

Celebrate the

47th Annual

Tacoma Highland Games

June 24 - 25, 2016

Dancing

Pipes and Drums

Heavy Events

Scottish Animals

Vendors

Clan Gathering

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Frontier Park

21718 Meridian Ave East

Graham, WA 98338

Information & Registration

Available at

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TO EXIT →



Schedule of Events

8:00 a.m.	Main Gate Opens	
	Food Vendors Open	Food Court
	Registration: Piping & Drumming	Piping /Drumming Area
	Registration: Heavy Events Competition	Heavy Events Arena
8:30 a.m.	Piping & Drumming Competition	Piping/Drumming Area
	Clan Tents and Vendors Open	
	British Isles' Car Show	Frontier Lodge Parking Lot
9:00 a.m.	Adult Heavy Events Competition	Heavy Events Arena
	Celtic Entertainment	Main Stage
	Tacoma Rangers Hurling/Gaelic Football	Behind Frontier Lodge
	Registration: Youth Field Events	Information Booth
10:00 a.m.	Highland Dance Competition	Dancing Stage
	Children's Activities	Corral
	First Tee Golf	Near Corral
	Whisky/Mead Tasting Tent Opens	Beer Tent Area
10:30 a.m.	Harpers' Circle	Harpers' Stage
11:00 a.m.	Scottish Country Dancers.....	Clan/Vendor Area
12 noon	Opening Ceremonies	Main Stage
	Master of Ceremonies	Ralph Munro
	Presentation of Colors	SAMS, Massed Bands
	Procession of Dignitaries, Parade of Clans	Pipe Major Scott Lumsden
	National Anthem, U. S. A.	Marilyn Ball
	National Anthem, Scotland	Pat Tougher
	Invocation	Pastor Ken Robinson
	Master of Ceremonies	Michael Walters
	Lament	Margaret McNeill Nelson
	Introduction of Dignitaries and Honored Guests	
	President's Welcome/Sponsor Recognition.....	Diana Kildow
	Presentation: Chieftain of Games	Pat and Jim McDonald
	McNeill Scholarship Award	Margaret McNeill Nelson
	Heavy Events Presentation	Jay O'Neill
	"Let the Games Begin"	Chieftains Pat and Jim McDonald
	Recessional	Margaret McNeill Nelson
1:00 p.m.	Highland Dance Competition	Dancing Stage
	Children's Activities	Corral
	First Tee Golf	Near Corral
	Tacoma Rangers Hurling/Gaelic Football	Behind Frontier Lodge
1:30 p.m.	Youth Field Events Competition	Heavy Events Arena
	Harpers' Circle	Harpers' Stage
	Quartet Competition	Main Stage Area
2:30 p.m.	Pipe Band Competition	Main Stage Area
3:00 p.m.	Celtic Entertainment	Main Stage
	Scottish Country Dancers	Clan/Vendor Area
3:30 p.m.	Procession of the Caber	From Heavy Events Arena
4:30 p.m.	Massed Bands and Awards	Main Stage
5:15 p.m.	Ceilidh	Main Stage
	Information, Lost and Found	Information Booth
	Medical Assistance	First Aid Station

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Tacoma Highland Games Association was formed forty-seven years ago with the purpose of fostering and restoring interest in traditional Scottish and Gaelic culture throughout the Pacific Northwest; and

WHEREAS, over the years, the popularity of the Games has increased and continues to be one of the most pleasant and family oriented Games in the area; and

WHEREAS, on June 25, 2016 the tradition of the Highland Games comes alive at Graham's Frontier Park; and

WHEREAS, the centerpiece of the Games are competitions in four major areas – Highland piping, drumming, dancing and traditional Scottish athletics; and

WHEREAS, most of the participants are from the Pacific Northwest and are some of the most talented competitors in the nation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARILYN STRICKLAND, Mayor of the City of Tacoma, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim June 25, 2016 as

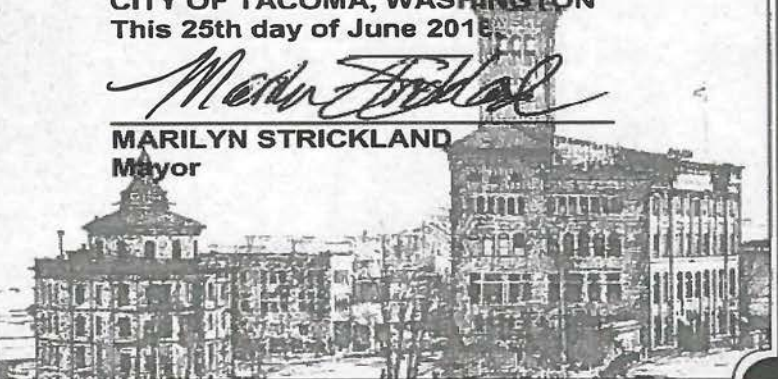
HIGHLAND GAMES DAY

in the City of Tacoma and encourage citizens of all ages, races, genders and backgrounds to learn more about Scottish heritage, culture and traditions by discovering, experiencing and celebrating Celtic art, music and dance.



**WITNESS, THEREFORE, MY HAND
AND THE OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE
CITY OF TACOMA, WASHINGTON**
This 25th day of June 2016.

MARILYN STRICKLAND
Mayor



Master of Ceremonies



Ralph Munro

Ralph Munro is well known as Washington's longtime Secretary of State. Ralph now serves on the board of directors of several Washington firms and continues to foster international relationships, participate in humanitarian efforts and work

for the greater good for the people of Washington State.

In 1980, Ralph Munro was elected to the office of Secretary of State – a position he would hold until his retirement in 2001. While in office, Secretary Munro brought about many innovative changes in the election process in Washington State and a dramatic increase in international trade.

In both his government position and his private life, Ralph has worked to improve the lives of disabled children. He is also recognized as a leader in environmental efforts and an advocate for the orcas of Puget Sound. And as always, he continues to be a strong supporter of the Scottish Community.



Michael Walters

Michael Walters has volunteered to manage the Main Stage at our Highland Games for many years. This year we are pleased to have Michael serving as the Master of Ceremonies. You will hear his voice announcing the many

activities taking place during the day. Michael has volunteered for the Games for over 20 years, served on the Board of Directors and was named Chieftain of the Games in 2009. Michael served with the United States Army as a Paratrooper with the 82nd Airborne Division. Currently, Michael works for the Boeing Company as a Tool Maker, Team Leader and Voluntary Disaster Responder.

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President's Message

Welcome and thank you for attending the 47th annual Tacoma Highland Games. We are excited to offer another free Friday evening Celtic Concert. You will enjoy the outstanding entertainment provided by The Celtic Spoons, Banshie, Blue Cloud Celtic, and our Entertainment/Ceilidh Director Red McWilliams. The evening's entertainment will also include a special bagpipe band presentation. Food, commercial vendors and a Beer Garden will enhance your evening of enjoyment.

I hope you enjoy every minute of Saturday's action-packed day.

You will be amazed at the number of pipers, drummers, dancers, athletes, vendors, harpists, entertainers and clan members assembled together to celebrate Celtic culture and traditions. You will also meet and help honor our 2016 Chieftains Jim and Pat McDonald for their years of service to the Scottish community.

When you walk into Frontier Park this year, you will notice new activities, new faces and events. The board continues its vision of providing a "family friendly" event for all attendees. However, you will also notice a fresh focus on our Celtic heritage. You will enjoy these cultural offerings: (1) a Scottish stone cutting demonstration, (2) Scarlet Arts Designs (Vikings), (3) a touch of British Bites from Puyallup, (4) Daughters of the British Empire, (5) the return of the Irish Wolfhound Club and (6) the Tacoma Rangers Hurling & Gaelic Football Club.

I sincerely appreciate the volunteers, committee chairs, Board of Directors and members of the Tacoma Highland Games Association who work hard to provide these Games year after year. Special recognition and appreciation is extended to our growing list of individual, corporate and award sponsors.

A special "thank you" to the Pierce County Economic Development Division for their \$12,000 Tourism Promotion Grant used specifically for advertising and promoting the 2016 Tacoma Highland Games. The census taken as you entered Frontier Park will be used to substantiate our effective use of the grant funds.

Finally, the Games would not be possible without your support, participation and attendance. Thank you for being here.

Diana Kildow, President





Chieftain of the Day Pat and Jim McDonald

Jim and Pat have been active in the Scottish community since 1996 when they joined the local Scottish country dance group in Enumclaw, under the leadership of the late Rick Murchie. They enjoyed it so much they agreed to take over leadership of the group in 2004. The Plateau Scottish Country Dancers are still going strong, performing periodically at the Tacoma Highland Games and every year at the Pacific Northwest Highland Games in Enumclaw and the Hood Canal Highland Celtic Festival plus other local events.

Jim and Pat volunteer each year with the Tacoma Highland Games highland dance competition, along with their daughter Caitlin, a highland dancer. They also volunteer at the games in Enumclaw, helping with setup and leading the Friday and Saturday night ceilidh dancing. They have been members of the local chapter of Clan Donald for several years, attending assorted clan events and volunteering at the Clan Donald Fall Banquet.

Both can trace ancestry to Scotland and Ireland. Jim's McDonald forebears came from County Kilkenny, Ireland and Scotland previously. Andrew McDonald immigrated to southern Quebec, Canada and established a farm, which remained in the family for about 160 years. Jim had the privilege of walking those fields and hearing the family history from cousin Ken McDonald. Pat's Scottish forebears were Kennedys in southwest Scotland. Thomas Kennedy immigrated to Pennsylvania and then westward to Iowa in the 1800's.

Both Jim and Pat are originally from Oregon, Jim from Portland and Pat from Eugene. They met while attending the University of Oregon. Jim graduated in elementary education and began teaching in the small town of Glendale in southern Oregon. Pat graduated with a degree in music education and taught elementary music in the Oregon coastal town of Florence. They were married in 1976 and made their first home in Glendale where Pat switched to substitute teaching. In 1980 Jim accepted a teaching position in Tahoma School District, Maple Valley, Washington and Jim, Pat and their 4 cats made the move north, eventually moving to Enumclaw where they have lived for the past 30 years.

The McDonald family welcomed 2 children, Bob and Caitlin. Caitlin became interested in highland dance at an early age and competed for 7 years. She still dances and also plays snare with the Tacoma Scots Pipe band.

Music is an important part of the McDonald household. Jim plays guitar, banjo and concertina. Pat plays flute, recorder and Irish whistle. Both have been singers since their early years. Their interest in and love of Celtic music is what got them to try Scottish country dancing and led to their involvement in other Scottish interests. As well as Celtic music, Jim and Pat enjoy camping and spending time outdoors, gardening and relaxing with a good book.



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Entertainment

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Vendors

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British Bites

D & D Chain Maille Creations

History of Names

Jasmine Tea Soap Company

Lyon Craft

Scarlet Arts Design

Schafer's Bar & Grill (Beer Garden)

Scottish Country Shop

Scottish Sword and More

Smith Brothers Farms

Tacoma Highland Games Gift Shoppe

The Tartan Thistle

The Village Artist

Wandering Angus Celtic Traders

Wolfscapes

FOOD

Bertolino's Espresso

Cutie's Sweet Treats

Duris Elephant Ears

Emerald Fresh Corn

Fireside Kitchen

Pure Kettle Corn

Scottish Outfitters

DEMONSTRATIONS

First Tee Golf

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Country Dancers

Scottish Stone Cutting

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Highland Dancing: Judge & Piper



Dancing Judge: Joyce MacFarlane McIntosh

Joyce began studying Highland Dancing at age 5. Born in the U.S. of Scottish immigrant parents, she began dancing just to carry on some of her family's heritage. Once 'hooked', she launched into a 20-year, successful competitive career. She traveled all along the Eastern Seaboard, as well as to Canada, the Midwest, the Western U.S., and Scotland to compete. Some notable awards were Eastern US Champion several times, Great Lakes Champion, Dancer of the Day numerous times, and 1st Runner Up in both the British Overseas Championship and the Jr. World's Championship at Cowal Highland Gathering. At age 14, she began to learn the pipes. She then competed simultaneously in dancing, solo piping, and as a member of a competitive pipe band for the ensuing 11 years.

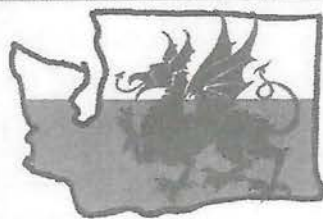
She began teaching Highland dance at age 16, and has taught many pupils over the years, including several Eastern Regional reps, and a U.S. Champion and Cowal winner. In 1980, Joyce became a judge with the Scottish Official Board of Highland Dancing. She also continued a successful solo career in piping, where she won nearly every major Amateur I Piobaireachd contest, including the MacCrimmon Quaich on four occasions, and also the Nicol-Brown Chalice. In 1990, Joyce became a member of the EUSPBA Piping Judges' Panel. She met her husband, James, a native Scot, through piping, and together they formed a prize-winning pipe band, The Balmoral Highlanders, of which Joyce served as Pipe Major for nearly 10 years.

In 2010, she retired from 32 years of teaching in a public elementary school in Pittsburgh, PA, and moved to Anderson, SC in late 2011.



Dancing Piper: Tyler MacDonald

Tyler MacDonald has been our strong and steady piper for our dance competition for many years. At the age of 4, he picked up his brother's chanter and eagerly started playing it. His father told Tyler that if he learned the pipes, he needed to have good habits. So, at the ripe age of 5, Tyler started pipe lessons. At the same time, he was taking highland dance classes. He won his way to the Premier level, all along participating in pipe and pipe band competitions (and winning). He would pipe for dancers in the morning at dance competitions and then compete in the afternoon at many local competitions. Needless to say, this schedule was hard to maintain. He made the difficult decision to focus his two talents into one: piping.



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Highland Dancing Competition

PRIMARY: 6 years and under

137 Margot Bouchez Renton, WA
 138 Maisie Skoorsmith Seattle, WA
 139 Lillie Skoorsmith Seattle, WA

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
16 PDB's						
PDH/Hi-Cuts						
Highland Fling						
Sword Dance						

BEGINNER: 13 and Under

260 Riley Nelson Redmond, WA
 261 Maisie Corl Portland, OR
 262 Dorothy Wise Mercer Island, WA
 263 Maggie Blessing Lakewood, WA
 264 Hallie Pope Spanish Fork, UT
 265 Lilly Hastings Sedro-Woolley, WA
 266 Prudence Miller Woodinville, WA

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
Highland Fling						
Sword Dance						
Seann Truibhas						
Lilt						

BEGINNER: 10 and Under

245 Fiona Nelson Redmond, WA
 246 June Corl Portland, OR
 247 Shauna Fesler Kent, WA
 248 Grace Morgan Tenino, WA
 249 Eva Skoorsmith Seattle, WA
 250 Fiona Flores Puyallup, WA
 251 Megan Wingrove Meridian, ID
 252 Stella Bluhm Vancouver, WA

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
Highland Fling						
Sword Dance						
Seann Truibhas						
Lilt						

NOVICE:

281 Ella Forster Bellevue, WA
 282 Emma Louise Miller Redmond, WA
 283 Delaney McKinnon Port Orchard, WA
 284 Jay Blessing Lakewood, WA
 285 Gabrielle Jones Portland, OR
 286 Nikita Scott Boise, ID

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
Highland Fling						
Sword Dance						
Seann Truibhas						
Flora						

INTERMEDIATE:

209 Graylin Lucas Sammamish, WA
 287 Zoe Hertlein Portland, OR
 288 Arianne Fraser Redmond, WA
 289 Alison Cunningham Kirkland, WA

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
Highland Fling						
Seann Truibhas						
Johnny						
Jig						

PREMIER: 11 and under

306 Evelyn Morgan Bothell, WA
 307 Sarah Scullion Beaverton, OR
 308 Elinor Cummings Lake Forest Park, WA

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
Highland Fling						
Seann Truibhas						
Lilt						
Hornpipe						

Judge's Choice Award and Nicholson Memorial Award

PREMIER: 13 and Under

310	Colleen Mahan	Kirkland, WA
311	Aynsleigh Dragon	Olympia, WA
312	Ellie Blessing	Lakewood, WA
313	Greta Gordon	Kirkland, WA
314	Keaton Cour	Kent, WA

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
<i>Highland Fling</i>						
<i>Seann Truibhas</i>						
<i>Lilt</i>						
<i>Earl of Errol</i>						

PREMIER: 15 and under

316	Flora Cummings	Lake Forest Park, WA
317	Megan Henderson	Enumclaw, WA
318	Alec Innes MacKay	Redmond, WA
319	Connor Francis	Bellevue, WA
320	Audrey Curran	Redmond, WA

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
<i>Highland Fling</i>						
<i>Seann Truibhas</i>						
<i>Lilt</i>						
<i>Earl of Errol</i>						

PREMIER: 16 and Over

322	Dillan Hutchison	Richland, WA
323	Jennifer Ochs	Issaquah, WA
324	Elizabeth Ochs	Issaquah, WA
325	Hannah Stubert	Dupont, WA
326	Colby Dragon	Olympia, WA
327	Alison Guard	Kenmore, WA
328	Janissa Doerscher	Everett, WA
329	Stephanie Conway	Bothell, WA

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
<i>Highland Fling</i>						
<i>Seann Truibhas</i>						
<i>Lilt</i>						
<i>Earl of Errol</i>						

Gilfeather Memorial Award



Scottish Highland Dancing

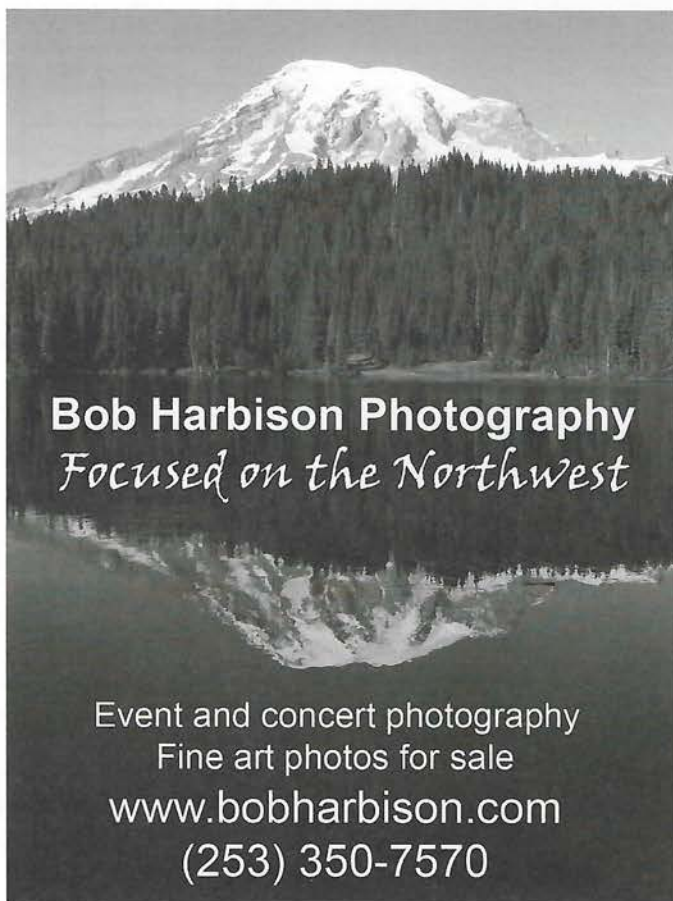
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Piping Events

Chanter Class

for beginners not ready to compete on pipes

Event #30 2 part March

Event #31 2 part Slow Air

Beginning Piper

for pipers who have not competed on pipes before

Event #32 2 part March

Event #33 2 part Slow Air

Grade 5

Event #34 2/4 March—4 part

Event #35 Slow Air

Grade 4

Event #36 2/4 March—4 part

Event #37 Slow Air

Adult

Event #38 2/4 March—4 part

Event #39 Slow Air

Grade 3

Event #40 2/4 March—4 part

Event #41 Strathspey & Reel - 4 parts

Grade 2

Event #42 March, Strathspey & Reel

Event #43 Jig - 4 parts

Grade 1

Event #44 March, Strathspey & Reel

Event #45 Jig/Hornpipe

Grades 4 or 5

Event #46 Piobreachd, Ground/first variation only

Grades 1-3

Event #47 Full Piobreachd

Band Events

Quartet

Event #60 March, Strathspey & Reel - 2 parts played twice or 4-parts each

Band

Event #61 Medley 3-5 minutes

Drumming Events

Beginner Snare (on practice pad)

Event #50 Any March

(4 parts from Massed band setting)

Grade 4 Snare

Event #51 2/4 March—4 part

Event #52 6/8 March—4 part

Grade 3 Snare

Event #53 2/4 March—4 part

Event #54 6/8 March—4 part

Grade 1 and 2

Event #55 March, Strathspey & Reel—min. 4 parts

Event #56 Jig/Hornpipe—min. 4 parts

Tenor

Event #57 2/4 March—4 part

Event #58 6/8 March—4 part



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Piping & Drumming Judges

Piping Judge: Micah Babinski

Micah has been teaching since 2004, and has years of experience working with youth pipe bands in the Pacific Northwest. As a solo player, Micah is ranked an “Open/Professional” player by the British Columbia Pipers Association, the Washington Pipers Association and the Oregon Pipers Society. In 2006 Micah won North America’s top amateur piping competition: the George Sherrif Memorial competition in Toronto, ON. As a band player, Micah has played with three grade 1 bands including the Prince Charles Pipe Band of San Francisco, the World Champion Simon Fraser University Pipe Band of Vancouver, and the Dowco Triumph Street Pipe Band. In addition to a number of competitive successes at the World Pipe Band Championships in Scotland, Micah enjoyed the opportunity to perform at the 2010 Vancouver Winter Olympics with the Triumph Street Pipe Band.



Piping Judge: Keith Patton

Keith is a native of Kansas City and grew up playing in the Kansas City St. Andrew Pipe Band. Since moving to Seattle in 1994, Keith has been active in the Pacific Northwest piping community. From 1997 to 1999 he played with the Abbotsford Police Pipe Band. In 2000, he joined the Simon Fraser University Pipe Band playing with SFU from 2000 to 2006, and then again from 2010 to 2014. Keith is a member of the British Columbia Pipers’ Association. He is an active adjudicator at piping competitions throughout the Pacific Northwest and serves on the BCPA grading committee. He is an educator by profession, and he has been a private and group piping instructor for students of all ages for more than 30 years.



Piping Judge: Jeff Brewer

Jeff has been piping for over 40 years. Most recently a member of the Abbotsford Police Pipe Band, he was a founding member of the Blue Heron Bay and Willamette Valley pipe bands, and has served as Pipe Major of the Clan Macleay and Willamette Valley bands. At this time, Jeff is the chief piping instructor for Sir James McDonald Pipe Band, a top notch junior band out of Portland Oregon.



Drumming Judge: Rob McKendrick

Rob is a professional drummer/percussionist, composer/arranger, instructor and clinician. He holds a performance degree from Portland State University and is a graduate of Percussion Institute of Technology in Hollywood, CA. Rob worked with the Lawrence Welk Orchestra, Les Brown’s Band of Renown, and jazz great George Mason. Starting in pipe band drumming at the age of 7 with the Portland Grays Boys Pipe Band, Rob was later a member of the City Of Victoria Pipe Band. He has done clinics and workshops all over the world and started the drumming program at the Coeur d’Alene School of Piping and Drumming.



Scottish Field Events

Scottish field events have been a part of the Highland games for centuries. Some say that the events derive from tests of skill used by Clan chiefs to select the strongest warriors to lead the Clansmen into battle. Others believe that these competitions were organized to control brawling and to arouse each rival by displaying strength and skill.

Stone Toss Each competitor must stand firmly planted and push a large rock through the air. Competitors are not permitted to complete any running or spinning to assist the throw.

Hammer Toss Two types of hammers are used – 16 and 22 pounds. Competitors stand, backs to the field, and swing the hammer several times above the head to pick up momentum. The competitor must release the hammer to let it fly straight behind, over the treag. The throw is measured for distance.

Weight for Distance Two standard weights for this event include a 28 and 56 pound weight. The competitor takes a running start, spins to gain momentum, and tosses the weight before it throws him over the treag. The throw is measured for distance.

Weight for Height In this event the competitor swings the weight over head and tosses it over a bar higher than any other competitor. Each competitor gets three tries. The bar is raised an inch at a time until a winner is declared.

The Caber Toss A caber is a large straight pole, usually 15-18 feet long and weighing 90-120 lbs. A competitor has to balance the caber against his arms and shoulder, lift it, and quickly cup the narrow end in the hands. Then the run or walk begins to build momentum in the top end. At just the right moment, he plants his feet, pushes the pole forward with the shoulders and lifts the end up and over. The perfect throw is when the caber falls in a perfectly straight imaginary line from the competitor's feet, through the pole, in a 12 o'clock position.

Kelso Highlander Festival

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“Wee Bit O’ Scotland”

September 10th & 11th

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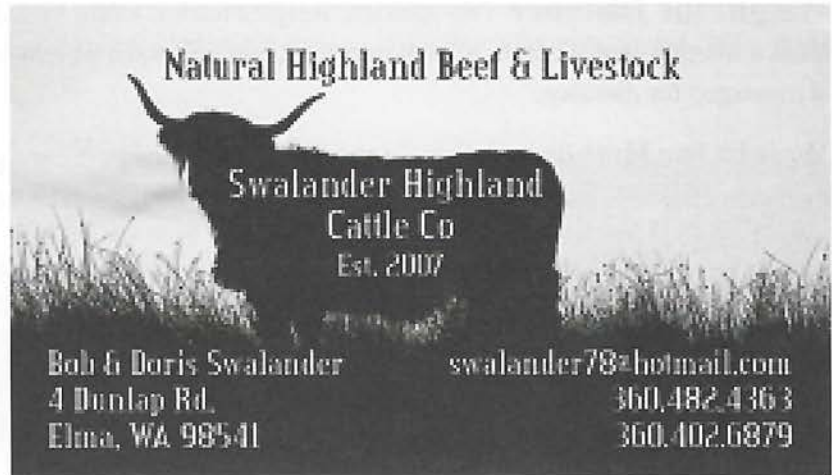
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Highland Cattle

We welcome the Swalander Highland Cattle Co. of Elma, WA to our Tacoma Highland Games this year. The Swalander Farm is family owned and operated since 1978. In 2007, Bob and Doris Swalander purchased their first Scottish Highlands. Since then they've been raising Champion Scottish Highland Breeding Cattle naturally with no antibiotics or hormones. You may have seen the Swalanders at the Grays Harbor County Fair in Elma, the Evergreen State Fair in Monroe or the Washington State Fair in Puyallup.

Highland cattle are a Scottish breed of cattle with long horns and long wavy coats. They originated from the Highlands and Western Isles of Scotland and have been exported to other parts of the world, especially Australia and North America. Their meat is regarded as one of the highest quality and is gaining mainstream acceptance as it is low in cholesterol.



Flowers of the Forest

In Memory Of:

Tom McDonald June Wilbur Joyce Denton Diana Hobbs

*When death's dark stream I ferry o'er, A time that surely
shall come; In Heaven itself, I'll ask no more, Than just a
Highland welcome.*

- Robert Burns



Entertainment



Red McWilliams

Returning to his “back yard,” Red McWilliams brings his guitar, voice and expertise of the Celts in song and story back to the Tacoma Highland Games. Having recently moved from our 300 days of rain (Puyallup, WA) to 300 days of sunshine (Ft. Worth, TX) obviously hasn’t hurt him a bit.

Red has just completed a new CD called “Tartan Suite” with fellow Texan Jed Marum, while embarking on a CD of older rock and roll favorites which, when finished, will be called “Flip Sides.”

Hope you’ll enjoy listening to Red as he presents both old and new Celtic tunes and other favorites here at the Tacoma Highland Games. And, as the song says, “Hey, it’s good to be back home again!” Thanks to all of you for being with us at the Tacoma Highland Games! Keep Calm and Have Fun, Y’ALL!

Blue Cloud Celtic

Blue Cloud Celtic musicians include Rich Johnson, acoustic guitar & vocals; Chris McAvoy on keyboard; Dave MacDonald, Celtic whistles; David Evans on fiddle; John Wickliffe on bass; and Thom Stewart, guitar and vocals.

Blue Cloud Celtic music is steeped in traditional Scottish, Gaelic and Irish folk music and song. Dave is a member of Clan Donald USA, as well as Slighe nan Gaidheal and the Seattle Gaelic Society. Blue Cloud Celtic musicians love the opportunity to present their ancestral roots to the “celtic public”.

Local performance venues include: Pacific Northwest Highland Games, Clan Donald All-Clans Banquet, Tacoma Scots Pipe Band Burns Dinner, Hood Canal Celtic Festival, St. Andrews Dinner with the Caledonian & St. Andrews Society and Gung Haggis Fat Choi.



Banshie

Banshie, one of the premier Celtic bands in the Pacific Northwest, will captivate our audience this year with ancient ballads we all know and love to foot stomping upbeat tunes. Banshie delights audiences old and young alike with their music on guitar, fiddle, banjo, mandolin and bass. Denise Keck, Annie Henry and Jon Crain create a dynamic Celtic trio.

Celtic Spoons

The Celtic Spoons is an Irish folk/rock /pop band hailing from Western Washington. The band features all genres of Irish music from traditional folk to progressive rock. Since its inception, the band has branched out into the various realms including blues, rock and jazz.

The band was formed in 2014 and has three core members: Ireland’s own Paula O’Donnell Beisley (lead/backing vocals, all forms of traditional Irish percussion instruments including the bodhran, spoons, congas and more), Gary Wayne (lead vocals, acoustic guitar, harmonica and banjo) and John Sabenorio (backing/lead vocals, keyboards and electric guitar).

The band is currently working on its first CD. Expected release date will be summer, 2016. Facebook: The Celtic Spoons



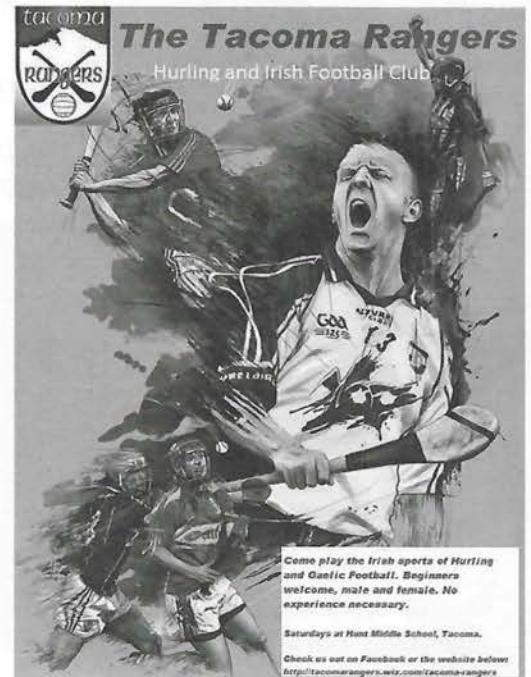
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Tacoma Rangers Hurling and Gaelic Football Club

Gaelic football and Hurling have been played in the Pacific Northwest since the 1920's. In the early years, it was usually in the form of pick-up games at the annual Irish Club picnic. However, in the late 1950s the game became better organized in the Northwest. These Seattle area teams were composed of a few young Irish-born priests and other Irish-born people living in the Seattle/Tacoma area.

In 1980, a Tacoma team was organized and joined with Seattle and Vancouver, but after several successful years the Tacoma team folded. In 2012, Hud Wilkins and Fred Dunne formed the Tacoma Rangers Hurling Team. The club decided to expand into Gaelic football in 2013. The team continues to grow with mostly U. S. born players. New players are welcome – no experience necessary.

Hurling and Gaelic football are played with a ball slightly smaller than a soccer ball. In Hurling, a stick is used similar to a hockey stick and a ball similar to a baseball. To score in both Hurling and football, you put the ball over the crossbar for one point or under the crossbar and into the net for a goal. Check out the videos on YouTube or website <http://www.tacomarangers.wix.com> for more information.



British Isles' Car Show

Be sure to vote for the "People's Choice Award" as you enjoy the craftsmanship, history and beauty of the British Isles' cars on display on the paved parking lot near the dance stage and Frontier Lodge.

This educational event will allow you to learn more about each car including manufacturer, model and year. All vehicles will be in the exhibition areas by 8:30 AM. This is an exciting and wonderful addition to our Highland Games!



Games Passport Book

Visit the **Information Booth** or **Children's Corral** for a passport book and stamp your way around the fairgrounds.



First Tee of South Puget Sound

First Tee of South Puget Sound will present the outreach program SNAG (Starting New at Golf) for attendees. SNAG's mission is to impact the lives of young people in the South Puget Sound area by providing educational programs that build character, instill life-enhancing values and promote healthy choices through the game of golf.

This national 501(c)(3) program reaches over 6,000 children in our area. First Tee will be located near the Children's Corral. Golf and Scotland go hand and hand!! www.thefirstteesouthpugetsound.org.

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Harpers' Circle

At the Tacoma Highland Games, our Harp Circle is not a competitive event. It is intended to display various harps, give listeners a chance to hear harp music played, and give the players a chance to perform in front of an audience. Most of the players in our circle are students of Roxanna Goodwin, but all local harpers are welcome to join in. That's the spirit of a harp circle.

The Tacoma Highland Games Harp Circle is sponsored by The Enchanted Harp located at 2101 W. Stewart Ave, Puyallup, phone (253) 770-0550.



The Scottish Court

We are pleased to welcome the Scottish Court – a reenactment group of performers who will lend a historical perspective on Mary Queen of Scots and life in the 16th Century. The court will be gracing several highland games this summer.



Plateau & Glen South Puget Sound Scottish Country Dancers

We welcome Scottish Country Dancers to the Tacoma Highland Games. The Plateau Dancers from Enumclaw join the South Puget Sound Scottish Country Dancers as they perform at the south covered shelter of Frontier Park.

Scottish Country Dancing is a form of social dance first becoming popular around the 18th century. It is a form of social dance involving groups of couples dancing to lively Celtic music. Interested in learning? Ask about instruction and practice location. Beginners to experienced dancers are always welcome.



Scottish Stone Cutting

We are excited to have master stone carver Keith Phillips and his apprentice Ed Salerno at our Games this year. Keith and Ed will demonstrate authentic Scottish stone cutting tools, methods and skills. Try your hand at a sandstone masonry project!

Some of Keith's works can be found in and around the Capitol campus in Olympia, Grays Harbor Courthouse, Clark Hall at the University of Washington, Stadium High School in Tacoma, Powell's Book Store in Portland, Oregon Trail markers in Chehalis and Puyallup, and a myriad of memorial markers, monument stones, garden art pieces and other works of art.

Whisky Tasting

Ari Shapiro, a former Master of Whisky for the Diageo portfolio, is now an independent ambassador and consultant for bars, restaurants, distilleries and media nationwide. Ari will discuss the history, production and the differences in whisky producing regions.

Enjoy the nose, body, palate and finish of the seven varieties chosen for this year's tasting: Craggenmore, Dalwhinnie, Oban, Lagavulin, Talisker, Bushmills and Johnnie Walker Black. To enhance your awareness of the differences between Scottish, Irish and blended Scotch whiskies, Bushmills from Ireland and Johnnie Walker Black, a blend of Scotland's very best whiskies, have been added this year.

For only \$20, sample the selection of spirits and take home your own souvenir Tacoma Highland Games imprinted shot glass free of charge.

Slainte!

Mead Tasting

Mead: Often called the Nectar of the Gods is perhaps the oldest alcoholic drink in history. The beverage is made from fermented honey often coupled with spices, syrups and fruits for a variety of flavors. Every ancient civilization, including the Greeks, the Norse and the Celts, have stories incorporating the fermented drink. It was believed that partaking in mead led to strength and passion.

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