



St. Andrew's Society of the Adirondacks



June 2008

Future Events

July 4th. Lake Placid parade. Meet at 4:30 pm at the Olympic Arena. The parade starts at 5 pm. A picnic will follow in back of Bookstore Plus. Please bring a salad or dessert to share. Hosts Nancy and Chris Beattie will supply meat, rolls, lemonade and iced tea. Food pantry donations appreciated.

July 5th SASA will take part in the 250th anniversary of the Battle of Carillon at Ft. Ticonderoga. All members are urged to attend. Wear some tartan (it doesn't have to be a kilt) and join in this grand gathering.. Meet at the Ft. Ti parking lot at 9 am.

Aug 1-2: Glengarry Highland Games, Kenyon Agricultural Grounds, Maxville, Ontario, Canada. For information: 1-888-298-1666 or www.GlengarryHighlandGames.com

Aug 3: Montreal Highland Games, George Springate Sports Centre, Pierre-fond Blvd., Montreal. For information: 1-504-332-5242 or www.montrealhighlandgames.qc.ca

Aug 7th: Saranac Lake Block Party on Main St. and Broadway. 1-7 pm SASA will have a table of SASA information and raffle tickets.

Aug. 23: Quechee Scottish Games, Quechee Polo Fields, Quechee, VT. For information: 1-802-295-5351

Aug.30-31 Capital District Scottish Games, Altamont Fairgrounds, Altamont, NY. For information : 1-518-456-5266.

Sept. 19-20: New Hampshire Highland Games, Loon Mt. Ski Resort, Lincoln, NH. For information: 1-603-229-1975 or www.NHSCOT.org

Nov. 23: Kirkin o' the Tartan at St. Eustace Church, Lake Placid at 10am; Annual General Meeting at the same church at 2 pm

Dec. 6: holiday party at the home of Peter McAfee, Lake Placid

News From Members

Welcome to these new members:

Linda Clark from Lake George
Michael Murdock, David Murdock and Charlene Kostka from Schroon Lake
Dylan Horton from Fort Lee, NJ in winter and Elizabethtown in summer

Mission Statement:

- ◆ The Perpetuation of Scottish Heritage, Traditions, Culture, Education and Genealogy.

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Tartan Day

By Peter McP. Fish Photo by Peter McAfee

A “spirited” group of the St. Andrew’ Society of the Adirondacks hiked up Baxter Mt. in the town of Keene. A fixed rope was used on one steep section of ice and snow. All lived. Present were: Peter McAfee, Sarah Irving, Garda Babcock and Peter McP, Fish (SASA Directors). Also in the group were Janice Leslie (First president) and Heather Lindberg (First secretary). Thule, Heather’s Siberian husky was in MacPherson tartan and represented the canine world. The picture, taken atop Baxter with Giant Mt. in the background, is of (left to right) Janice, Peter Fish, Thule, Heather, and Garda. The “spirit” is Tobermory single malt. After the hike a few retired to the Fish residence for pizza and conversation.



Janice Leslie, Peter Fish, Garda Babcock, in front, Heather Lindberg and Thule.

Thank you to Paul Supley who donated commemorative pins which say “Tartan Day 2008” for the participants. Paul has given pins each Tartan Day, even when he could not make the hike.

Evening In Scotland

Will Rogers Village in Saranac Lake was awash with tartan on May 31st as SASA presented An Evening in Scotland. Planned by Garda Babcock and Sarah Irving, the program included piping, dancing, singing, and haggis!

SASA members carried tartan flags and formed a colorful background for pipers Cameron Anderson, Adam Blaine, and Gerald Tetrault. Lindsay Anderson performed Highland dances; Taylor Morse and Rosie Travail showed their skill in Irish dancing. Marcie Hough sang “Flower of Scotland” and “Skye Boat Song”.

During the traditional haggis ceremony, Peter Fish gave the “Address to the Haggis” while the audience followed the translation in the programs. Plates of haggis and oatcakes were passed around—many people had never before tried haggis. Ian Strachan gave a tribute to Robert Burns before the intermission.

In the great room many of the audience tried single malt whiskey served by Peter McAfee, and discussed clan affiliations with Peter Fish.

The evening ended with a sing-along led by Marcie. With the help of song sheets, residents of Will Rogers and guests joined in the singing and applauded enthusiastically as the pipers marched out under a honor guard of flags. Many people said how much they enjoyed the program and related stories of their own Scottish heritage. Many thanks to Garda and Sarah for all their work in putting this program together.

The Battle of Carillon

The Battle of Carillon, also known as the Battle of Ticonderoga, was fought on July 8, 1858 as part of the French and Indian Wars. This year Fort Ticonderoga will commemorate the 250th anniversary of the battle with 12 days of events including a re-enactment at the Grand Encampment on June 28-29. Participating in the ceremonies will be descendants of the French commander at the battle, of the Canadian engineer who designed the fortifications, and of a British general who served at the battle site.

Fort Ti is a place of great solemnity for Scotsmen as the burial ground for hundreds of the 42nd Highland Regiment, known as the Black Watch. The revered and famed Black Watch was intended to be a reserve troop. However, as the battle raged they rushed into the French lines fighting their way through brush and barricades. Their bravery is immortalized by a monument at the battle site.

July 5th is designated as a Day of Scots. At 11am there will be a massed pipes and drums performance on the fort's Parade Ground. A procession to the Scottish Cairn and memorial ceremony will start at 1:30 pm. Some of the present day Black Watch will attend as well as many Scottish societies.

St. Andrew's Society of the Adirondacks would like to make a good showing and hope all members in the area will make an effort to attend. Family and friends are welcome to join members in the procession and help carry flags.

Graduation

Ed Forbes, SASA member and former editor of the Lake Placid News, has received a master's degree from the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism.

Congratulations, Ed! We hope you and Emily will come back to the Adirondacks, at least for a visit.

Photos From An Evening In Scotland



Four generation of Scotswomen:
Carmen Sourwine in front with her daughter
Garda Babcock, granddaughter-in-law ,
and great-granddaughter, MacKenzie.

Meet Peter Fish

Peter has been a member of SASA since its beginning at the Whiteface Highland Games in 2001. He was elected vice-president at the first organizational meeting, was acting president for a bit, and became a director when his wife, Carolyn, was elected president.

In his own words: "I was born in a hospital in Rochester, NY, so as to be near my mother who was there at the time." His mother and maternal grandmother instilled in him pride in the MacPherson family history and all things Scottish. As a child he was read the works of Sir Walter Scott. His companions were toy soldiers in the uniforms of the Gordon Highlanders, the Black Watch, and the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders.

A self-professed outdoors addict, Peter is a member of the Catskill 3500 Club and the Adirondack 46ers. After working as a Boy Scout professional, a carpenter and in a cement plant, he attended the NYS Ranger School in Wanakena. He worked in the Catskills for 6 years, transferring to the High Peaks in 1975. After retirement in 1998 he continued climbing and has reached the summit of Mt. Marcy nearly 700 times. Peter is legendary for both his love of the mountains and his strict enforcement of rules. Many hikers felt the sting of his tongue as he chided them for hiking in cotton clothes.

Peter has been to Scotland six times and enjoyed every place from the Borders to the Highlands except for cities. Carolyn and Peter led several trips with family and friends, hiking the Trossachs and the Cairngormes, visiting Ft. William, Mull, Iona and the Orkneys, abbeys, castles, and battlefields.

A familiar figure at Highland Games, Peter represents both the Clan MacPherson and the Scottish Tartan Authority USA. Read more about this in a future article.

Peter and Carolyn reside in Keene. They have a son and 2 daughters, a grandson, Ian, and a granddaughter, Alison. He says "Naturally the grandchildren are phenomenally good looking and mentally gifted beyond all measure." It must be the genes!

Many thanks to Peter for his devotion to SASA and all things Scottish

Border Crossing Information

According to several recent newspaper articles, passports will not be required to enter the U.S. at land or sea border crossings until June 1, 2009. Options for U.S. citizens include Trusted-Traveler cards such as NEVUS, FAST, or SENTRI, U.S. green card, U.S. military identification card (if traveling on orders), or enhanced driver's licenses (available in N.Y. this fall).

A new passport card being offered by the Dept. of State can be used for entry at U.S. land and sea ports of entry when arriving from Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean and Bermuda. It can't be used for travel by air or international travel to countries other than those listed. For information contact www.travel.state.gov/passport or call U.S. National Passport Center 1-877-487-2778.

Enhanced driver's licenses will require presentation of proof of identity, citizenship and residence. They will cost \$30 more than the regular driver's license. For information, contact your county Dept. of Motor Vehicles.

Sir Walter Scott in Quentin Durward:

"A true Scot!

Plenty of blood, plenty of pride, and right great scarcity ducats"

Wanted

Someone willing to do publicity for our Society. We would like to have stories about past and future events in the local papers. You will be given the information to send in via e-mail or snail mail. Ability to send photos a plus.

Your Newsletter

The SASA newsletter is published quarterly. Items of interest to our membership and comments are always welcome.

Send your family news, favorite stories, recipes, travel tales and Scottish humor.

Contact us at P. O. Box 1424, Lake Placid, NY 12946