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FEBRUARY 2018



Tartan Day Scottish Faire

Presented by: The East Bay Scottish Association
Ardenwood Historic Farm - Fremont, CA

The East Bay Scottish Association and Ardenwood Interpretive Staff would enjoy your company at the annual Tartan Day Scottish Faire at Ardenwood Historic Farm, 10 am-5 pm, Saturday, April 7. Throw on your kilt (not required) and celebrate Tartan Day with music, Scottish dancing, bagpipes, handmade crafts, historical re-enactments, and Highland athletics. Local Scottish clans and societies will share their rich culture and colorful heritage.

Children can find magic and fantasy in the Children's Glen and might just see a fairy or dragon. Enjoy a meat pie or other Scottish treat.

Fee: \$12/adults, \$8/seniors (62+), \$5/children (4-17 yrs.), 3 yrs. & under free. Parking is free.

ANNUAL KILTED BOWLING

Keep it rolling

There isn't a historical or cultural connection between bowling and the Scots; it's just fun. Come roll a spheroid and strike some stationary defenseless pins.

Feb. 10th is Kilted Bowling at Homestead Lanes at high noon. Kilts are optional, but you will have fun!

PLEASE let Dorrie Scherer (sennachie@southbayscots.org) know so she can tell the bowling alley. It will be group bowling for two hours no matter how many games you play.



TARTAN DAY PROCLAMATION CEREMONY

The County of Santa Clara and the City of San Jose present the Tartan Day Ceremony at the New San Jose City Hall, 200 E. Santa Clara St., San Jose, CA, on April 6, 2018.

Tartan Day is a US observance on April 6 each year, commemorating the Scottish Declaration of Independence, the Declaration of Arbroath, on which the American Declaration of Independence was modeled. It also recognizes achievements of Americans of Scottish descent. Please come if you can. Free parking under city hall with easy access to the event.

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DARTS NIGHT

Chief Cheryl

Okay, so this may not be any of us yet, but maybe in time!

South Bay has introduced a new monthly event for our members. Starting **Feb. 8** and continuing the second Thursday of



every month through October we will be having a fun evening of darts. We encourage you to come out and meet us at **6:00 PM** for possibly dinner and then Darts. Event will be held at Britannia Arms, 5027 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, CA. We look forward to seeing you there.

SBSS BOG AND MORE

One of the SBSS's goals is to keep you up-to-date on what events are going on in your society and the general local Scottish community. You all have been mailed our printed calendar and have access to the online sites below. Are you aware that the Governors-at-Large, listed on the left, elected by the membership, are your direct conduit to the Board of Governors (BOG) who keep the society going? Please feel free to contact them, or any of the BOG members, with your questions, ideas, or other thoughts. They can't do their jobs in a vacuum; they need to hear from you!

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- 8 Darts Night
6:00 PM
Britannia Arms
5027 Almaden Expy, San Jose, CA
- 16 Movie Night – The Quiet Man
7:00 PM
Round Table Pizza Parlor
1400 Campbell Ave, Campbell, CA
[map](#)

February

- 5 SBSS Board of Governors Meeting
7:00 PM
Round Table Pizza Parlor
1400 Campbell Ave, Campbell, CA
[map](#)
- 8 Darts Night
6:00 PM
Britannia Arms
5027 Almaden Expy, San Jose, CA
[map](#)
- 10 Kilted Bowling
12:00 PM
Homestead Bowl
20990 Homestead Rd, Cupertino, CA
[map](#)
- 16 Movie Night –
“Hetty Wainthropp Investigates”
7:00 PM
Round Table Pizza Parlor
1400 Campbell Ave, Campbell, CA
[map](#)

March

- 6 SBSS Board of Governors Meeting
7:00 PM
Round Table Pizza Parlor
1400 Campbell Ave, Campbell, CA

April

- 2 SBSS Board of Governors Meeting
7:00 PM
Round Table Pizza Parlor
1400 Campbell Ave, Campbell, CA
- 6 Tartan Day Proclamation Ceremony
12:00-1:30 PM
San Jose City Hall
200 E. Santa Cara St.
San Jose, CA
- 6 SBSS General Meeting
7:00 PM
Potluck Dinner, entertainment
West Valley, San Jose Public Library
1243 San Thomas Aquino Rd,
San Jose, CA [map](#)
Tartan Day Scottish Faire
10:00 AM – 5:00 PM
- 7 Ardenwood Historic Farms
34600 Ardenwood Blvd.
Fremont, CA
- 12 Darts Night
6:00 PM
Britannia Arms
5027 Almaden Expy, San Jose, CA
- 20 Movie Night – TBD
7:00 PM
Round Table Pizza Parlor
1400 Campbell Ave, Campbell, CA
[map](#)



NEW MEMBERS IN 2018

The new year is time to welcome new members. Please say hi when you meet them at one of our events.

Craig Davies
James Ross
Ron Wayne

Sunnyvale
San Bruno
San Jose

Karen & John Lemes
Warren MacDonald

Los Altos
San Jose

2018 HIGHLAND GAMES SEASON

HERE IS A PARTIAL LIST OF 2018 SCOTTISH HIGHLAND GAMES

Some event links may not be updated to 2018 event yet

April 7 - [Tartan Day Scottish Faire](#) [Ardenwood Historic Farm](#), Fremont

April 28 & 29 – [Sacramento Valley Scottish Games](#) [Yolo County Fairgrounds](#), Woodland

Aug 4 & 5 - [Scottish Games & Celtic Festival](#) [Monterey County Fairgrounds](#), Monterey

Sep 1 & 2 – [Scottish Gathering & Games](#) [Alameda County Fairgrounds](#), Pleasanton

Oct 6 - [Big Trees Scottish Games](#) [Roaring Camp](#), Felton

WHISKY TASTING

John Dewing

'Whisky' or 'Whiskey' - Why? I'm glad you asked. Wikipedia says: The spelling of the term "whisky" is often debated by journalists and consumers. Scottish, Australian, and Canadian whiskies use "whisky," Irish whiskies use "whiskey," while American and other styles vary in their spelling of the term. Our sommelier-for-whisky said that single malt Scotch is 'whisky' ... I'll go with that.



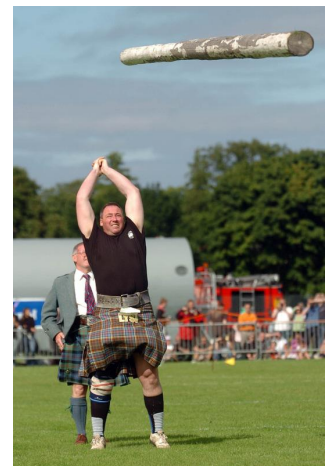
On November 17, the not annual (but sometimes) SBSS Whisky Tasting took place. It was at SBSS Bob Anderson's house using his own personal (extensive) collection of Scotch Whisky. Almost every bottle had a story behind it. The different whiskys had a surprising wide range of flavors. The whisky selection was chosen, like a fine wine tasting, so it was a logical taste progression through the evening. We learned that just a splash of water in your whisky can change the flavour and tone down the sharpness. All had a great time and are looking forward to the next one!

I am not a whisky drinker, but I am hooked on whisky tasting as presented by our own SBSS expert.

COME TO THE APRIL GENERAL MEETING

We are planning an excellent April General Meeting on Friday April 6. First, we start off at 7 pm with the delicious bring-what-you-want potluck to be shared amongst the attendees. Next will be the not as excellent (and short) but still important-to-have business portion of the meeting. Come see your elected officers in action! We are then going to have a talk by a lady involved with Scottish Athletic Heavy Events like Caber and Hammer Throw.

Come and spend an evening with your fellow SBSS members at the West Valley Branch of the San Jose Public Library (say that three times fast), 1243 San Thomas Aquino Rd, San Jose, CA.



BURNS NIGHT JANUARY 27, 2018

Bob Anderson



This year marked the 259th year since the birth of Scotland's Bard and Poet Laureate. It was the South Bay Scottish Society's 24th Annual Burns Night and celebration of his life.

Greeted by Josh Agee and his pipes at the front door of the Mountain View Masonic Hall we were soon socializing over hors d' oeuvres and drinks, finding our seats, and buying raffle tickets in hopes of winning one of the several prizes. All the while we enjoyed the music of Julia Horner and the "Cooking with Turf" ceilidh band.

Father Basil led the Selkirk Grace, the Haggis was paraded into the dining room, piped by Josh Agee, where the Address to a Haggis was recited by John Ralston and dinner was soon served. Erin Ruth Thompson vocalized the Music of Burns. After dinner Rob Moore paid tribute to the lassies by noting a few of the millions of reasons we must, and Gayle Moore replied to the lads with similar admiration. Kathy Allen led the dancing with a quick lesson for those who had "forgotten" the steps of The Gay Gordons and soon all were circling the floor. Robbie's Immortal Memory was articulated by Ron Von Pinon from a very original and objective yet most interesting perspective. A bit more dancing and music and the drawings produced lucky winners for all the great prizes. Following a brief closing statement and vote of thanks we all took the floor, joined hands in a large circle and sang "Auld Lang Syne."

A wonderful evening that couldn't have happened without all the people who made it happen. Thanks!



SCOTTISH BANKING HOLIDAYS

Wikipedia

Date	Name
1 January	New Year's Day
2 January	New Year Holiday
<i>variable</i>	Good Friday
First Monday in May	May Day
Last Monday in May	Spring Holiday
First Monday in August	Summer Holiday
30 November	St. Andrew's Day
25 December	Christmas Day
26 December	Boxing Day



History: Until 1834, the Bank of England observed about 33 saints' days and religious festivals as holidays, but in that year this was reduced to four: 1 May (May Day), 1 November (All Saints' Day), Good Friday, and Christmas Day. In 1871, the first legislation relating to bank holidays was passed when Liberal politician and banker Sir John Lubbock introduced the Bank Holidays Act 1871, which specified the days. Under the Act, no person was compelled to make any payment or to do any act upon a bank holiday which he would not be compelled to do or make on Christmas Day or Good Friday, and the making of a payment or the doing of an act on the following day was equivalent to doing it on the holiday. People were so grateful that some called the first Bank Holidays St Lubbock's Days for a while in honour of the man who had replaced the sporadic observation of saints' days and religious festivals with statutory days off. Scotland was treated separately because of its separate traditions: for example, New Year is a more important holiday there.

A number of differences apply in Scotland relative to the rest of the United Kingdom. For example, Easter Monday is not a bank holiday. Also, although they share the same name, the Summer Bank Holiday falls on the first Monday of August in Scotland, as opposed to the last Monday in England, Wales, and Northern Ireland. Despite this, it is custom and practice to follow the rest of the UK and banks close on the last Monday and not the first.

Bank holidays do not, however, assume the same importance in Scotland as they do elsewhere. Whereas, they have effectively become public holidays elsewhere in the United Kingdom, in Scotland there remains a tradition of public holidays based on local tradition and determined by local authorities (for example, the Glasgow Fair and the Dundee Fortnight). In 1996, Scottish banks made the business decision to harmonize their own holidays with the rest of the United Kingdom, with the result that 'bank holidays' in Scotland are neither public holidays nor the days on which banks are closed.

Bank and public holidays in Scotland are determined under the Banking and Financial Dealings Act 1971 and the St Andrew's Day Bank Holiday (Scotland) Act 2007. Unlike the rest of United Kingdom, most bank holidays are not recognized as statutory public holidays in Scotland, as most public holidays are determined by local authorities across Scotland. Some of these may be taken in lieu of statutory holidays, while others may be additional holidays, although many companies, including Royal Mail, do not follow all the holidays listed below and many swap between English and local holidays. Many large shops and supermarkets continue to operate normally during public holidays, especially since there are no restrictions such as Sunday trading rules in Scotland.



SOUTH BAY SCOTTISH SOCIETY

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

San Jose Public Library, West Valley Branch
Friday, January 5, 2018

Minutes of the January General Meeting

7:00 pm – Members and friends arrived, socialized and enjoyed a pot-luck dinner.

7:53 pm QUORUM VERIFIED – Seanachie – Dorrie Scherer

CALL MEETING TO ORDER – Chief – Robert Anderson

ROLL CALL – Scribe – Graeme Coakley BoG Present: Robert Anderson, Cheryl Comento, Dorrie Scherer, Father Basil Rhodes, Graeme Coakley, Maria Rhodes-Labrecque, and Nathan Irvine.

Board Members Absent: Lori Daly.

STEWARDS REPORT – Dorrie Scherer reported on the current accounts in Lori Daly's absence. Membership: 62 Income: \$294.29 Expenses: \$126.96 Balance: \$4,917.00

APPROVAL OF GENERAL MINUTES FROM October 6TH, 2017 – Members reviewed copies and Dorrie Scherer moved to approve the minutes, Robert Anderson seconded, all in favor.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA – None

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA – Melva Irvine to approve the agenda, John Ralston seconded, all in favor.

Old Business:

Newsletter – Bob mentioned the need for articles and pictures for all events.

Toys for Tots review- All went well, yet it needs more advertising. Please ask John Dewing to send notes in email without the need to open a package.

For the Halloween party, Marjorie Coakley spent a week getting ready with her daughter Ellie advertising without assistance. The membership needs to take an active role with the events. That night only Maria and Aaron help set up. Marjorie put on a wonderful Halloween party.

New Business:

Nominations and Vote for Board of Governors 2018 –

Cheryl Comento was nominated for Chief, elected and ran unopposed

Nathan was nominated for Deputy Chief, elected and ran unopposed

Bob Anderson was nominated for Governor at Large elected and ran unopposed

Graeme Coakley was nominated for Governor at Large elected and ran unopposed

Melva Irvine was nominated for Governor at Large elected and ran unopposed

Scribe remains open- the Board of Governors will rotate maintaining minutes until filled.

Report & Announcements:

Kilted Bowling will be on February 10 at Noon

Tartan Day will be coordinated by Bob Anderson for April. There was discussion on the difficulty in time and day of the week scheduling.

24th Annual Burns Night - January 26, 2018

Burns Night Request for decorating enticed Ed Lammas & Cheryl Village to come early & work the door. Solicited and received Burns Night Address to Haggis by John Ralston and MC Bob Anderson

Next General Meeting:

West Valley Branch Library: April 6 at 7:00 pm.

Adjournment:

8:35 pm – Dorrie Scherer moved to adjourn, Lyn Irvine seconded, all in favor.

Entertainment:

Our new Governor-at-Large, Melva Irvine led sixteen members in a rousing game of Bunco.

Thank you to Nathan Irvine for standing in for the Scribe.



Dorrie Scherer

SBSS Toys for Tots was held on December 1, 2017, at Harry's Hofbrau. We had dinner and some drinks, sang some Christmas Carols, had raffle prizes, and played trivia games. Good food, good cheer, and a great time was had by all.

Special thanks for the presents people brought for the SBSS to donate to Toys for Tots. A special thanks to the Marine Corp for helping children have a better holiday, Thanks, Marines!
Good friends.... Looking forward to next year... Thanks, everyone.

SBSS 2018 BOARD OF GOVERNORS (BOG)



Left to Right:
Melva Irvine - G@L
Lori Daly - Steward
Nathan Irvine - Deputy Chief
Cheryl Comento - Chief
Bob Anderson - G@L
Graeme Coakley - G@L
Dorrie Scherer - Seanachie

Please welcome the new BOG. With their work and your help, we will have a great year for the SBSS.

HOLIDAY SCOTTISH EVENTS

Dorrie Scherer

Here is my quick report on the two Scottish holiday events I attended this last season.

November 18, 2017: A Scottish Music & Dance in Saratoga. Featuring Highland Dancers, Piper Bruce Cotter, The Macintosh Pipe Band, and San Jose School of Highland Dancing. It was very good; I enjoyed it very much. Raffle too, but I did not win. Tea room with lots of goodies.

December 3, 2017: St. Andrew's Scottish Christmas. Scottish Fiddlers, Stewart Tartan Pipers & Drums, and San Jose School of Highland Dancing. Saw only two other SBSS members I knew, Sue & Burr Nissen (performing with Stewart Tartan Pipers). It was a great show; I enjoyed it very much.



MOVIES, MOVIES, MOVIES

SBSS MOVIE NIGHT!

Starts Friday, February 16, 7:00 PM

Round Table Pizza Parlor
 1400 Campbell Ave.
 Campbell, CA 95008
[map](#)

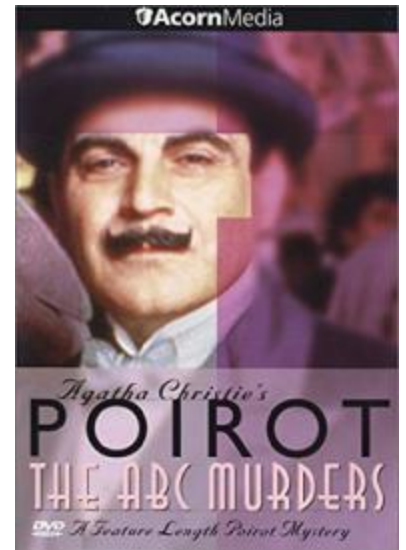
The 2018 season is beginning!

A grand return with more video entertainment once a month at a venue with good food, seating and fellow movie aficionados!

Feb, 16 

“Agatha Christie - The ABC Murders”

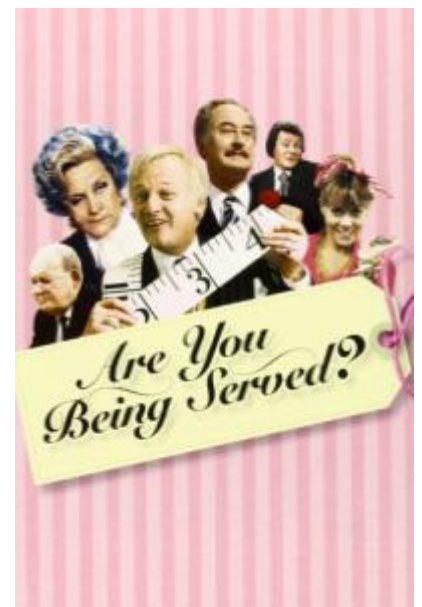
Returning from South America, Arthur Hastings meets with his old friend Hercules Poirot, at his new flat in London. Poirot shows him a mysterious letter he received, signed "A.B.C.," that details a crime that is to be committed very soon in August, which he suspects will be a murder. [more](#)



Mar. 16 

The Quiet Man

Sean Thornton has returned from America to reclaim his homestead and escape his past. Sean's eye is caught by Mary Kate Danaher, a beautiful but poor maiden, and younger sister of ill-tempered "Red" Will Danaher. The riotous relationship that forms between Sean and Mary Kate, punctuated by Will's pugnacious attempts to keep them apart. [more](#)



Apr. 20 

Are you being Served?

This comedy series, which follows the exploits of employees at London's Grace Brothers department store, is full of sexual innuendo, slapstick, visual gags and double entendres. [more](#)

A nominal donation is requested to help defray the cost of our annual permit to show these films publicly

**SOUTH BAY SCOTTISH SOCIETY
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION OR RENEWAL FORM**

Please complete this form and return it with your check, made out to: **SBSS**

Mail to: SBSS Membership, 1020 E. Empire St., San Jose, CA 95112

Questions: Lori Daly (408) 644-0649 or steward@southbayscots.org

Membership Dues: Individual and Immediate Household - \$18 annually Jan.-Dec.

Save \$15 by prepaying membership dues for 5 years for \$75.

New Renewal

Date: ____ / ____ / ____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Email: _____

Phone: () _____ Birthday m/d: ____ / ____

Would you be willing to help?

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The purpose of the South Bay Scottish Society is to stimulate and sustain an interest in Scotland; to provide education regarding its history, traditions and culture; to bring together people of Scottish heritage; to promote good will between its members and the general public; and to perform such charitable good works as may be reasonable and appropriate.

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