

### **A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR**

Hello to our members, friends and family of the SSI. Summer is just about over and fall is around the corner. We are working on getting the final touches ready for our big even this month along with making new changes that are coming to the society for next year of 2024. The society is continuing to monitor and to make sure our membership grows, so please ensure that you pay for your membership dues - they do not roll over each year. You can pay for the dues online via the SSI website, through mailing your check/form to the organization mailbox or in person at the monthly meetings.

The games committee for this year's games and festival are continuing their work behind the scenes with sponsorships and the layouts of the event as a whole. We are pleased to announce the website for the 2023 Indianapolis Scottish Highland Games and Festival is up and running - along with tickets now on sale. Please check out the website here along with links to volunteer if interested along with ticketing information on coming to the event: <https://indyscotgamesandfest.com/>. We are needing volunteers still - please check out the volunteers section on the website and sign up to help out.

It has been confirmed that SSI is looking for a new treasurer for the 2024 year. Dan Patton who has been our treasurer the last couple of years announces he will be stepping down after this year. The treasurer position is important to our society - this position is responsible for reports, deposits, membership and several other items. We need a backup for this role along with a few other officer positions in the board of

### **Learn How to Speak Scottish Gaelic:**

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Summer Solstice



**MEETING DETAILS:** Keep in mind the monthly meetings moving forward will be the return of the BUFFET. If you are interested in helping with the meat dish - please reach out to the board.

We are looking for members attending the meeting to bring a side dish. 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 --- Veggie/Casserole  
H-M --- Salad  
N-Z --- Dessert

Meat Dish: Taken care of this month.

NOTE: If you are interested in helping out with the meat dish, please be aware you will be reimbursed by the board (up to \$100.00 for the dish).

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 have not paid your dues, please make sure you do so in person or at the welcome table.

The monthly meetings take place every 2nd Wednesday of the month. Meetings start at 7:00pm and then the presentation will begin at 8:00pm.  
\*\*Special events for the year will be on a Saturday.

trustees at this time. If you are interested or have an interest in being treasurer and/or want more details about this or other officer positions in the board, please let us know via email.

At this time, do not hesitate to reach out to our board if you have any questions or if you want your ideas heard. With the weather and seasons changing, please stay safe and healthy. Thank you! Slainte!

~ Sarah Rae  
2023 Board of Trustee Member, Newsletter Editor

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

[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>

**Next Meeting: Wednesday,  
September 13th**

### PLEASE WELCOME NEW SSI MEMBERS:

- No new members to mention in this edition.

### NOTICES FROM THE BOARD

#### **\*\*MEMBERSHIP REVIEW\*\***

The board advises that membership renewal of the yearly dues for SSI must be taken care of during the year. 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!

#### **\*\*VOLUNTEERS NEEDED\*\***

As the buffet returns to the society meetings each month, we are looking for volunteers to help supply the meat dish - along with volunteers to supply an appetizer station during social hour. If you are wanting to volunteer - there will be sign up sheets set up at the welcome table at the Latvian Center during the monthly meetings. You can also email [indyscot@gmail.com](mailto:indyscot@gmail.com) to express your interest.



**\*\*50/50 RAFFLE IS COMING BACK\*\***

We will bring back the 50/50 raffle for our monthly meetings after the board of trustees unanimously agreed to have it return. The money donated for the raffle will go towards the games and festival.

**\*\*ASSISTANCE IN MEETING SET-UPS / CLEAN-UPS\*\***

With the assistance of the Board of Trustees, we will need help with set up of the meetings along with the clean up at the end. If you see one of the board members getting things ready or needing help cleaning up, feel free to step in and help out. Everyone needs to pitch in and assist.



**\*\*INDY  
ROYAL  
SCOTTISH  
COUNTRY  
DANCING  
UPDATES\*\***

Indy Scottish Country Dancers have completed a summer of free dances. As we look to September, several of our group will be traveling to Scotland, some for the first time and others for a return trip. We wish them happy and safe travels.

Sue Gaebler, a long-time member of our group made a book donation to the SSI library. She advised the following: "I wanted to let you know that the books came from Carol Hockman, who is the mother of my daughter-in-law Lisa's sister-in-law. Anyway, Carol's grandmother was Henrietta Kellock Winter who came to the states at age 16 from Aberdour, Scotland. Carol is happy the books have found a good home." Dan Patton, dancer extraordinaire and SSI treasurer, would like to thank Sue for her donation. The books are fascinating. Be sure to have a look.

The ISCD did not dance on Labor Day - but will return to dancing on September 11th and throughout the month. Stop by the dance stage at the Indianapolis Scottish Highland Games & Festival on September 30th. On October 21st, Barry Levitt is hosting a ceilidh at the Unitarian Church. Tickets are available online for advance purchase of \$10.00, \$20.00 at the door. Lite refreshments



## **HIGHLAND GAMES & FESTIVAL**

Every major event or festival cannot be done without the backing of the organization, especially without the help of sponsors. We are looking for donations, companies and organizations to help be a sponsor at the 2023 Indianapolis Scottish Highland Games & Festival. There are a variety of tiers of how you can be a sponsor at the games. If you are interested in donating and/or becoming a sponsor for this event, please reach out to the following representatives: Wendy Johnson (wjohnson2000@comcast.net), Greg Bowers (ogunquit@gmail.com) or Rebecca Lawson (vessel7productions@gmail.com). They will provide a form that will be need to be completed and turned in.

Volunteers are NEEDED for this event to run smoothly and efficiently. If you would like to assist in volunteering for an hour or two at the event, please reach out to our games co-chairs for more information. All areas of the event need coverage, including set-up/tear down, whiskey tasting assistance and beer/ticket sales. All the help will be greatly appreciated. Please check the main website and click on the volunteers tab to sign up for a spot (if you wish to be a bartender, you must be licensed do complete this task - no exceptions). **\*\*VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR THE AFTERNOON\*\***  
Thank you!

Special Request - We have a long time vendor who always brings incredible Scottish items (unlike anyone else at the games) who is in need of a large enclosed tent (10x20, 20x20) to borrow for our games. Their tent was destroyed in a storm that hit during a games event they were attending. They can't afford to rent a tent at the astronomical costs the tent providers are demanding these days. If anyone is able to help or possibly assist, please reach out to our games vendor chair Kathy Hohman #317-831-1715. Let's show our support for our vendors still in business and to help our games. Thanks!



## UPCOMING EVENTS AND FESTIVALS IN INDIANA / SURROUNDING STATES

### Kilt Nights with SSI

\*\*\*No new kilt night date has been set at this time. Please stay tuned for more updates here.

September 9-10 - Columbus Highland Games in Columbus, IN. \*\*Volunteers are needed for our SSI booth.

September 15-17 - Colonial Market Days in Lebanon, IN at Abner Longley Park

October 7-8 - Feast of the Hunters Moon in Lafayette, IN

Note: The Indy Irish Fest has been CANCELLED this year. This was confirmed and announced by the organization.



MEETING RECAP - August 2023 - SSI Summer

## Celebration and Picnic

For the month of August, the members and guests of SSI attended the annual SSI Summer Celebration picnic and silent auction. The weather was hot but we endured by enjoying a good afternoon. With the silent auction, we were able to raise over \$300.00. The money raised will go toward the games this year.

The board would like to thank the members and guests who attended. Special thank you to Alan and Susan Cloe, Paula Hardesty, Janice Fontanet and Kathy Hohman.



NEXT  
MONTHLY  
MEETING:  
SEPTEMBER  
2023 - Rally  
Meeting for  
Indy  
Scottish

## Highland Games & Festival

As many of you know, our Indianapolis Scottish Highland Games & Festival is at the end of the month on Saturday, September 30th. For the monthly meeting on Wednesday, September 13th, we will be having a rally meeting. This means we will be finalizing and doing one more push to get volunteers to help out - and to get items packed up in vans/trucks to transport for set-up at the Marion County Fairgrounds. We are looking for volunteers who have large vans and/or oversized trucks who can load and transport our items for the event that weekend - please notify the board or respond to the newsletter so we can get your name to our games co-chairs and committee.

Meetings take place at the Latvian Community Center every 2nd Wednesday of the month - if it is a special event, those take place on Saturdays and will be announced in the newsletter. Social hour will be before 7:00pm with announcements following shortly after. Information about what to bring for the buffet will be

provided in the next newsletter.  
Presentation will start around 8:00pm or earlier if needed. The board will announce any changes prior to the slated meeting.



## COMING IN OCTOBER 2023 - The Jacobite Uprising with SSI Historian Carson Smith

Coming up in the month of October, our SSI Historian Carson Smith will giving a detailed presentation focusing on the Jacobite Uprising. If you have attended a monthly meeting with this gentleman presenting, his presentations are always on point and this one will be no exception. This meeting is set to take place on Wednesday, October 11th.

### SSI 2023 MEETINGS - WHAT IS COMING UP?

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

- September 2023 - Indianapolis Scottish Highland Games & Festival on Saturday, September 30th (no presentation given)
- October 2023 - The Jacobite Uprising with SSI Historian Carson Smith
- November 11th, 2023 - SSI St. Andrews Dinner at Ft. Harrison State Park - The Garrison Banquet and Conference Center (this event is on a Saturday)
- December 2023 - SSI Holiday Gathering with Celtic Rain

\*\*If you would like to present or have a topic that would be good for our monthly presentations, please reach out to the board at [indyscot@gmail.com](mailto:indyscot@gmail.com).

We will advise if the meeting topic will change via an update email or through the SSI social media. If you are interested in presenting a topic during the 2023 year, please reach out to the board members and we will discuss. Thank you!

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