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MAY 2018



DARTS NIGHT

Chief Cheryl

After several changes to our Darts Night Event, we have finally settled into our 2nd Thursday of the month routine at Britannia Arms on Almaden Blvd with members meeting at 6:00 PM for a lively dinner followed by a rousing game of darts starting between 7:00 and 7:30 PM. This event has developed a regular following of members thus far but hey, the more the merrier. If you're holding out because you're not great at darts, don't worry; our darts hit the floor about as often as they hit the dartboard, but we are improving little by little. To date Marjorie Coakley has been the luckiest with the most wins, but that may soon be challenged

now that Lyn Irvine is able to use her right hand again.

We hope to see more members join in the fun so that we can create some fun team competition with prizes for the evening's winner.

WHO MADE MINI GOLF?

Bob Anderson & John Dewing

There are conflicting accounts as to what prompted Garnet Carter, who already owned a real golf course, to open a miniature one in the late 1920s. His wife, Frieda, believed it was meant to distract "golf widows"—much as the Ladies Putting Club, built in 1867, did at the renowned St. Andrews links in Scotland. But Carter, who owned the Fairyland Inn, a hotel outside Chattanooga, TN, created more than a distraction. His course was different from other forays into mini golf. It had hollowed-out tree trunks and gnomes. It was, Nina Garfinkel and Maria Reidelbach wrote in *Miniature Golf*, "a way of reinforcing the Never Never Land atmosphere the inn strove to create."

HOW DO I JOIN THE FUN?

Join the competition this spring on June 23rd at Golfland USA in Sunnyvale for our annual South Bay Scottish Society Miniature Golf Tournament. Tee off is at 12 noon so please be there a little early to sign in and form a foursome. Wear your kilt if you like and bring your own putter if you have one. Play your best because prizes will be awarded to our top players. Afterward we will go just a few miles down the road to The Duke of Edinburgh Pub on N. Wolfe Road in Cupertino where we will get together for lunch and refreshments.



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SBSS/CITY/COUNTY TARTAN DAY EVENT

Bob Anderson



This year we planned to hold our annual Tartan Day recognition event at San Jose City Hall as we have the past few years. Scheduled for noon on Friday April 6th, we had the usual host of Color Guard, Pipers, Dancers and Speakers prepared to participate. Unfortunately, due to several factors, including, new staff, new regulations and fees, miscommunication, and a missed deadline, we had to cancel. We will try again next year since this a great opportunity, with the nation, to recognize Scottish-Americans and their contributions.

Many thanks to all who were ready to participate.

SBSS NEWSLETTER AND MORE

Newsletter Editor

The SBSS newsletter is your portal in to the world of the South Bay Scottish Society, related community groups and events, and interesting Scottish stuff. I try to include interesting facts and short articles that might interest you. I would appreciate comments and especially suggestions on subjects to cover in the newsletter.

Send suggestions and comments to:
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May

- 6 PBFSCO Flying Scotsman
10:00 - 1:00
Niles Canyon Railroad
6 Kilcare Road, Sunol
[map](#)
- 7 SBSS Board of Governors Meeting
7:00 PM
Round Table Pizza Parlor
1400 Campbell Ave, Campbell, CA
[map](#)
- 10 Darts Night
6:00 PM
Britannia Arms
5027 Almaden Expy, San Jose, CA
[map](#)
- 18 Movie Night – Whiskey Galore
7:00 PM
Round Table Pizza Parlor
1400 Campbell Ave, Campbell, CA
[map](#)
- 26 SBSS Golf Tournament
10 am-1 pm
Blackberry Farm Golf Course
[map](#)

June

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

- 14 Darts Night
6:00 PM
Britannia Arms
5027 Almaden Expy, San Jose, CA
- 15 Movie Night – Horatio Hornblower:
The Duchess And the Devil
7:00 PM
Round Table Pizza Parlor
1400 Campbell Ave, Campbell, CA
[map](#)
- 23 SBSS Mini Golf
11 am-1 pm
Golfland USA, Sunnyvale
[map](#)

July

- 2 SBSS Board of Governors Meeting
7:00 PM
Round Table Pizza Parlor
1400 Campbell Ave, Campbell, 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](#)
- 12 Darts Night
6:00 PM
Britannia Arms
5027 Almaden Expy, San Jose, CA
- 20 Movie Night – Poirot:
Death in the Clouds
7:00 PM
Round Table Pizza Parlor
1400 Campbell Ave, Campbell, CA
[map](#)

2018 HIGHLAND GAMES SEASON

Some event links may not be updated to 2018 event yet

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

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

~~Cancelled Oct 6 – [Big Trees Scottish Games](#) [Roaring Camp](#), Felton~~



***Dear friends of the Big Trees Scottish Gathering
and Highland Games,***

It is with a heavy heart that I announce that the Gathering will not be happening in 2018. The powers that be at Roaring Camp have decided not to have us back. They have instead decided to expand their harvest and steam festival and have thus made the grounds unavailable to us. When first envisioning the games at Roaring Camp I thought our event would finally find a long-term home. The venues natural beauty and the areas long Scottish history made it in my mind a perfect fit. Roaring Camp itself derived its name from the original Scottish settlement founded in the mid-1800s. I had hoped the powers that be would understand and share our vision and embrace our celebration, allowing us to continue to support worthy local community programs in appreciation for the support the community has passionately showed us. Sadly, and to our community's loss, Roaring Camp does not appear to share that vision.

And so, with humble gratitude I thank all who did share our vision and partook in our endeavor over the years to make it a success, the wonderful community that supported us, the participants who entertained and educated us and the volunteers whose blood, sweat and tears for a day made the myth and magic happen. Alba go bragh!

Slainte,

Jeff Simpson, Chief

Big Trees Scottish Gathering and Highland Games

**COME TO THE
JULY GENERAL MEETING WITH
GOOD EATS AND SCOTTISH
COUNTRY DANCING**

Chief Cheryl

Our next South Bay Scottish Society General Meeting will be held on July 6th, 2018, at the San Jose Public Library, West Valley Branch 1243 San Tomas Aquino Rd. San Jose, CA 95117. Please note our new start time is 6:00 PM for our potluck dinner with the General Meeting now starting at 6:30 PM. This will allow for more time for the entertainment portion of our meeting.

Kathy Allen will be our guest presenter at this meeting with a history of Scottish Folk dance and instruction. Bring the family and come prepared to dance.



WHISKEY & CRAFT BEER TASTING

Thursday, May 10, 2018
from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

@Five Points

169 W. Santa Clara Street
San Jose, CA 95113



Join the San Jose - Dublin Sister City Program for a fun-filled evening in support of the Pat McMahon Masters Level Scholarship Series with food, libations, music, comradery, surprises, and just a bit of blarney!

Your ticket includes a one-year inaugural membership (\$25 value) in the San Jose Dublin Sister City Program. Benefits include invitations to free and discounted events, and more! [Tickets](#)

The mission of the San Jose - Dublin Sister City Program is to develop cultural, economic, artistic and sporting ties between San Jose and Dublin as well as Silicon Valley. The program includes Irish Week, Education, Sporting, Community Outreach, the Arts and Business.

For more information visit www.sanjosedublin.org.



SBSS 2018 ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Bob Anderson

We will meet again at Blackberry Farm Golf Course in Cupertino on May 26th this year for our annual Golf Tournament. Tee off is 10:00 am so please be there by 9:45 to sign in. This is a short 9-hole course that rents clubs if you need. A normally uncrowded course with a slower rate of play, it is well suited to less skilled players and beginners. Afterward we will meet at the Duke of Edinburgh Pub on N. Wolfe Rd. where prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers, we'll have lunch and socialize. This challenging ancient Scottish game with its exercise in the fresh air with friends make this one of our best events.

As a Christmas present one year, the Laird gave his gamekeeper, MacPhail, a deerstalker hat with ear-flaps. MacPhail was most appreciative and always wore it with the flaps tied under his chin to keep his ears warm in the winter winds. One cold, windy day the Laird noticed he was not wearing the hat.

"Where's the hat?" asked the Laird.

"I've given up wearing it since the accident," replied MacPhail.

"Accident? I didn't know you'd had an accident."

"Yes. A man offered me a nip of whisky and I had the earflaps down and never heard him."

Have you heard the rumour that the Grand Canyon was started by a Scotsman who lost a coin in a ditch?

SBSS AND ROUNDED SPHERES

Rounded Spheres, otherwise known as Bowling Balls. Why was the SBSS involved? Killed Bowling once again came on Feb. 10th to Homestead Lanes at high noon. The showdown was fierce, but all had a great time.



A great after party was enjoyed by the participants at The Duke of Edinburgh in Cupertino

NEW MEMBERS

New members join our ranks. Please make them feel welcome at our events: John Orrock of Sunnyvale and Peg Radcliffe of San Jose.



HAGGIS - N - HOSPITALS

[Electric Scotland](#)

A newly qualified doctor arrives for his first day at a hospital, deep in the Welsh valleys. He is met by one of the sisters, who has been given the task of showing him around the hospital and introducing him to the staff and patients.



It is a large hospital and it takes the whole day to get round. By late afternoon they are working their way through the psychiatric block and as the time approaches for the evening meal they arrive at the last ward. They follow the dinner trolley into the ward and wait while one of the nurses lifts the lid on the food tray. To the doctor's surprise there is but a single haggis on the tray to feed a whole ward. One of the patients moves towards the trolley in a purposeful manner addressing the haggis,

Fair fa' your honest, sonsie face,
Great chieftain o the puddin'-race!
Aboon them a' ye tak your place,
Painch, tripe, or thairm:
Weel are ye wordy of a grace
As lang's my arm.

Before he can reach the haggis another patient sprints forward, grabs the simple repast and dashes up the ward. He proudly holds the haggis aloft and cries out in a commanding voice,

Some hae meat and cannae eat.
Some cannae eat that want it:
But we hae meat and we can eat,
Sae let the Lord be thankit.

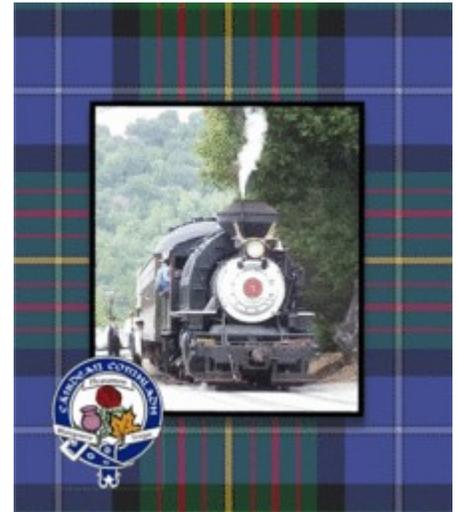
At this, a kilted dervish leaps from his bed, whips a skien dubh out of his sock and lunges at the haggis carrier. With a deft movement the haggis bearer fend off the flashing blade with the haggis. Although this prevents any injury it does result in the top of the haggis being hacked off. A small mouse obviously waiting upon this event dashes out from under a bed, grabs the loose piece of haggis and scampers up the ward, running the gauntlet of slashing claymores and hurled dirks from various patients. At the end of the ward stands a bent and wizened old man with a wild fire in his eyes. He screams at the mouse,

Wee sleekit, cow'rin, tim'rous beastie,
O, what a panic's in thy breastie!
Thou need na start awa sae hasty,
Wi bickering brattle!
I wad be laith to rin an chase thee,
Wi murdering pattle!

And then dives upon the poor little mouse. With a left dummy and a right feint, the mouse dodges between the old man's legs, through a hole in the skirting board and to safety with his prize. The doctor turns to the sister and asks, "Why is this psychiatric ward so full of Scotsmen?" "Oh no, doctor, these are not Scotsmen, they are genuine valley dwellers born and bred", she replies, "and, anywa, this is not a psychiatric ward, it is the serious Burns unit"

FLYING SCOTSMAN, PBFSCO STYLE

Annual Niles Canyon Train Ride,
Annual General meeting and picnic
Sunday, May 6th
Train departs 10:15am promptly!



ALL ABOARD! Wear your tartan and bring your children. Aye, there will be pipes on the journey! The train will take us from the Sunol Station to Niles and back. The train leaves promptly at 10:15 am so please arrive early. There is free parking at Sunol Station. The ride is about 1.5 hours but you may stop in Niles for a walkabout if desired.

After the train ride we will meet in the adjacent park for our Annual General Meeting (AGM) and picnic with family and friends. All are welcome. FYI, lunch is NOT included in the ticket price so don't forget to bring your own. Space is limited so get your reservations soon!

Train Ride Cost:

Adults \$18 || Children (3-12 years) \$8 || Seniors (62+) \$13 || Infants (2 years and under) Free.

Tickets can also be purchased online through our website www.pbfSCO.org or <http://FlyingScotsman2018.bpt.me>.

PBFSCO - The purpose of the Pleasanton - Blairgowrie - Fergus Sister City Organization is to promote understanding and friendship between the citizens of Pleasanton, Blairgowrie, and Fergus and their respective regions, and to encourage and facilitate the exchange of people and culture between the communities.

TRADITIONAL GAELIC "SEAN-FHACAIL" OR PROVERBS

Excerpts: A Genealogical History of Glendale and Neighboring communities

As an teine don ghriasaich Out of the fire, into the embers; from bad to worse

Luathaid gu deanamh maille Too much rush causes delay.

Iallan fada a lethair duin eile Long laces from another man's leather; taking advantage of another.

Am fear a gheibh ainm na mocheirich, faoidh e cadal anmoch The man who is known as an early riser can sleep late.

Gheibh faidhidinn furstachd Patience will get relief or reward.

Bosd gun chur leis Pride with nothing to back it up.

SW ann mu seach a sheideas na builg The bellows blows one about; one is up today and down tomorrow.

Mollaidh an t-each math e fhein The good horse will praise itself.

Cha tig spilgein air fear eiginn A person in need gets nothing.

An rud a dh'fhalbhas chan e d'fhonis What is gone or goes isn't sufficient.

Suirghe cein is posadh am bun na h ursainn Distant courting and marrying close at hand (at the door posts).

Rud nach cluin cluas cha ghluais cridhe That which the ear doesn't hear won't stir the heart.

Cuimhnichibh air na daoine bho'n d'thainig sibh Remember the people whom you come from.

Proverb: A short pithy saying in general use, stating a general truth or piece of advice.



MOVIES, MOVIES, MOVIES (Yes THREE!)
SBSS MOVIE NIGHT!
Continues Friday, May 18, 7:00 PM

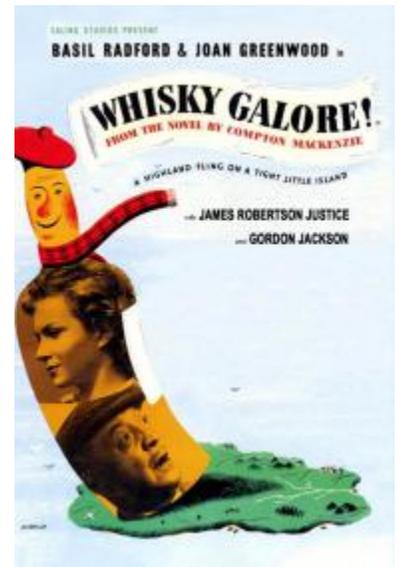
Round Table Pizza Parlor
 1400 Campbell Ave.
 Campbell, CA 95008
[map](#)

The 2018 season is charging ahead!

Continued Scottish / Irish / British movies once a month at a venue with good food, seating and great company for a good time!

May 18 
Whiskey Galore

Islanders off the coast of Scotland compete with a stuffy English commander to recover 50,000 cases of whisky from a wrecked cargo vessel.
[more](#)

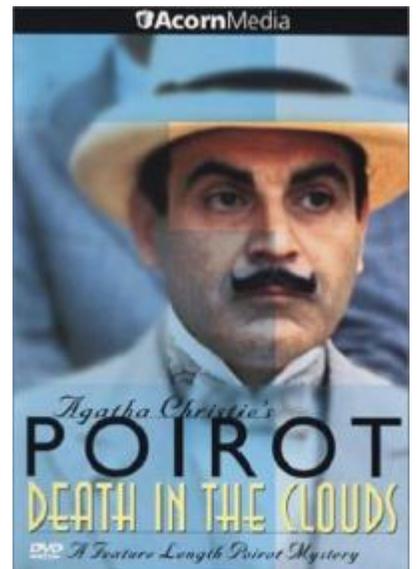


June 15 
Horatio Hornblower: The Duchess And the Devil

Lt. Hornblower and his crew are captured by the enemy while escorting a Duchess who has secrets of her own.
[more](#)

July 20 
Poirot: Death in the Clouds

While Poirot sleeps on an airplane flight from Paris to London, a notorious French moneylender is murdered with a poisoned dart.
[more](#)



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

SOUTH BAY SCOTTISH SOCIETY
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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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