



THE SPECTATOR

October, November, December, 1997

Saint Andrew's Society
of Williamsburg



Williamsburg Festival

Saturday, September 27, dawned sunny and bright, and foks from all over the area went to the Williamsburg Winery to attend the Scottish Games. A warmup had been held the night before at a well-attended ceilidh, where guests made arrangements to meet on the field the next day.

The St. Andrew's tent was set up by Kent Brinkley, who made sure that snacks and sandwiches were provided to members and visitors. The new canopy proved to be much sturdier than we had been used to, and provided an excellant shade on the sunny day of the festival. Society secretary Bill Monroe helped out with greeting visitors and explaining to prospective members the path to joining our Society. President Jack Robinson and Kathy, along with Jim White and Tom Nichols helped as greeters at the tent also. Others manning the tent included the Jim Whites and the Ken Garrisons.

The Society sponsored the Lord Dunmore Trophy for presentation to the Clan display best exemplifying our Scottish heritage. Our President, Jack Robinson, accompanied the honored guest, Peter Barclay, and the distinguished guest, Philip O'Rorke, along with games officials, on a tour of the field to select the Dunmore winner.

The games were a geat opportunity to meet fellow Scots and catch up on the summer's events, especially for those who had recently returned from tours to Scotland. There were also many who stopped at the Society booth who were interested in the purpose and aims of the club. It was refreshing to hear the Scots brogue some of our visitors brought.

In all, the games appeared to be successful, with good ticket sales and brisk traffic at the various vendor stalls. With the fine weather, it was a great day!

Members Night

Everyone should have received their announcement of the Members Night that is being set up by Jim White. If you didn't get an invite, call Jim at 220 0275. The affair will be held at the Fort Eustis club on Thursday, October 16. A single malt tasting will start the evening off at 6:30 PM, with the prime rib dinner served at 7:30. Jim has entertainment planned for after dinner, so it should be a nice night out for the laddies.

Jim would like to have the reservations pretty well tied up by October 10th, so if you haven't got yours in yet, and you plan to go, now is a good time to contact Jim.

From The President

Dear Member,

Your Society had a busy 1997 so far. We started with a successful Burns Night, and members Jim Young, Jack Kane and Bob Davis were responsible for that wonderful evening. In April, thanks to the leadership and hard work of Beth Williams, wife of member Virgil Williams, we had our second Tidewater Region gathering of Scots for a "kirkin" at historic Christ Church in Irvington. Capt. Jim McCaig and his lovely wife Dixie hosted a wonderful cocktail party for everyone who came to the Ceilidh the night before. It is easy to see how active and wonderful our members who live in the Kilmarnock area are. We have had three well organized and well attended lunches this late spring and summer. Each lunch was highlighted by a great program of special interest to everyone attending. Dr. Tom Sale and Col. Charles Hunter were responsible for the three lunches.

This fall there will be a members night on October 16. Jim White is in charge and has promised a wonderful evening. Jim Anthony has completed arrangements for a "kirkin" to be held November 30 at Bruton Parish Church with a great lunch planned for all at historic King's Arms Tavern in the restored area of Colonial Williamsburg.

You can see that your Board of Directors and many members of the Society are working hard to provide a variety of events to make a program that is enjoyable and at the same time provide many opportunities for meeting new friends.

I hope to see you this fall.

Yours aye,

JACK R.

To Scotland for Vacation

Taylor Fraser and Dottie were fortunate enough to be able to spend a two week vacation in Scotland this summer. They were doubly fortunate because the sun shone most of the time they were there!

The trip by Icelandic Air went to Keflavic, then Glasgow, where they rented a car for the journey to Inverness. Next day they travelled to nearby Foyers, where they had reserved a cottage. While there, they went to Inverary at Castle Fraser for the Fraser reunion. What a great summer vacation that must have been!

Quarterly Luncheon

The 1997 summer quarterly luncheon was another successful example of the fine service to the Society by the luncheon committee: Chuck Hunter and Tom Sale. They had put together a pleasant menu with an interesting program. The weather was cool for August, so everyone arrived in a festive mood ready for a lively interlude.

Our hosts did not disappoint the lunch-goers. After a few introductory remarks by our President, Jack Robinson, Chuck introduced our speaker and the honored guest, Will Molineaux, Editorial Page Editor of the Daily Press. The speaker was Mitch Bowman, a former fighter pilot who has continued in business related to aviation. His talk was an interesting presentation to show how we can see from the air how historical events have impacted our area of Virginia. Settlements, camps, trails and battlefields of colonial times, the revolution and the civil war were shown using colored slides. Sites familiar to us all have clearly visible markings which Mitch was able to point out to the attentive audience.

The August 25 gathering at the Williamsburg Country Club was enjoyed by all.

In the Highlands

In the highlands, in the country places,
Where the old plain men have rosy faces,
And the young fair maidens
Quiet eyes;
Where essential silence cheers and blesses,
And forever in the hill-recesses
Her more lovely music
Broods and dies.

O to mount again where erst I haunted;
Where the old red hills are bird-enchanted,
And the low green meadows
Bright with sward;
And when even dies, the million-tinted,
And the night has come, and planets glinted,
Lo! the valley hollow
Lamp-bestarred.

O to dream, O to awake and wander
There, and with delight to take and render,
Through the trance of silence,
Quiet breath:
Lo! for there, among the flowers and grasses,
Only winds and rivers,
Life and death.

Robert Louis Stevenson (1850-94)

St. Andrew's Society of Williamsburg
Williamsburg Kirkin'

Sunday, November 30, 1997

11:15 Morning Prayer

(form for procession at 10:45)

Bruton Parish Church

followed by

cash bar reception to 1:15

and lunch at 1:30 at

Kings Arms Tavern

Lunch: \$14 per person

(selection from three menus)

(If the weather is fair, it is recommended that we proceed to the Kings Arms Tavern from Bruton Parish Church on foot, piped in parade by Strath James Pipes and Drums on The Duke of Gloucester Street.)

Burns Night

It is not too early to begin preparations for the annual Burns Night, and the committee under the guidance of Past President Jack Rouzie has already started planning for the big event. Foremost in the minds of planners is to set up a celebration that will be a pleasant and enjoyable evening to appeal to as many members as possible. Of course, due regard for a proper remembrance of Scotland's immortal poet is essential. The next Board of Directors meeting is October 15, so if you have suggestions for the evening, contact Jack Rouzie or any Board member before then. They LOVE your suggestions!

Scottish Place Names

Killiecrankie - 'wood of aspens' - *coille (Gaelic)* wood; *critheann (Gaelic)* aspen.

Mauchline - 'plain with a pool' - *magh (Gaelic)* plain; *linn (Gaelic)* pool.

New Member

Please meet and greet our newest Society member at the next social get-together:

H. Dickson McKenna Architect
9279 Courthouse Road, Lancaster, Va. 22503

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Whiskey Tasting
Highland Dance
Heavy Athletics
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Entertainment Stages



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Musical Composer

A member of our Society, Robert Flinn, has published and recorded a love song titled "Forever, August Moon". The month of August holds special significance for Robert, with several important personal and family events having taken place during that month. Also, his interest in things Scottish led him to send a recording of the song to the British Queen Mother (a Scot) whose birthday is in August.

Flinn, who is a member of ASCAP, the music professional association, has received an award from ASCAP for the song.

The song has been played in the big band style in Virginia Beach, Hampton, and Williamsburg and at the University Center at William and Mary. Flinn, who occasionally plays the piano at Society quarterly luncheons, has had a lifelong interest in music. He commutes from his home in Alberta, near South Hill, to several St. Andrew's social activities every year.

"Forever, August Moon" is a romantic ballad of hope for an enduring love; hope that it will continue forever. The lovers had to part, but if the love is true, time will prove it so.

Scottish Epitaph

John Gray, Messenger-at-Arms, died in 1806, wrote this himself:

Poor John Gray! Here he lies,
Nobody laughs and nobody cries;
Where he's gone and how he fares,
Nobody knows and nobody cares.

SCOTTISH SOCIETY of TIDEWATER BENEFIT CONCERT

PRESENTS

SEVEN NATIONS

at

NAUTICUS THEATER, NORFOLK

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1997

8:00pm

TICKETS:

A & E Music
3800 Holland Rd.
Va. Beach, VA
Ph: 498-8282

Admission: \$10.00 Advance
\$12.00 at Door
(Limited seating/350 available)

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