

## **A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR**

Hello everyone! We hope your summer is going well and you are all getting out if you are able to enjoy the great weather sunshine. 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.

**\*\*We have breaking news about requirements for in-person meetings moving forward - please check out the newsletter for the details.\*\***

Mark your calendars as the SSI Summer Picnic is this month - August 20, 2022. Due to a prior commitment already in place, your SSI President will not be at the meeting - instead, SSI Treasurer Dan Patton will be making announcements on my behalf - thank you again Dan for your assistance. Please view the details of the Summer Celebration in the newsletter - this meeting reminder will be sent out weekly. The picnic will also include a silent auction. If you are interested in donating a basket, whiskey or something of Scottish appeal, please reach out to SSI board member Kathy Hohman via email: khohmanst@aol.com OR via phone: #317-372-0906. The Hohmans will pick up your auction item personally or you can bring it



**MEETING DETAILS:** After careful review and unanimous vote by the board, the AUGUST 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.

to the event - just make sure she is aware you have a donation you are bringing - there is a list going.

We do need presenters for the remainder of the year - minus August and November. 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!

~ Sarah Rae  
2022 SSI President, Newsletter Editor

## **PLEASE WELCOME NEW SSI MEMBERS:**

- Brian Anderson

## **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).

[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>

## **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. 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.



## **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.



### JULY '22 IN- PERSON MEETING RECAP: The Sterling Code

Hidden in plain sight for hundreds of years, the

earliest known written instrumental music in Scotland was identified on the border of one of the Stirling Heads - carved wooden roundels used to decorate the ceiling of the royal palace. Presented by SSI member and poet laureate Samuel Lawson - the program includes a brief explanation of the notation and typical performance practice around the time of James V, from which it is estimated that the music originates, and an actual live performance of this and related tunes. The attendees at this meeting got to learn some amazing things about this presentation and how music was performed because of the numbers shown on the Sterling Heads. It was truly a unique presentation.

The board would like to thank Samuel Lawson for a wonderful and even musical presentation.



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

*What?* - A chance to get together with the other SSI members that you have missed over the past two years. No vaccination records, masks optional. Bring your own food and drink. Gathering on the patio at the Latvian Center.

*Why?* - Picnic with friends and family. Participate in the silent auction for a chance to win and purchase some wonderful Scottish items.

*Where and When?* - Latvian Center on August 20th, 2022 from 4-8pm.

Don't miss out on this great opportunity. Lots of fans on the patio. Playground for the children. We are looking forward to seeing everyone there. Whisky table will be available if you would like to purchase a drink. There are many great items already set for the auction - the money will go potentially into planning and setting up for the 2023 Indianapolis Scottish Games & Festival.

If you would like to donate a basket or a Scottish-theme item for the auction, please reach out to Kathy Hohman via email: [hohmanst@aol.com](mailto:hohmanst@aol.com) OR via phone: #317-831-1715. The Hohmans can pickup your item or you can bring it on the day of.

**\*\*Note:** If you are bidding on an item and you end up winning, you must be present to win your item when the bidding closes. No item will be shipped. If you are not present, the item will go to the next bidder

down.

**\*\*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 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.*

- August 2022: SSI Summer Celebration Picnic on August 20th
- September 2022: *To Be Determined*
- 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 September thru 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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