now be managing this group. He will be co-managing along with Bernadette Lange who is a certified SCD instruction, James & Heidi Horton and subject matter expert Sue Gaebler.
- The Indy SCD graced the presence of the SSI organization as they demoed a few dances for the March monthly meeting.

If you are interesting in joining in the dancing or wanting to see what a class is like, you can reach the organization in two ways - one is via email:

IndyRSCD@gmail.com OR the others by phone: #317-426-1656. The group meets Monday evenings during the month. Class starts around 6:45pm and wraps up around 8:30pm.

New SSI Members

Please welcome the following new members to SSI:

- No new members to announce at this time.

VOLUNTEERS for the games and festival are needed. Please go to the games website indyscotgamesandfest.com and click on "Volunteers". There is a list of positions and times that you can sign up for to help out with the event. Please note: One of the positions you will need a liquor license. Please reach out to the board or games committee if you have any questions. We are needing **SPONSORS** as well to help sponsor and support the games. Please check out the website for more on this information as well.

Please remember that membership dues need to be paid for as they do not run roll over each year - it helps us to see who is active and inactive with the society at this time.

If you have any questions, concerns or want your ideas heard, please reach out to the board for more. With the spring season and the weather always changing, please stay safe and healthy. Thank you! Slainte!

- Sarah Rae ~ SSI Newsletter Editor, Board Member 2024

New Trustee Member Needed

The SSI Board of Trustees is seeking a new member to fill one of the spots on the board at this time. We are looking for someone who is interested in helping make decisions along with choosing the course of action for the society for the remainder of the year 2024. The board does meet one Tuesday of the month (usually a week or two after the initial monthly meeting) and it would be in the evening. If you are interested in being a part of the Board of Trustees or would possibly like more



PRESENTATIONS NEEDED

Please be aware that we are needing presenters for the monthly meetings for the month of September, October and December. The topic must be something Scottish related. The presentations are a big part of our monthly meetings and the topics could help bring more people through the door. If you are needing confirmation or would like to check if your topic is suitable, please reach out to the board for more assistance. ****Note: The monthly meeting of November is out St. Andrews Dinner so no presentation is needed that month.**

Meetings/Festivals Coming Up

Here are some upcoming meetings and/or festivals to keep in mind and to add to calendars:

- Columbus Scottish Festival - September 7th-September 8th in Columbus, IN
- Riley Days/Festival - October 3rd-October 6th in Greenfield, IN
- Indianapolis Scottish Highland Games & Festival - October 12th at Marion County Fairgrounds
- SSI St. Andrews Dinner at the Riviera Club - November 9th in Indianapolis, IN
- Circle City Irish Fest - November 18th in Noblesville, IN

Presentations Needed

Please be advised that we are needing volunteers for MONTHLY MEETING presentations. We do not have any starting from the month of September and moving forward. If you are interested in giving a presentation about something in the Scottish realm, please reach out to the SSI board of trustees to provide us a topic for the presentation. Volunteers can also email interest with a topic at indyscot@gmail.com. **No presentation is needed in November as this is a weekend event.

Monthly Meetings Recap

May 2024 - Life in 17th Century Edinburgh

June 2024 - Double Presentation: Travel Vlog / Scottish Knit Wear

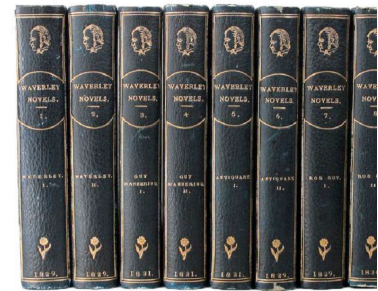
July 2024 - Stories Behind the Waverley Novels of Sir Walter Scott

For the month of May, this month's presentation was given by our SSI President Carter Keith. He gave the members and guests of the meeting a presentation on the history of the legendary Dunnottar Castle and why it was attacked by Oliver Cromwell because of what it was hiding. This fortress has a long and storied history. Here are some interesting facts about the castle. It was ruined medieval fortress located upon a rocky headland on the north-eastern coast of Scotland. It played a prominent role in Scotland's history through 18th-century Jacobite risings due to its strategic location and defensive strength. There are many stories and facts about this castle on the hill. One fact is that the castle is best known as the place where the Honours of Scotland, the Scottish crown jewels, were hidden from Oliver Cromwell's invading army in the 17th century. The castle has since been restored and is now open to the public for those wanting to visit, explore and learn more about the castle itself.

For the month of June, we had two presentations given for this meeting. The first one was a travel vlog presented by Susan and Dan Treber. They discussed their travels while they visited Scotland including places they saw, their itinerary and photos documenting their time. The second one was given by one of our SSI members who talked about wool and yarn production.

For the month of July, our SSI poet laureate Samuel Lawson gave a presentation about the Waverley Novels of Sir Walter Scott. In fact, there are some great stories behind these books. For nearly a century, they were among the most popular and even the most widely read novels in Europe. Scott did not publicly acknowledge the authorship of the books until 1827. The story is about a man named Edward Waverley, a naive and sensitive man who is posted to Scotland with his regiment, who becomes caught between the clans of the Jacobite Rising and the forces of the Hanoverian regime. There are 27 books in the novel series. here are several locations around the world that are named "Waverley" like the first novel of the series - hence where the name of novels came from.

Thank you to all of our presenters for these months. We appreciated the presentations.

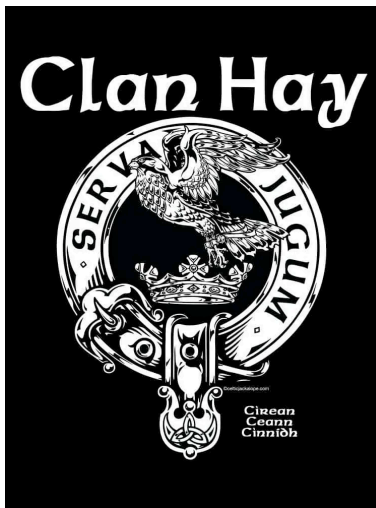


Clan of the Month

Clan Hay

Clan Hay is a Scottish clan that has played an important part in the history and politics of the country. Members of the clan can be found in most parts of the country. The family name is derived from several villages called "La Haye" near Normandy, France.

Motto: KEEP THE YOKE!



Next Monthly Meetings

August 2024 - NO MEETING, TAKING A BREAK

September 2024 - To Be Determined

Please note that the SSI is taking a month break from meetings in August. We are working hard preparing and getting final elements done for our Indianapolis Highland Games & Festival in October. We want you all to enjoy the month and the summer sunshine.

We are looking for a presenter to give a presentation for the month of September. Please reach out to indyscot@gmail.com if you are interested or would like to give a presentation. We will be rallying to get the word out about the Indianapolis Scottish Highland Games and Festival the following month with information about schedules, volunteers and more. The board will provide an update via email and our social media pages with updates on the September meeting.

This event takes place at the Latvian Community Center. Social hour begins at 6:00pm with announcements and dinner beginning at 7:00pm. Presentation will begin around 8:00pm.



NEXT MEETING - Wednesday, September 11th

If you have any questions, concerns or if you would like to have input on what is put into the newsletter, please reach out to the SSI board of trustees so your words can be seen. Thank you!

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