



The East London Caledonian Society

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APRIL 2018 NEWSLETTER

Dear Fellow Caledonians,

Our March event saw a few members trying their hand at putt-putt – with limited success! We may have made up a few rules when the going got tough – and it was suggested that perhaps we need to put money on it in order to motivate us to try a little harder.

This weekend, we will be welcoming the Federation Chief Jane Dyer, on her official visit. We have a Ceilidh event planned for the Friday evening at the Border Hockey Club House. This will be followed by the ever-popular Tartan Day River Cruise. We hope to see as many members as possible at these two events.



Hannah, Kristen, Tanya & Jada – Aloe Award Winners at the recent East Coast Highland Dancing Festival

NEWS OF MEMBERS



Our members have been very active recently. Pictured on the left is Past Federation Chief, Sandra Rankin on the occasion of her 50th Park Run! Congratulations Sandra! She did also dash from this to help with the Valentine's tea on the same day. Paul Cormack and Dave Rankin completed the 17.5km Surfers Challenge while Stephen Gool and Sandra completed the 10km race. Sue and Roxanne Piderit have completed the Tomato Trot, Ladies Night Race, Cabbage Patch, Gandhi Walk and Pet Pals Walk recently. Maureena Middleton completed the Gandhi Walk. Cameron Middleton has entered for his 20th Argus Cycle race. Meanwhile Tumi Macdonell competed in the S.A. Junior Swimming Championships in Durban and made the final of the U13 Girls 50m freestyle, where she touched 7th against the best swimmers in the country.

In news from the doctor's surgery, Nadege Rankin has recently been unwell, Jean Sansom has been back in hospital, but has now returned home - while Elliot Murray continues to improve. Robert and Sandra Rankin are making a short visit to Johannesburg. Roxanne Piderit will be giving a public lecture at the University of Greater Zimbabwe and has been invited to participate in a partnership with a university in Sweden. Dave Rankin will be graduating on 7 April.

ENTERTAINMENT

- 6 April 2018 Visit of the Federation Chief. Ceilidh/Bring & Share at Border Hockey Club. 18.00 for 18:30. The traditional meeting between Federation Chief and committee will be a ceilidh / bring and share open to all Society members. Attendance free.
- 7 April 2018 Tartan Day River Cruise. Wear a touch of tartan. Limited to 30 people. R100 per person. Seats will be on a first pay first serve basis.
- 12 May 2018 Scottish-themed Quiz evening. Details to follow in next newsletter.

PIPE BAND Band played at Valentines Tea. Unfortunately 'Music in the Park' was cancelled. However invitations have been received to play at the Bowling Championship finals at Comrades Club on 28 April and 5 May – and at the SPCA Bikers' Breakfast at Hams Club on 12 August.

LADIES GROUP The Ladies meeting on 6 March at the Roxy was enjoyed by all. Maureen Illingworth was visited on the occasion of her 94th birthday. Next Meeting: 9.30am Weds 4 April at 'Breath of Life' in Dawson Road.

S.C.D.C Weekly meetings continue at the Hams Club from 4pm - 5.30pm on Tuesdays.

HIGHLAND DANCERS Dancers performed at the Valentine's Tea and at the Knysna Celtic Festival, where Tanya Macdonell won the Intermediate National section. East Coast HDF took place on 17 March at Clarendon Primary School. The next competition will be on 14 April at 12:00 in the Port Rex hall.

CONGRESS The provisional date for the next Congress is 5-7 October 2018 in Durban. East London is pencilled in for the 2020 Congress. Task Team will meet at 19.00 on Weds 4 April at 17 Fitzmaurice Road.

BIRTHDAYS

April 2018		
Date	Name:	Contact:
9	Sandra Rankin	043 726 1500
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COMMITTEE Next Committee Meeting will be at 7.30pm on Thursday 12 April 2018 at the home of Dave & Maureen Rankin, 9 Nelson Ave, Cambridge.

Yours aye,



Roxanne Piderit (Chief)

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

DATE	EVENT	VENUE	START	NOTES
6 April 2018	Fed Chief Visit	Border Hockey Club	18.30	Bring and share / ceilidh
7 April 2018	Tartan Day River Cruise	Nahoon River (TBC)	14:00	R100 per person
12 May 2018	Scottish Themed Quiz	BB Country Club	TBC	
13 June 18	AGM	Border Hockey Club (TBC)	19.00	Chance to join Committee !