

St. Andrews Society of NW Michigan
“Northern Thistle”
Sep 2014



Sunday, Oct 12 – SAS Annual Meeting potluck – Traverse Hills Clubhouse

Sunday, Nov 30 – Annual St. Andrews Day Dinner - Mt Holiday

Sunday, Jan 25 – Burns Night Gathering

Sunday, April 12 – Spring Potluck – Traverse Hills Clubhouse

Please Note: If you are a current SAS member, attached are the by-laws. Suggested changes should be sent to president Jim Mills by October 1. Proposed amendments will be forwarded to all members for consideration and voted on at the Oct 12th Annual Meeting. (jmills@mhc.net)

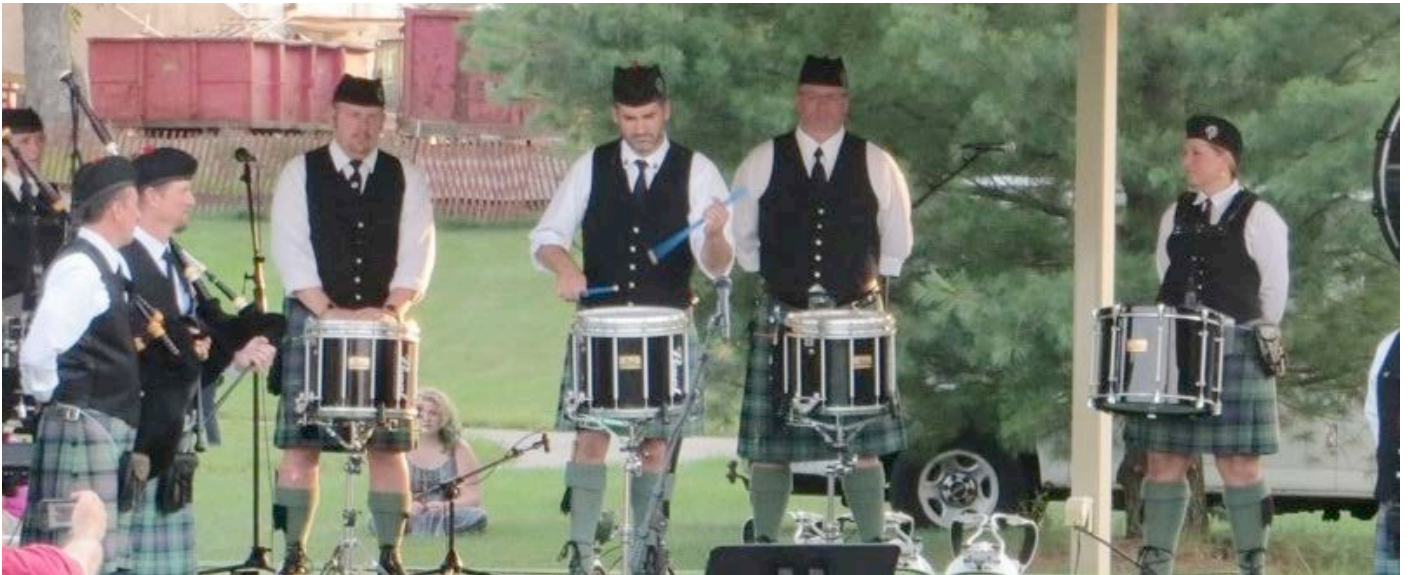
What a pair of evenings! First, the Grand Traverse Pipes and Drums annual concert on the lawn. Gorgeous venue, perfect weather, outstanding music! SASers gave out shortbread samples to booth visitors. Thanks go to the members donating shortbread: Moroff, Latimer, McColl, Gwyn, Kinloch and Sarna. Booth help included the Buchanans & McColls. The large maps of Scotland shown in photo were brought by the Kinlochs from Ellsworth. A great-looking booth indeed.

Two nights later a party at Brewery Terra Firma celebrated the band's 40th anniversary. Another delightful evening. SASers who weren't there missed something special.

Did you know the band just won 2nd place in the 2014 U.S. Open Championships? And the drum corps came in 1st! They should be very proud.



Grand Traverse Pipes and Drums annual concert on the lawn



Picnic Report: The Silver Lake Recreation Area was a hit, being more convenient for most members *and* very nice. What fun! The weather couldn't have been better . . . considering they'd predicted an 80% chance of rain earlier that week!

The Fricke-Veltman and Innes clans added some new athletes to our Highland Games—a caber, the 28# weight and a stone. Also available were horseshoes & badminton. (See photos on Oct 12.) Supervisor & judge Alan McColl made sure everyone played safely. We missed our *resident brawn* Jim Mills, unable to attend for the first time in 17 years.

Clyde and Jane alternated playing pipes & harp, soothing us one minute and rousing us the next. ☺

Gloria brought a WSJ article on the vote coming up in Scotland, which Alan read aloud. We agreed ahead of time to *not* have a discussion afterward . . . or we might still be there! And, being Scots, it could have come to blows. (;)

Scottish Book Sale – Thanks go to SAS member and voracious reader Gloria Veltman who generously donated a dozen+ books to the SAS, all taking place in Scotland and/or written by Scots. They'll be for sale at the October 12th dinner, reasonably priced. Proceeds go to a good cause . . . the SASNM! Thanks, Gloria.

Interesting Fact: Dues to the Detroit St. Andrews Society are \$65 *per person*. They went up from \$35 to \$65 in 5 years. BTW, have you paid your SASNM dues? (Are you *sure*?)

Members, please check out the Visitor Center at the new Botanic Garden on Silver Drive off Silver Lake Road. What a neat little hall for an SAS gathering! Seating 42 *very* comfortably, 50 *comfortably*, a view on three sides, kitchenette suitable for potlucks or caterers, and a patio make it very inviting. And let us know your thoughts. (There is a rental charge.)

Nov 21, 2015 - The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society Detroit Branch will host a 35th anniversary ball in Troy. Reserve the date if these interest you: Authentic Polish food, advanced Highland dancing & piping, Scottish Country Dance Band, and all the SCD you care to watch. There will be *ceilidh* dances as well. (For the group's 30th, haggis-stuffed *pierogis* were served!)

Grand Traverse Pipes & Drums Schedule:

Sunday, October 26 – TC Presbyterian Scottish Luncheon

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From the *Lyman Williams Collection*: Why are bagpipers' fingers like lightning? They rarely strike the same spot twice.

(Be watching for a bagpipe joke in every newsletter, thanks to Joan who donated Lyman's folder to the SAS.)

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