



# THISTLE EPISTLE

Promoting Scottish Heritage & Cultural Preservation

## Tartan Day

Saturday, April 6th

10am-2pm

Shadle Park Library

2111 W. Wellesley Ave

All are welcome to come celebrate with the Society! Readings of the National Tartan Day, Declaration of Arbroath, pipe band and dance performances, kilt making exhibit, genealogy & so much more!

## AGM

Sunday, April 28th

4-6pm

O'Doherty's Downtown

525 W. Spokane Falls Blvd

Please join us for our AGM. Elections, reports, upcoming events & more. We would love to hear from you!



## Successful Robert Burns!

Another sold out Robert Burns Dinner & Scholarship in the books! Thank you to Doug Malcolm & committee for a fantastic evening and fun had by all. Jason Gordon and crew memorized as always with the traditional haggis ceremony while other affiliate members shared their talents with us throughout the evening. Thank you to all of you who attended this event and you can mark your calendars for next year, **January 25th, 2020!**



## Summer Picnic

Saturday, August 10th

5pm - whenever

Doug Malcolm's House

13411 S. Sherman Ave

Please join us for tons of fun Summer Picnic! The society will provide the main entree, please bring a side to share.



## Gathering of the Bands

Saturday, June 22nd

TBD - Noon - Evening

CDA Park, CDA, Idaho

Invitational gathering of regional pipe bands for a day of socializing, performing and building community in downtown CDA. This event is hosted by the CDA Firefighters Pipes & Drums and includes public performances in the day and a pub crawl at night. Visit [cdaffpd.org](http://cdaffpd.org) for more info. Picture right is from last year.

## Spokane Highland Games - Saturday, August 3rd

Happy almost Spring to all of you! The Spokane Highland Games Association is busy working on all facets of the games, and we just marched in the St. Paddy's parade where we passed out business cards/coupons to parade goers. Carla Carnegie is working on booking the Celtic bands for Games day. Our publicity group will start working on plans for this year's advertising. John Blunt is working on organizing the pipe & drum competition while Marie Darling is planning the Highland Dance Competition. Our artist Dale Hamilton is working on the design for this year's games. It will be used on our t-shirts, posters, and other advertising. Sondra Willman our Secretary and Athletic Director is having a design done for the athletic shirts. All of our committees are working diligently to bring you a fun day.

We have two new members Heather McDougall and Sandy Sheenan. Visit our website [www.spokanehighlandgames.net](http://www.spokanehighlandgames.net) for more information. Remember to like us on Facebook, where members will be introduced and info added for athletics, dancing, piping and drumming, and much more.

Support and sponsor the Spokane Highland Games, so we can keep growing.

Thank you,

Cheryl A. McLean, Chair

Spokane Highland Games Association

AGM - Elections & Agenda on next page. We hope to see you there! April 28th, 4-6pm O'Doherty's



The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Society will take place on April 28th, 2019, starting at 4:00 pm, at O'Doherty's downtown, 525 W Spokane Falls Blvd. All members are urged to attend.

A draft agenda for the meeting is shown below.

In order to maintain continuity in the running of the Society, the elections of President and Secretary are held in alternate years to those of Vice-President and Treasurer. At this meeting, elections will be held for the offices of Vice President and Treasurer for two-year terms.

The Treasurer is responsible for maintaining the financial records of the Society, providing financial information, making payments, and preparing the necessary government filings.

The office of Treasurer is currently held by Kathy Wiebers. She has agreed to stand for nomination as Treasurer, for a two-year term.

The duties of the Vice-President are to chair meetings of Council in the absence of the President, and to ensure the organization of the Society's annual Burns Night celebration in January.

The office of Vice-President is currently held by Doug Malcolm. He has agreed to stand for nomination as Vice-President for a two-year term in the event that no one else is willing to run.

Please note that having the above nominations does not stop other nominations from being made. In fact, the Society welcomes nominations of people who have not held office before; new officers are required to carry the Society forward. Accordingly, nominations are invited for both posts. Any member of the Society is eligible to serve: note though that persons nominated must agree to the nomination.

Nominations may be sent by email to [spokanescots@gmail.com](mailto:spokanescots@gmail.com), or by ordinary mail to PO Box 11312, Spokane WA 99211. In addition, nominations may be made from the floor at the AGM.

The Bylaws allow for proxies to be entered where members are unable to attend the meeting in person. Proxies may be sent by mail or email, to the addresses for nominations referred to above; or they can be brought by a member who is in attendance at the meeting. They should specify the person who can vote the proxy, and clearly name the member granting the proxy. Members may if they wish specify "The Secretary" as the person who can vote the proxy. Note that proxies count towards the quorum of members for the meeting: no quorum, no meeting! So please, if you cannot attend in person, do take the time to email or otherwise send in a proxy. Proxies may be general, allowing the proxy holder to vote on any motion that arises at the meeting. Or they may be specific to one or more particular motions.

Motions which will be voted on include items last year's minutes, financial results for the year and election of officers.



## **Sunday, April 28th, 4-6pm - O'Doherty's**

### AGM draft agenda

- I. Call to order
2. Membership and quorum
3. Minutes of the last AGM
4. Financial report for the year ended March 31st, 2019
5. President's Report
6. Election of officers: Vice President & Treasurer
7. Affiliate reports
8. Scholarships
9. Plans for the upcoming year
10. State of the Society: How is the Society meeting the needs of its members? How far is it addressing its mission of supporting and representing Scottish culture in the greater Spokane area? Is there anything we should be doing - or not doing?
- II. Any member's issues or concerns they wish to bring up.
12. Adjournment