

THE LOWLANDER



An Interim Little Newsletter for the Saint Andrew's Society of Williamsburg

SPRING 1993

Spring Ceilidh

On a sunny, breezy Sunday afternoon, April 25, over 70 Scots, their friends and families, gathered at the Pavilion in Kingsmill, Williamsburg, for our Spring Ceilidh.

Byron Adams chaired a committee that did an outstanding job of setting everything up for an afternoon to be enjoyed.

There was piping, plenty of refreshing drinks, good conversation, a raffle, a very nice catered lunch, and entertainment.

After the lunch, a costumed actor, representing a Scottish settler in Colonial America, put on a most enjoyable show. He told how young Scots, impressed into the British army, were shipped to America, perhaps fought, and eventually were mustered out here. To make their way in life, they got licenses to sell goods to the army, to the settlers, and to the Indians. His presentation included numerous artifacts and sales goods typical of the period. A very interesting show, and one enjoyed by all.

A big conversation piece was the long golf cart ride to the restrooms. It seems that the facility adjacent to the Pavilion had broken just the day before, so the cart was provided to shorten the trip to another nearby restroom, and its departure every few minutes was loudly heralded!

Everyone in attendance had a great time, young and old alike!

July Luncheon

The quarterly luncheons were inaugurated several years ago to give us opportunity to get-together a little more often. We usually have two or three such luncheons per year.

We try to meet at a restaurant convenient to the locale of our biggest membership group - that is near or in Williamsburg. So business folks can make it with minimal interruption from the workplace, we have the lunch and a short program, without any drawn-out business session. All very informal.

Our next luncheon is scheduled for Monday, July 12. If you have suggestions for a place or program, call the committee guy - Tom Nichols, at 851-0013 in Hampton.

Our Travellers

Our membership includes several who are fortunate enough to be able to get around!

The Jack Rouzies were in England to visit their son at the university in Bath.

Jack and Kathy Robinson got to Greece for a few weeks.

Club President Taylor Fraser and Dottie leave for several weeks in Scotland in July.

Don and Hazel Dixon are in Scotland for several weeks on a buying tour.

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This little paper is put out as an interim effort to get the word out to our membership. Our Editor had a computer breakdown that was compounded by a trip to Scotland on business, and the purchase of a new computer that he has not yet learned to operate.

What to do?

Well, in his absence, we got permission to put out a newsletter that would get the information to our members in a quickie fashion. Our newsletter committee chairman, Don Dixon, works very hard to get out a good letter, titled "The Spectator". And there is no way we can compete. So some of us on the Board got together to help out, and this issue of "The Lowlander" is the result.

We hope you like it.

The Benevolent Society

The Benevolent Association is a part of our society, but has a separate financial and administrative board in keeping with state and federal regulations governing charitable organisations. In 1992, the Benevolent Association was approved as a tax-deductable organisation. This makes it eligible to receive your contributions, and to carry out its objectives, which are primarily aimed at encouraging students in pursuing studies related to Scotland, or Scottish-American historical and social subjects.

The Associations goals are commendable and worthy of our consideration, especially for those who would like to see the continuation of thoughtful pursuit of bonds with the old country.

Scottish Recipes

FORFAR BRIDIES

Make a stiffish paste with flour and water, seasoned with salt. Roll out into ovals. Cover the half of each oval with minced beef, adding a little minced suet. Sprinkle over with minced, or finely chopped, onion. Wet the edges of the paste, fold over and crimp together. Brush over with milk, and bake in a quick oven for about half-an-hour, or until the pastry has turned into a golden brown.

COLCANNON

Chop up finely two cabbages that have been parboiled, mash up with well-boiled carrots, two well boiled turnips, and about a dozen well boiled potatoes. Melt some butter in a stew-pan, put in the mixed vegetables, and let them go at it for twenty minutes or so. Season with salt and black pepper; and don't let the stuff grow cold.

Board Meetings

Board meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month (except June and July) at the various homes or business places of the members.

The general membership is welcome to come and observe, or to make presentations. Recently, we have had some interesting and valuable comments to the board by individual members. Such input keeps the board in touch with our membership's needs and desires, and is very helpful.

To attend, simply contact a board member or President Fraser to find the address and confirm the date and time, usually 8 PM.

From The President

We regret the long time since our last newsletter, but it could not be helped. Unfortunately our editor's computer crashed and he had to get a new one. At the time of this newsletter Don was in Scotland and had not been able to get out a newsletter. Tom Nichols and I decided to try to get out a newsletter so that you could at least know what is going on with the society. Since neither Tom nor I are used to getting out a newsletter we beg you to bear with us and not expect too much. Tom has done most of the work and deserves any credit due. This article being my sole contribution.

The Spring Ceilidh seemed to be a great success thanks to Byron Adams and Don Dixon and their Committee. The program was well received by the seventy plus people who attended.

The next event we will be involved in will be the Tidewater Scottish Festival to be held June 26 at the Botanical Gardens in Norfolk. We will have a tent there and hope to see many of you at the tent.

In July we will be having the quarterly luncheon. The time and place will be coming out later.

Your Board of Directors will be in recess until August 13. If for any reason you need to contact us please feel free to call me or any other officer or board member. Many of us will be on vacation at some time during this period. My wife and I will be in Scotland from July 8 to July 26.

Respectfully submitted,
Taylor C. Fraser, Jr. Pres.

Our Schedule

Monday	March 15	Luncheon
Sunday	April 25	Spring Ceilidh
Saturday	June 26	Tidewater Games
Monday	July 12	Luncheon
Saturday	Sept. 25	Wmsbg. Festival
Wednesday	Oct. 13	Dining Out
Sunday	Nov. 21	Kirkin'/Luncheon
Saturday	Dec. 4	Williamsburg Christmas Walk
Saturday	Jan. 29	Burns Night

Each of the activities is preceded by a flyer mailed to all in the immediate locality and/or the general membership so that you'll know all the costs, times, details, etc. If you would like to volunteer to help, or to make program suggestions, check with the committee chairman listed elsewhere in this little paper.

Our Students

The Virginia Gazette reports that Chris Rouzie, a junior at the University of Richmond, is attending the School of Management at the University of Bath in England.

The son of Jack and Joanna Rouzie, of Williamsburg, Chris was one of four students accepted for the exchange program with Bath. He is majoring in accounting and will return to the USA this summer, when he will participate in an externship program with KPMG Peat Marwick in Richmond.

Nancy Geddes Epstein will be attending Piping School for more advanced training. Nancy has performed for our Society at several functions, including the Kirkins and other events.



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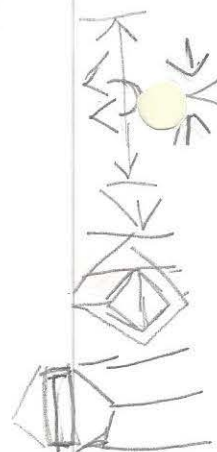
Editorial

By now, we should all have received a flier announcing preparations for the Annual Williamsburg Scottish Festival.

Many of our members are very supportive of the Festival and the Balmoral Society, and maintain membership in these groups.

We are fortunate to have such a fine festival right here in our immediate area, and the September date is a very desirable one for such an outdoor activity. The field at the Williamsburg Winery is an ideal site for the booths, games, parades and parking needs associated with the festival.

This is just a reminder that the festival always needs support. If you are called upon to help, keep in mind that it is a worthy cause. If you feel moved to volunteer for work either in the preparatory phase or on the weekend of the festival, get in touch with our committee through Tom Ferrier at 565-0024 (W) or 565-4471 (H).



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