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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

John Ramsay of Raleigh has produced an excellent newsletter, *The Carolina Piper*, for the Society for a decade. He has taken hundreds of photographs and attended scores of events capturing the spirit of SASNC. John is still on the communications committee and is very active in our affairs. Go to our website and you can still view all of John's past newsletters. Thank you, John!

I will edit *The Carolina Piper* for a period and it is my intention to have three or four issues a year. It will be distributed by e-mail with a printed copy sent to anyone without e-mail. The Society needs a means of rapid and economical messaging and it is imperative that we communicate frequently with our new members. With the next issue I plan to begin featuring notes on important Scottish people, places and events in N.C. history. *The Piper* will welcome ideas and contributions from you, which can be sent to me.

Another project underway is the updating of the SASNC website. There is currently good information on the founding of the Society in 1972 and on past presidents, directors and scholarship recipients. In the foundation and scholarship area, a revised scholarship application was added. The members-only area is under redevelopment. This area is password protected and will contain by-laws and members list. These items are being enhanced and a membership application form will be added. Communication data and list of all officers, board and committee members will be included. A new links section is being added for

direct internet access to N.C related Scottish websites, Scottish news organizations, select St. Andrews societies and Scottish-interest sites. An e-mail will be sent when the members section is functional.

Special thanks are extended to those members who sponsored and endorsed 27 new members in the July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017 fiscal year.

Membership committee chair, Bill McIlwain, has kept his committee busy and membership now stands at 296.

Our scholarship and awards program is the important charitable arm of the SAS and your generous birthday contributions make this possible. Please donate with heart this year so that committee chair, Jim Graham, will be able to award more outstanding students next summer in Blowing Rock.

The marching orders are recruit new members and donate!

Donald C. McLeod
President

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SUMMER GATHERING IN BLOWING ROCK

Members of the SASNC, their lovely ladies and guests, 105 in all, gathered at the Blowing Rock Country Club for the annual Grandfather Mountain Highland Games dinner. Picture an idyllic setting in an open pavilion beside a lovely lake nestled in a charming Blue Ridge Mountain glen. Kilts and tartan sashes splashed the scene with color. The weather was crisp and clear and you could easily imagine the Scottish Highlands. Entertainment was provided by the Blue Ridge Brass led by member Jim Laughridge and pipers David and Michael McLeod. A fine feast was had by all.



President Don McLeod addresses guests at Blowing Rock dinner.

President Don McLeod provided a glimpse of results from the semi-annual board meeting and Judge Bob Collier was recognized for his continued hosting of the annual event. The Judge welcomed everyone and proudly modeled his Carolina Tartan kilt.

He was instrumental in having the tartan approved by the Scottish Registrar of Tartans and it is now the official state tartan of N.C. and S.C. There are internet sources of the tartan.



The official Carolina tartan

Our newest member, Neil Whitlock, was inducted by Bill McIlwain and well lubricated by John Ramsay.

A highlight of the evening was the awarding of two student scholarships for study in Scotland. Catherine Clare Arnett of Greensboro received the Ross Johnston scholarship to support her senior year at the University of Edinburgh.



Parents of Catherine Arnett accepting scholarship

Lilly McClure Clarke of Fairview received support for her final year of graduate school at the University of St. Andrews.

The evening was magical and the best part was renewing old acquaintances and making new friends. We will be in Blowing Rock again next July and if you have not experienced the occasion you should be there. SASNC had two hospitality tents at the games and special thanks are given to Rick and Mary Berry of Hickory, Mac and Jan Fowler of Southern Pines and John McLeod of Chapel Hill for hosting the well-attended event.

Submitted by Randall Madry



St. Andrews tent was well attended



Judge Bob Collier (in baseball cap) holding court under tent

SCOTLAND COUNTY HIGHLAND GAMES OCTOBER 7

The upcoming SCHG looks to be the best yet in the event's nine year history. The SAS will have a tent for hospitality and fellowship as they have since the event's inception. We invite all members and guests to come and enjoy the day on October 7. A well-received whisky tasting occurs Friday at 3pm with samples of six uncommon single malts paired with gourmet foods. A piping recital will be held Saturday evening featuring Dr. Angus MacDonald of Portree, Skye. MacDonald is a winner of the Gold Medal prizes given at both Oban and Inverness, as well as the Clasp to the medal, the world's top piping prizes.

The games feature 48 clan societies, 20 pipe bands, a full range of Highland athletics, new harping competition, Highland dance competition, kid's games and several acclaimed entertainers. A major feature is the MacDonald Memorial Southern Pipe Band Championship in conjunction with the Eastern U.S. Pipe Band Association.

The games are near Laurinburg at the historic John Blue farm now renamed N.C. Rural Heritage Center. Please check out the SCHG's interesting website. www.carolina-highlandgames.com

Submitted by William Caudill

KIRKIN' O' THE TARTANS SOUTHERN PINES

Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church in Southern Pines hosted the Society's annual Kirkin' on September 17. Nineteen SAS members participated and the congregation greatly enjoyed the event. The tartan banners were piped in and out, Bob Tate was the Beadle and John Monroe blessed the tartans. The Scots Confession of 1560 was used in the service.

Other SAS members participating were Julian Carr, Ed Monroe, Fred Monroe, Jim Herrick, Steve McLean, Brian Kline, Tom McPherson, David Wall, Lonnie McCaskill, Julius McPhaul, John McPhaul, Jim Graham, Bill Hamel, Carlton Mansfield, Tim Lovin, John McLeod, Chris Harrelson and Don McLeod. Thanks to the stalwart 19. Julius McPhaul gets the long distance award driving in from Marion.



Ed Monroe and Chris Harrelson



Kirkin' O' the Tartans at Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church

NEW MEMBERS July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017

NAME	TOWN	SPONSOR	ENDORSER
Gary Lee Hall	Youngsville, N.C.	Glenn M. Davis	Christopher Davis
James Pray Baker, Jr.	Southern Pines, N.C.	Glenn M. Davis	Christopher Davis
James P. Baker III	Raleigh, N.C.	Christopher Davis	Glenn M. Davis
John Harrison Masters	Wilmington, N.C.	John D. Masters	John C. Rozier, Jr.
Ross MacRae Masters	Lumberton, N.C.	John D. Masters	John C. Rozier, Jr.
James David Wall	Whispering Pines, N.C.	Andrew C. Smith	Milton J. Sills
Logan Hislop Bell	Greensboro, N.C.	David Lewis Pope	Robert Gladstone Bell
Marcus H. Chestnutt	Wilson, N.C.	Matthew P. Garrett	J. Robert Boykin III
Carl Moore Jordan, Jr.	Fayetteville, N.C.	J. Robert Boykin III	Matthew P. Garrett
Robert Alvis Collier IV	Statesville, N.C.	Robert A. Collier, Jr.	Robert A. Collier III
John Douglas Cochrane	Fayetteville, N.C.	David Lewis Pope	Joseph E. McMillan
James Brandon Gellatly	Raleigh, N.C.	Gary Pendleton	David Gellatly
Alan Sanford Livingston	Laurinburg, N.C.	G. Chandler Stewart	W. Daniel Pate
David Gray McLean	West Point, N.Y.	Steven A. McLean	Donald C. McLeod
Robert Felts Sloop, Jr.	Wilson, N.C.	J. Robert Boykin III	Matthew P. Garrett
Wilbur Spears Hemby, Jr.	Clayton, N.C.	J. Robert Boykin III	Matthew P. Garrett
James McDowell Herrick	Southern Pines, N.C.	Donald C. McLeod	W. Daniel Pate
Robert Wilson Fulton, Jr.	Monroe, N.C.	Donald C. McLeod	W. Daniel Pate
Thomas Burns Nesbit	Southern Pines, N.C.	Donald C. McLeod	W. Daniel Pate
Timothy Archibald Lovin	Southern Pines, N.C.	Steven A. McLean	Donald C. McLeod
Donald Cleo McGlohon, Jr.	Greenville, N.C.	Wilbur S. Hemby, Jr.	J. Robert Boykin III
Robert E. McCormick	Apex, N.C.	Henry Neill Lee, Jr.	William S. McLean
James Dickson McLean IV	Wilmington, N.C.	William S. McLean	Henry Neill Lee, Jr.
Robert Savage McLean	Charlotte, N.C.	William S. McLean	Henry Neill Lee, Jr.
Russell L. Stephenson III	Wilson, N.C.	J. Robert Boykin III	Matthew P. Garrett
Neil Brian Whitford	Morehead City, N.C.	J. Robert Boykin III	Matthew P. Garrett
Gary Ellis Pendleton, Sr.	Raleigh, N.C.	Gary Pendleton	Walter B. Burwell, Jr.



The Carolina Tartan color stripe

WEBSITES OF INTEREST

[Cape Fear Valley Scots](#)

[Gaelic USA](#)

[Montreat Scottish Society](#)

[N.C. Scottish Heritage Society](#)

[Saint Andrews University](#)

[Scottish-American Military Society](#)

[Scottish Cultural Organization of the Triangle](#)

[Scottish Heritage USA](#)

[Scottish Tartans Museum](#)

[Tartan Day NC](#)

[The Carolina Tartan](#)

[The Scottish Society of Wilmington](#)