

## **A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR**

Hello everyone! As the summer is slowly coming to an end, fall is just around the corner and we are officially over halfway through the year. Your board has been working behind the scenes in getting presentations and even the big organization dinner taken care of the remainder of the year. We are even getting items set up for the start of 2023.

We are getting everything in line for our events coming up and even volunteering with festivals the SSI has a stake in. Please make sure to check out the festivals coming this fall in the newsletter - there are a number of them. If you would like to volunteer and assist, please reach out to the board.

It is almost that time of year where elections for the 2023 SSI Board of Trustees will take place. We will have some open spots for the board next year as some of our current board members will be stepping down at the end of the year. Anyone can join the board - please reach out to Kathy Hohman if you would like to have your name added to the nominations list.

We do need presenters for the month of October and December - November is our St. Andrew's Dinner (final announcements and notices coming soon). Please reach out to a board member if you want to express your interest with a topic.

Reach out to our board if you have any questions or if you want your ideas heard. Thank you for the support and staying with this organization during these hard times. Stay healthy, stay safe. Slainte!



**MEETING DETAILS:** After careful review and unanimous vote by the board, the SEPTEMBER 2022 meeting will be an IN-PERSON MEETING. This is the Summer Celebration Picnic. We will ask if you are a member to please do the donation of \$5.00 and guests will be \$7.00. First time guests do not need to pay - after your first visit, you will need to pay the guest fee. If you would like to wear a mask and need to purchase one - we will have masks for sale for \$1.00 at the welcome desk.

Keep in mind there is NO BUFFET STYLE EATING until further notice. If you are bringing food, please ensure it is for you or if you want to share items with your table mates only. The event will be outside.

We will have the technology for you to view the meeting at home if you still do not feel comfortable to be at the in-person meetings. We will have a Zoom link available. Check out the link in the newsletter to view.

The monthly meetings take place every 2nd Wednesday of the month. \*\*Special events for the year will be on a Saturday.

All updates in regards to monthly meetings will be announced each month in the newsletter and on our social media sites.

~ Sarah Rae  
2022 SSI President, Newsletter Editor

## PLEASE WELCOME NEW SSI MEMBERS:

- No new members at this time. We have been getting membership renewals. Please remember to pay your dues.

[Click Here to Check Out Website](#)

### SOCIAL MEDIA:

For more articles, updates on events and more -  
Like and follow us on Facebook

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

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/771893283583992>



## UPCOMING EVENTS TO KEEP IN MIND

- Columbus Scottish Festival and Games will take place on September 10-11. Tickets are on sale now on their website.
- Indy Irish Fest will take place on September 23-24 at Garfield Park. \*SSI will have a booth here.
- International Festival will take place October 14-16, 2022 at the State Fairgrounds. Setup date would be October 13, 2022. The theme is "Arts & Crafts from Around the World". \*SSI will have a booth here.
- SSI St. Andrews Dinner will take place on Saturday, November 12, 2022 at Murat Shriners in downtown Indianapolis. More details to come.

Any of the festivals that SSI has a booth at will require volunteers to assist in the booth

and/or set up-tear down. If you are interested, please reach out to the board at [indyscot@gmail.com](mailto:indyscot@gmail.com).

## NOTICES FROM THE BOARD



### **\*\*MEMBERSHIP REVIEW - UPDATE\*\***

The board for 2022  
has announced  
that we will be

reinstating the renewal of the yearly dues for SSI memberships. We agreed that the time to come together in-person will be coming soon and this will be a driving focus to get all of us back together again. The renewal of the membership will also help keep this organization thriving with new interest and continuation. You can pay for your yearly membership online through the website or payments can be made in person with a form at our in-person meetings - we will have forms available to complete. Please make sure you pay your dues!

### **\*\*INDY ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING\*\***

We have some new updates with our Scottish country dancing group. Please read all if interested in their news.

1) Indy Scottish Country Dancers are pleased to announce that Bernadette Land has joined our group. Bernadette has participated in our Monday night sessions off and on for the past few years. She is now permanently relocated to the Indianapolis area. Bernadette is a Certified Scottish Country Dance instructor. She completed her certification at St. Andrews in Scotland and has danced with the Little Rock Arkansas Scottish country dancers before joining us. As you know we dance for fun, but we also want to do our best when it comes to footwork and dance patterns. Welcome Bernadette! 2) Indy Scottish County Dances continue to meet most Mondays. We are still requiring full vaccinations, boosters and proof of vaccination to dance. If you would like more information or have any additional questions, please email Jane Patton at [IndyRSCD@gmail.com](mailto:IndyRSCD@gmail.com).

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## **ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT 2022 SCOTTISH HIGHLAND GAMES & FESTIVAL\*\***

This is an announcement in regards to the Indianapolis Scottish Highland Games & Festival. After a long discussion and review by the SSI Board of Trustees and our current Games/Festival committee heads - it has been decided that the Indianapolis Scottish Highland Games & Festival will not take place again this year. This was a difficult decision to make but it was for the best for the society that we hold off another year for this event. The decision was based on a lack of a suitable or confirmed location, volunteers had diminished, committee managers are needed along with training that needs to be provided. At this time, we are looking at a smaller event for 2023. If anyone is interesting in volunteering, heading up a committee or wanting to put your thoughts to this event for next year, please reach out to SSI board member and games chairman Greg Bowers for more information.



### **UPCOMING SURVEY FOR SSI**

The board is working on a survey to send out to our membership for input and feedback to make our organization better. Here are the questions you will see - we will giving more details on the survey coming out soon.

- 1) What age group are you?
- 2) What would you like to see or learn at the monthly meetings?
- 3) What has kept you from attending in-person meetings?
- 4) How important is the buffet at the in-person meetings?
- 5) What are you interested in with the SSI?
- 6) Do you like the current in-person meeting format?
- 7) What can the board do to encourage you to attend in-person meetings?
- 8) Does the newsletter meet your needs?
- 9) Would changing the frequency in meetings help in you attending?
- 10) Did you attend any of the Zoom meetings?
- 11) What would bring you back into coming to the in-person meetings?
- 12) Any comments or suggestions you would like to add?



## **NEW UPDATE ON MEETING REQUIREMENTS \*\*PLEASE READ\*\***

In-person meetings are taking place now. The board has received several suggestions and we have decided to implement new changes for the rest of the in-person meetings moving forward for the remainder of 2022.

- We will no longer be requiring proof of vaccination cards when checking in at the welcoming table. You may bring them if you want to.
- We will not be enforcing the mask mandate for the meetings - masks are optional. The board encourages you to wear a mask for your own safety but

you do not have to.

- The meetings will be a "bring your own food/drink" situation. No food or drink is to be shared, unless you feel comfortable sharing with the people you sit with at the table. That will be at your discretion. There will be no buffet style eating at any of the meetings until further notice.
- There will be hand sanitizer available and there will be masks for sale if needed. They will be provided at the welcome table.
- If you as an individual are under the weather of any sort or are feeling or currently sick - we are requesting that you do not attend the meeting. Please stay at home and get better.



AUGUST '22  
IN-PERSON  
MEETING  
EVENT: SSI  
Summer  
Celebration  
Picnic

In August, the SSI hosted the annual summer celebration at the Latvian Center. Sadly, your SSI president was not able to attend due to prior commitments. However, much thanks to SSI Treasurer Dan Patton for filling in and helping to oversee the event. Here are some highlights:

- We had two renewals for our membership.
- We had close to 25 attendees join our picnic.
- We have a good number of members volunteer for upcoming festivals that SSI is participating in.
- We raised about \$436.82 from the silent auction.
- SSI board member Paula Hardesty had the highest bid item for the silent auction - which was a Whisky gift basket.

The board would like to thank everyone who attended and participated in the auction. Thank you again to Dan Patton for stepping in when Sarah was away. Thank you Kathy and Tom Hohman for the set-up and the

silent auction. It was a great time.



Next Meeting - SEPTEMBER '22  
IN-PERSON MEETING: A  
Scottish Road Trip

Get ready as we will be taking a little journey in this upcoming meeting. Come along for a road trip with SSI Treasurer Emeritus Steven Johnson, who share the planning of his August 2018 two-week driving tour through the beautiful country that is Scotland.

Meeting will be at the Latvian Center. Announcements will be at 7:00pm. Feel free to eat dinner before coming or bring food to enjoy before the meeting. Please note there is no buffet - you can share food with your table mates if you so wish to. Presentation will start around 8:00pm or earlier if needed. The board will announce any changes prior to the slated meeting.

\*\*If you are not attending the in-person meeting, but would like to watch the presentation or join the action - please click [here](#) or [here](#) for the Zoom meeting.

HOW TO JOIN AN ONLINE ZOOM MEETING - PLEASE READ ALL NOTED!

\*\*Option 1: ZOOM ~ You do not have to a Zoom account to participate/attend a meeting. You will be prompted to download the software after you click on the meeting link. To fully participate, you will need a computer with a camera and a microphone. You can also join by using a smartphone app or calling in to the telephone number in the invitation. If you are needing more information about joining a meeting of any kind on Zoom, [click here](#) to check out detailed instructions.

\*\*Option 2: SOCIAL MEDIA / FACEBOOK ~ The meeting will be live in broadcast on the new Facebook group just for members of the Scottish Society of Indianapolis. You can watch it while the meeting is going on or watch it after the meeting is over.

**NOTE: ALL CURRENT MEMBERS in the SSI that have a**



membership, you will receive a link for the upcoming meeting. The link will be in an email with the invitation that will be sent 24 hours before the Zoom meeting. Please note: You will not be allowed to share this link to others as we will be keeping record of how many members we have attending the meeting. If you have any questions about this, please let us know. If you are not a current member or would like to invite a guest to join, please reply to the email with the newsletter so the link can be forwarded to you directly. Thank you.

## SSI 2022 MEETINGS - WHAT IS COMING UP?

*Note: Subjects/Topics are subject to change.*

- September 2022: "A Scottish Road Trip" with Steven Johnson
- October 2022: *To Be Determined*
- November 2022: St. Andrews Dinner (more to come and announce)
- December 2022: *To Be Determined*

We are looking for topics or presentations to flush out the 2022 year - looking for presenters for the months of October and December. If you are interested in giving a presentation for the society, please notify a board member so the topic can be discussed. We will advise if the meeting will be online or in-person each month - so the topic could change at the last minute. Thank you!

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