



The East London Caledonian Society

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JUNE 2018 NEWSLETTER

Dear Fellow Caledonians,

It is hard to believe that my year of office is coming to an end. It has been a very busy year, which saw us try do a few things differently. I would like to thank those members who have provided feedback – it is always welcomed!

In May, we had a quiz evening which was...challenging, but so much fun! Thank you to the Rankin family who arranged the evening – this will need to become a permanent fixture on our calendar. Congratulations to the winning team – the 'Know Nothings', who appeared to actually know more than they thought.

We received news of the Federation Chief, Jane Dyer, suffering a mild stroke toward the end of June. We are pleased to hear that she is doing well and wish her a speedy recovery.

Finally, a reminder about the AGM to be held on 13 June 19:00 at the Border Hockey Club. This is your opportunity to vote in the Chief and Committee you would like to see in charge for the year to come.

NEWS OF MEMBERS

Congratulations to Rowyn Clark, Callum and Beryl MacIver's grandson, who was a mascot at the Scotland v. S.A. U20 rugby match played recently in Worcester, England. In news from the doctor's surgery, Sandra Rankin broke her arm recently during a Park Run; while Jean Sansom is not very well and has now moved to stay with her daughter in Knysna. In sporting endeavours, Dave Rankin completed the 15 km Diesel Depot Challenge; while Sue & Roxanne Piderit completed the SPCA 5 km Trail Walk with their dogs. Britney and Emily Middleton have been selected for the Border U18 hockey team and Sarah McCausland has been selected for the Border U16 hockey team. Tumi Macdonell has received her honours blazer for swimming at Stirling High School. Sue Piderit did the Indlela yoBuntu Pilgrimage Walk at the end of May. This is a 270 km walk over 20 days from Grahamstown to Patensie. Finally John & Doreen Pearson have been visiting the Drakensberg.

ENTERTAINMENT

13 June 2018 AGM at the Border Hockey Club. Please bring plate of eats to share. 7pm



Eastern Cape Highland Dancers who will "fly the flag" at SA Interprovincials in July

PIPE BAND The Band held their AGM on 22 May. The Band performed at the McClelland Bazaar and at Stirling Primary School Games Day on 26 May. Unfortunately the, previously advertised, Bowling Championship finals and East London Agricultural Show parades were cancelled. Congratulations to the Knysna & Districts Pipe Band, which won the Grade 4 competitions at South Coast Highland Gathering and to Des Plint, who won 3rd place in the Silver Piobaireachd and 1st place in the Open MSR (Snrs) in the solo competitions. On 2 June, there was a big screen viewing of world-class pipe band performance at MOTH Hall with a braai afterwards. Looking forward to 12 August, the Band will be at the SPCA Bikers' Breakfast at Hams Club.

LADIES GROUP A big thank you to the 34 people who attended the 'Cuppa for CANSA' tea on 8 May and helped raise R1,280-50 for the charity. And thank you to Phillip Sorenson for arranging the DVD of the Edinburgh Tattoo. Ladies also had a meeting on Tuesday 5 June at the home of Rose Thompson.

S.C.D.C Weekly meetings continue at the Hams Club from 4pm - 5.30pm on Tuesdays. The club danced for 'Meals on Wheels' on 15 May and the Club AGM will be on 12 June at Hams Club.

HIGHLAND DANCERS The Eastern Cape Highland Gathering Dancing Competition took place at Port Rex Technical High School on Saturday 19 May. Alongside the Band, highland dancers performed at the McClelland Bazaar and Stirling Primary on 26 May. Finally congratulations to all the dancers (see photo above) selected to represent the Eastern Cape at the SA Interprovincials in Johannesburg in July.

CONGRESS The dates for the next Congress have been confirmed as 5-7 October 2018 in Durban. East London is pencilled in for the 2020 Congress. The Task Team has now circulated its constitutional proposals for consideration by other societies in advance of Congress.

BIRTHDAYS

May 2018 (Second half)			June 2018		
Date	Name:	Contact:	Date	Name:	Contact:
20	Beryl MacIver	043 722 0875	11	Jean Sansom	043 735 2788
22	Tanya Macdonell	074 446 0480	20	Margaret Murray	043 726 1157
26	Ken Scott	083 274 3349	23	Ralph Anley	082 469 9424

SUBSCRIPTIONS The Committee is proposing that subscriptions will increase for next year to: Full Members: R85, Country Members: R60; Junior Members: R30. Members paying in advance of the AGM will pay at the current rates.

COMMITTEE Next Committee Meeting will be on Wednesday 13 June 2018 immediately after the AGM.

Yours aye,



Roxanne Piderit (Chief)

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

DATE	EVENT	VENUE	START	NOTES
13 June 2018	AGM	Border Hockey Club (TBC)	19.00	Chance to join Committee !
21 July (TBC)	Chairing and Kirking	TBC	TBC	
3 Nov 2018	Halloween	McClelland	TBC	
1 Dec 2018	St Andrews Dinner	Beacon Bay Country Club	TBC	