



Tundra Thistle

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**The Alaska Scottish Highland Games Presents
in concert:
The Tannahill Weavers and the James J. Coyne Memorial Band
Thursday, June 23, 2011
Snow Goose Theater
7:00 p.m.**



Tannahill Weavers

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Presented by Alaskan Scottish Club



Alaskan Scottish Club Presents the Alaska Scottish Highland Games

**The countdown is here! Save the dates
June 23rd, June 24th & June 25th**

The Tannahill Weavers' diverse repertoire reflects the duality of Scotland's musical heritage. It embraces both the mystical quality of the Highlander's Celtic music, and the rollicking, sometimes even brawling qualities of the Lowlander's Anglo-Scots tunes. The Tannahill Weavers' arrangements blend the beauty of the traditional melodies with the power of modern rhythms. The penetrating sound of the Highland bagpipes is a thread of ancient memory running through it all.

Thursday: June 23rd

Concert at the Snow Goose Theater!
Get your tickets now. There is limited seating.

The concert starts at 7:00 p.m. The James J. Coyne Memorial Band and the Tannahill Weavers will be providing a great night of music, a prelude to the games. For tickets, go to:
alaskapac.centertix.net/

Friday: June 24

Trios: There will be the annual **trio competition**, three bagpipers who will play 3 tunes with a time change, at the Peratrovich Park at E St. and 4th Ave. from noon till 1:00.

You are invited for an evening of **Piobaireachd** at the Loussac Library in the Judges Chambers. Piping will begin at 6:00 p.m. Be there early for tea and dessert. Thanks to Ret. Col. Richard Anthony and Rev. Betty Lou Anthony for their support of the Alaska Scottish Club and Piobaireachd.

Saturday: June 25th

We'll see you at the clubs biggest event! The games will be held at the Eagle River Lions Park, the lower baseball field and Gruening Middle School's baseball fields. The Gate opens at 8:00 a.m. Events going on though out the day include: individual piping and drumming, pipe band performances, Scottish Highland dancing, the Scottish Heavy Athletics, Tug-O-War, the Kilted Mile, the club and clan tents, and over 30 vendors. Athletics, Tug-O-War, the Kilted Mile, the club and clan tents, and over 30 vendors.

Ceilidh Band: Welcome back to Alaska from Scotland, the Tannahill Weavers. Their repertoire reflects the duality of Scotland's musical heritage. It embraces both the mystical quality of the Highlander's Celtic music, and the rollicking, sometimes even brawling qualities, of the Lowlander's Anglo-Scots tunes. www.tannahillwavers.com

Calling all Clans

Want to participate in the games and tell us about your clan? Sign-up on the web site, send in your Clan Form and come to the games. All you need is a tent, table and some information about your clan.

Shortbread: We would love to have our club members volunteer to make Scottish Shortbread, wrapped by two's, for the club to sell at the club tent. Please bring these in as you arrive. Contact Kerry at 338-1123, if you can make shortbread. There will also be the Annual Shortbread Competition. There are two categories: traditional and non-traditional. Place you cookies in two's into 3 baggies, labeled, and drop them off at the Tea Tent by 11:00 a.m. There are prizes for the top three bakers in each category.

Parking – Games Day

You can park at the E.R. Lions Park, Gruening Middle School, and Wal Mart. There will be shuttle service from Eagle River High School.

Piping Idol

This is a new event to take place on Saturday afternoon, after the pipe band competition. Pipers, sign-up at the Piping and Drumming Trailer by noon. The event will take place in the afternoon, after the bands perform.

Tale Tales Competition

Components of a Tall Tale are:

- A Larger than life main character.
- Characters who use everyday language.
- A problem solved in a funny way.
- Exaggerated details that describe things greater than they are.

Sign-up at the Clan Conclave by 1:00 p.m. on Sat. 6/25. Your tale may be memorized or read. Tall Tales will begin at 3:00 in the Clan area.

Drum Major Clinic

Calling all drummers – want to learn how to lead a pipe band and throw a mace? Come to the clinic Saturday afternoon.

Check in at the piping and drumming trailer.

A Taste of Scotch

The Alaska Scottish Highland Games along with Odom, will be providing a “Scotch Tasting Tent”. This new event is an additional cost, which includes a celebratory shot glass and three drinks. There will also be a “Whisky” Specialist and information on all the Scotland and their “uisge beatha, or “water of Life”.

Help is still needed for the Games

We are still looking for a volunteer coordinator, and volunteers to help make our 30th Anniversary games successful! Some positions are: manning the front gate, assisting in the Club tents, the Sponsor tent, setting up and or taking down, etc. Please call Chris Anderson or stop by a games meeting.

Meetings:

The Alaska Scottish Highland Games committee are meeting every Thursday. We meet at the GCI building at 2550 Denali Street, Floor 13, at 6:00 p.m. We are always looking for volunteers to assist in making our games the best! Please contact Chris Anderson at 243-7255 (hm) or 223-1818 (cell).

Annual General Meeting:

The Annual General Meeting was held on March 6, at the Castle on O'Malley's. The club members enjoyed a game of miniature golf before the meeting. We had many board members step-down, MaryAnn Hanson, Chris Anderson, Joan Massert-Paden, and Heidi Leeney. Thank you MaryAnn, Chris, Heidi and Joan so much, for being a member of the board and providing years of dedication to the Alaska Scottish Club. Joining our board was Gary Craig and Jamey Cordery. We still have an opening on the board. Please join us for the June meeting if you are interested. Our next meeting is June 13th at 6:00 at the GCI building on Denali. Contact John Ruthe for more information at 306-0184.



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NOTE: Thistle information gratefully received at all times. However, to make the monthly deadline, please submit by the 22th. Send to Kerry at arcticmac@gci.net.

Club Calendar

Welcome all new members! We hope to see you at our next event.

Games Meeting

Every Thur. till the games at 6:00 p.m.
 2550 Denali Street, 13th floor
 Contact Chris Anderson: 868-5389

Thursday, June 23rd

The James Coyne Memorial Band and the Tannahill Weavers at the Snow Goose Theater at 7:00 pm

Tickets available at: alaskapac.centertix.net

Friday June 24th Trios – Downtown at 4th and E St. at noon. Piobaireachd at 6:00 at the Lousaac Library.

Alaska Scottish Highland Games

Eagle River Lions Park
 Saturday, June 25th 8:00 am – 9:00 pm

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