

SSI NEWSLETTER

"Whit's fur ye'll no go by ye." | What will be, will be.

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 – Veggies/Casseroles
H-M – Desserts
N-Z – Salads
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 only a couple months away from the end of 2023 - fall has arrived. With the weather transitioning from warm to cooler temps - along with it starting to become sweater weather - 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.

The 2024 Indianapolis Scottish Highland Games and Festival is right around the corner. The games committee and sub-committees have worked very hard behind the scenes preparing and getting this event ready. The foundation and members of the committee have been spreading the word through the TV circuits and also getting the word out to our social media platforms. We are coming up on the games shortly and we would love for you all to attend. The set date for this event is on Saturday, October 12th. So when this edition comes out - it will be NEXT SATURDAY!

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



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.

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.

We are also going to need new blood to join the SSI Board of Trustees for 2024. Elections are coming up in November so if you are interested, please reach out to a board member for more information.

If you have any questions, concerns or want your ideas heard, please reach out to the board for more. 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 information, please reach out at indyscot@gmail.com



Meetings/Festivals Coming Up

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

- Riley Days/Festival - October 3rd-October 6th in Greenfield, IN
- Feast of the Hunters Moon - October 5th-6th in West Lafayette, 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.

Summer Meetings Recap

May 2024 - Life in 17th Century Edinburgh

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

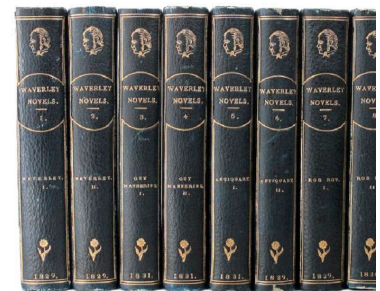
July 2024 - Stories Behind the Waverley Novels of Sir Walter Scott

August 2024 - NO MEETING, TAKING A BREAK

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.



Clan of the Month

Clan Stewart

Clan Stewart is a Scottish Highland and Lowland clan. The Stewarts who became monarchs of Scotland were descended from a family who were stewards of Dol in France. There are several well-known castles and historical figures that come from this clan.

Motto: Courage grows strong at a wound.



Next Monthly Meetings

September / October 2024 - Preparing and Showing Elements of the Games & Festival

November 2024 - SSI St. Andrews Dinner

We are looking for a presenter to give a presentation for the month of October at this time. During the month of September, we have been showing various games equipment and rallying for support to make our 2024 Indianapolis Highland Games & Festival a success. 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 October meeting.

****Due to a special event that will require the whole space of the Latvian Community Center on the 2nd Wednesday of the month, the SSI monthly meeting for October will instead take place on THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10TH.**

Forms for the November event - the annual SSI St. Andrews Dinner - are available and can be picked up at the next meeting or emailed to members directly if needed. Space is limited and forms must be turned in middle of October.

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 - Thursday, October 10th

****NOTE THE DAY CHANGE FOR THIS MONTH**** 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!

End of Newsletter Edition