
Breaking Newsletter
Clan Donnachaidh Society of Southern California

15 December, 2022

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A Riddling Annual Clan Christmas Party

A good time was had by all on Saturday, December 3 at the Christmas Party where jokes, humor and the coining of new words and phrases was the order of the day. Following a hearty meal of Honeybaked Ham & Turkey, the crowd gathered to open Christmas poppers, enjoy a paper plate art contest and participate in the traditional wee gift exchange and thievery. A sampling of best and worst jokes is provided on the next pages.

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2022 Three Games Fun, Festivities & Family

We began the games season this Memorial Day with a tent at the always incredible Scots Fest at the OC Fairgrounds in Costa Mesa.

It was lovely to see old friends and make new ones from all the clans.

From the March of the Clans, to the Highland Games being right behind our tent, to the great shopping vendors' return -- a good time was had by all.

The end of June found us at the San Diego Games in Vista, CA where the Butler "boys" were able to join the Chavez crew for set-up and tear down.

It was so very good to see Chuck and Kathleen Ables who live closeby in Carlsbad as well as the Leonard's and others who travelled from afar to join in the merry making in San Diego.

Lori Butler, whose eye was

injured, added "pirate flair" to our clan shenanigan's..

The final games of the season were in Ventura. Thank you to Andi Cranmer & Judy Stover for traveling up to help so very much with "womanning" the tent.

Many members of our Clan enjoyed partaking in the Whisky Tasting; especially because it was a fundraiser for charity. CDSSC is always ready to share our talents!

WELCOME NEW CDSSC MEMBERS!

We had many new members sign up at the various games and many renewals.

These include:

Jackie Flores Family - RENEWAL

Tim Rogers

John & Sandra Saldano

Douglas & Nena Singletary

Julie Sohlberg

Judy Stover - RENEWAL

Joshua R "Josh" Thompson

Heather A & Kirk Tobler

Mary & Tim Tyler - RENEWAL

Sydney Wauson/Bob Werner - RENEWAL

Barron (Wyn) Wellman

Rachel E Robertson

Sandra Robertson

Sara T & Christopher Kokesch Robertson

Thomas & Renee Robertson

If your name's missing from the list, we offer 1,000 pardons. Please let us know.

We were unable to arrange for our traditional New Member Bruch in the Fall this year -- but do not be discouraged -- we plan to hold one this year.

Whether we share a name, some DNA or just some shared love of all things Scottish - we welcome you.

SCOTSMAN'S BALL

We're Back!

14th Annual*

Hosted by Clan Donnachaidh of
Southern California

SATURDAY
MARCH

4th 2023

THE GRAND EVENT CENTER - LONG BEACH

DOORS OPEN AT 5:30PM

4101 East Willow Street
Long Beach, California 90815

TICKET

\$75

Per Person
\$140 Per Couple
\$675 Per Table-10

GALA, ENTERTINMENT
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JAY MUNN'S TRIO BAND, ODE TO HAGGIS,
SINGLE MALT LOUNGE, RAFFLES, DOOR
PRIZES, DANCING & MORE

For Tickets.: cdsscpresident@gmail.com
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*Postponed in 21 & 22 Due to Covid



UPCOMING EVENTS

AGM - Saturday, January 14 - Annual General Meeting - All Members should attend for planning, voting, and a delicious Chilli Cook Off Contest. Bring your best chili to share or an appetizer or dessert. 11 a.m. Set Up. Lunch and Meeting at Noon. Lakewood Village Community Church* located at 4919 E Centralia St, Long Beach, CA 90808. (This is our free meeting space & not a religious meeting. We do say the Selkirk Grace before we eat though). **DON'T FORGET** -- Please bring a donation of adult beverages and bottles for our Scotsman's Ball scholarship fund raffle.

ANNUAL DUES ARE DUE BEFORE SPRING - See our Treasurer Andi Cranmer to pay your's now. Lifetime & 5-year memberships are still available for those who want to save \$\$'s.

SCOTSMAN'S BALL - Saturday, March 4th (Committee meets each Wednesday via Zoom at 7:30 p.m. Please feel free to join if you want to help this year.)

LADIES SPRING TEA -- TBD

O.C. SCOTSFEST & GAMES - Memorial Day Weekend - **MAY 27-28, 2023.** Orange County Fair & Events Center <https://www.scottishfest.com/>

SAN DIEGO SCOTTISH GAMES & FESTIVAL - Sat. June 24 - Sun. June 25, 2023, at Brengle Terrace Park in Vista, CA, <https://sdhighlandgames.org/>

"BEST OF" **HOLIDAY RIDDLES**

#1 Why Does Santa Use Elves Instead of Dwarfs As His Assistants?
Answer: Because only 1 out of 7 is Happy

#2 Know What They Call Snowmen In Hawaii?
Answer: Puddles

#3 What Did The Lights Say To Santa?
Answer: We want watts & watts of presents.

#4 What Is Santa's Favorite Kind of Cookie?
Answers: Any kind!

#5 Which Reindeer Can Fly in Outer Space?
Answer: Comet!

#6 Why Do Dasher & Prancer Love Coffee?
Answer: Because they're Santa's Star Bucks!

#7 What Do Snowmen Eat For Lunch?
Answer: Iceburgers

#8 Why Is It Getting Harder To Buy Advent Calendars?
Answer: Because their days are numbered

#9 Where Do Snowmen Go To Dance?
Answer: The Snowball

#10 What Do You Get When You Cross An Archer With A Gift Wrapper?
Answer: Ribbon Hood

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



What a year it has been bouncing back from the COVID-19 Pandemic. Clan Donnachaidh has triumphed and we are actively back as one of the most well-known Scottish Clan Societies here in Southern California.

Whoever said change is good -- probably did not realize what it would mean for our clan to lose members such as Garth & Mary Reid, Suzy McNutt, Brenda Walters, Richard & Hanna Reid, and the many others who moved out of state recently.

It's not really change, it's building on the firm foundations and traditions that have been established in our clan branch for decades and that I recall so fondly as a boy.

Some of the plans for the new year are to modernize and rebrand/market our clan tent with videos, educational banners and more and to partner more with other groups like the St. Andrews Society of LA.

We encourage all members old and new to be at the AGM on Sat. Jan. 14 and join a committee or serve in a role on the board. Your clan family needs your help and so do I!

Happy holidays & blessings to one and all.

Brandon James Butler

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