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FROM THE CHIEF

Chief Cheryl

Greetings Everyone

This past year has been unlike any other for most of us if not all of us. The Covid 19 virus has forced us to change how we live and how we interact with others. We've had to be apart from those we love, our families and friends and many of the activities we enjoy in life.

I sincerely hope that in the not too distant future we will be able to resume some of our activities. I read a research report from Bloomberg that with the current rate of vaccinations the United States we will reach 75% herd immunity just in time to celebrate New Year's Eve 2022. With the ramp up of vaccine sites I hoping it will be sooner and that we can plan some activities for the fall. It would be so great to see everyone again.

So let's all be optimistic about the future and a return to life as normal in the not too distant future. Until then I wish you good health and happiness. Stay Safe.

SCOTTISH SAYINGS

- Gonnae no' dae that! – *Don't do that.*
- Pure dead brilliant – *Amazing.*
- Yer bum's oot the windae – *You are lying or exaggerating.*
- Am pure done in – *I am pretty tired.*
- Am a pure nick – *I am not looking my best.*
- Ah umnae – *I am not.*
- Ma heid's mince – *My head is mince, meaning I'm a bit confused.*
- Yer oot yer face! – *You're extremely intoxicated from the effects of alcohol.*
- Yer aff yer heid – *You're off your head – crazy.*
- T' Auld Yin – *The old one.*
- Scran – food.

SBSS BOG FOR 2021



Due to COVID restrictions, the SBSS has not had any gatherings since the beginning of the lockdown last March.

The February General Meeting usually has the elections for the Board of Governors. Since this is not possible right now, the elections will be held at the first General Meeting of the year. When the date is determined, you will be informed. We look forward to the restart of events and your participation.

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HAGGIS ANYONE?

With Burns Supper not happening this year I am sure that some of you may be suffering from haggis withdrawal. To help you thru this tough time, we look to Amazon:

[Stahly Traditional Scottish Haggis](#) 15oz, (Pack of 2)

\$24.95

4.2 stars

Vegitarian option
Available



\$14.15 + \$25.00 shipping

5 star

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5 stars

- Everything you need for yer nicht wi Burns!
- This kit will make over a 5lb haggis, enough to serve over 20 generous portions
- 6 Cans of haggis
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BREXIT CHANGED THE GAME ON SCOTTISH INDEPENDENCE

[Excerpt](#) from Scottish First Minister Nicola Sturgeon 01/02/21

The COVID crisis has reminded us as never before of our common humanity as countries across the world face the same huge challenge of keeping people safe.

With the development of vaccines — in itself an astonishing collaborative international project — we can now look ahead to better days. And as we start the process of rebuilding our economies and societies, that same collective spirit will be more important than ever.

Unfortunately for those of us in Scotland we are, at the same time, at the sharp end of a very different project, driven by very different values: Brexit.

The overwhelming majority of people in Scotland voted to remain within the EU.

That's not surprising. The founding values of the EU — human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, the rule of law and respect for human rights — are Scotland's values.

Over our nearly 50 years of membership, we have benefited enormously from the single market's "four freedoms", including freedom of movement.

More than 230,000 people from across Europe have made Scotland their home. They are part of who we are, they are our friends and family and we really want them to stay.

And in turn I believe Scotland has contributed a great deal to wider European goals.

Indeed, looking at the big challenges, aside from COVID, facing the EU, such as the climate emergency and building a much more inclusive "well-being" economy, Scotland has much to offer.

On climate, for example, we have around a quarter of Europe's offshore wind and tidal potential.

In the Brexit vote back in 2016, the U.K. as a whole of course voted to leave the EU despite the strong vote for remain in Scotland.

Recognizing the different preferences in the different countries of the U.K. (with Northern Ireland as well as Scotland voting to remain and England and Wales voting to leave) the Scottish government proposed a compromise.

That would have meant the U.K. leaving the EU but staying in the single market but that compromise offer was rejected out of hand by the U.K. government, which wanted then, and still does now, a more distant relationship for reasons it has never been able to explain.

We are now faced with a hard Brexit against our will, at the worst possible time in the middle of a pandemic and economic recession.

It will mean disruption in the short term, while establishing new, long-term barriers.

Our people will be less safe and their right to work, study and live elsewhere in Europe will be restricted. This includes the loss of Erasmus which saw more than 2,000 Scottish students, staff and learners use the scheme each year.

It is therefore not surprising that a consistent majority of people in Scotland now say they are in favour of becoming an independent country.

Scotland, like all nations, is unique. The same can be said of our constitutional circumstances.

The U.K. is a voluntary union of countries, in which Scotland has its own distinct legal and education system, and a government and parliament in charge of a range of domestic affairs, such as health and the environment, but not currently — as Brexit has so clearly exposed — issues such as international and European affairs.

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Editor Note: This excerpt is informational and does not express an opinion by the South Bay Scottish Society or it's membership.



MOVIES, MOVIES, MOVIES SBSS MOVIE NIGHT @ HOME ! Anytime is a good time

The SBSS will announce when our monthly movie night will resume. This doesn't mean you have to go without your SBSS movie. Find a movie on your streaming service of choice, get your dinner or a tasty snack and enjoy the show.

Here are a few suggestions:

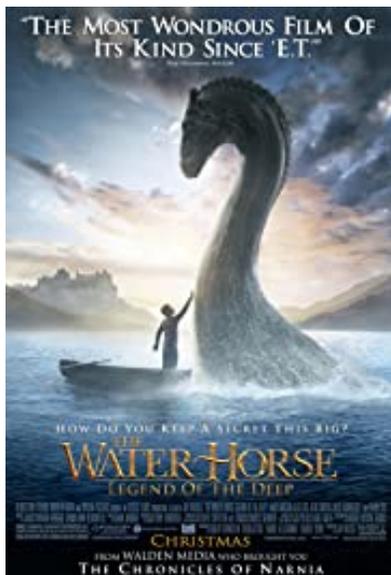
Brave

Disney+, 2012, PG



Determined to make her own path in life, Princess Merida (Kelly Macdonald) defies a custom that brings chaos to her kingdom. Granted one wish, Merida must rely on her bravery and her archery skills to undo a beastly curse.

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The Water Horse

Amazon Prime, 2007, \$2.99, PG



A boy finds an interesting egg. His curiosity leads him to protect it and want to figure out what will come out of it. He didn't realize that it would turn into something magical. The boy and the Water horse grow a strong relationship together in this wonderful story..

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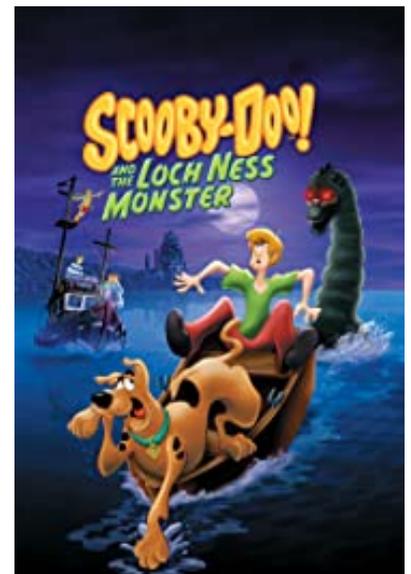
Scooby Doo and the Loch Ness Monster

Amazon Prime, 2004, G
\$2.99 to rent



While the gang travel to Scotland to visit Daphne's cousin and witness the Highland Games, they find themselves terrorized by the legendary Loch Ness Monster.

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Extra: Song of the Sea

Amazon Prime
\$3.99
PG

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