



The East London Caledonian Society

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SEPTEMBER 2015 NEWSLETTER

Dear Fellow Caledonians,

Thank you to all my Caledonian friends for turning out on a cold evening for the installation of our officials for the coming year. Congratulations to Honorary Piper, Rob Rankin, who was awarded the Bill Campbell Trophy and to Sean Davey and Des Plint, who were jointly awarded the Mark Volker Trophy. As always, it was great to have so many of the combined band and our highland dancers performing for us.



Senior Caledonian Soc Officials for 2015/16

It was a grand evening and one that, I hope, will be repeated on Saturday 22 August when Stuart Munro, Provincial Chieftain of the Cape Province makes his official visit. So, please, fellow Caledonians come for an evening of fun, fellowship and 6 pots of delicious soup ! We look forward to hearing from Stuart what will be happening on the Cape Caledonian front for the coming year.

I would also like to remind members that our challenge for this year is for each one of us to bring in at least one new member. Our second big challenge for the year is the Gathering. So come along to the Gathering Committee meetings and bring along your good ideas.

NEWS OF MEMBERS

Former member Peter Marais has been visiting family in Alberton and this week he will be undergoing a small procedure at Frere Hospital. He also sends greetings from another former member, Paul Kane. Jeanette Hubbard has been in hospital with pneumonia. Cynthia Murray is "on the mend". For a second year, the Border Masters Hockey "A" Team (including Roxanne Piderit) won gold at the Masters tournament in Potchefstroom; while the "B" Team (with Sue Piderit) emerged as winners of their division. Sue (manager) and Roxanne (player) will soon be returning to Potchefstroom to compete – this time as part of the Border Ladies Team. Emily & Britney Middleton are in the Border Indoor Hockey Team; while Tanya Macdonell is dancing in "The Nutcracker" Ballet, which is being presented at the Guild Theatre from 26-29 August.

ENTERTAINMENT

Saturday 22 August Official Visit of the Provincial Chief. 'Soup & Games' at Oak Room. Parklands. R40 per person. 6.30pm for 7pm. Bring own mugs and drinks as no bar at Parklands. Numbers to Nookie by Weds 19 August.

Saturday 12 September EC Highland Gathering Fundraising Tea at the Oak Room, Parklands from 10 am. R40 per person

Saturday 31 October Halloween Party at McClelland Home. This “regular” on our calendar has not always been well supported by Caleys – but the residents look forward to it hugely ... so please diarise to join us for a fun evening!

PIPE BAND Congratulations to the Knysna & Districts Pipe Band (inc. Robert Rankin) on winning the Grade 3 Championship for 2015. The Band has a number of upcoming engagements. They will be playing at the Provincial Chief’s function (22 August), at the Port Rex MOTH’s Open Meeting (1 Sept), at the Battle of Britain Parade (13 Sept), at Aquavista School Centenary (19 Sept) and at a piping competition in Grahamstown (20 Sept).

LADIES GROUP Ladies had great fun at the Work Party repairing table cloths on 4 August. Next Meeting at 9am on 1 September, hosted by Rose Thompson, at Cottage E7, Fairlands.

S.C.D.C Country Dancing continues to enjoy a reasonable turnout. However new dancers are always most welcome at the Hams Club from 4pm - 5.30pm on Tuesdays. The dancers will also be putting on a demonstration at the Gathering Fundraiser Tea on 12 September.

HIGHLAND AND IRISH DANCERS Congratulations to Emily Frauenstein, who came 6th in the recent SA Championships. Dancers from all three studios had exams recently and also attended a coaching clinic afterwards with the visiting examiner, Shendl Russell. The E.L Highland Dancing Festival will be on 26 September at Clarendon Primary School. Dancers will also be at MOTH Open Evening (1 Sept) and at the Aquavista School Centenary (19 Sept).

HIGHLAND GATHERING Next meeting of Gathering Committee will be at 9 Nelson Ave, Cambridge at 7.00pm on Thursday 20 August. All welcome.

BIRTHDAYS

August 2015			September 2015		
Date	Name:	Contact:	Date	Name:	Contact:
15	Sue Piderit	082 924 1078	6	Riona MacKenzie	072 432 3174
20	Jamie Gibson	043 721 3272	21	Rose Anley	randr@hyperlink.co.za
25	Iris van der Zee	043 726 5000	23	Sheila Godfrey	082 510 3863
			30	Freddie MacFarlane	083 351 2696

COMMITTEE Next meeting – Thursday 10 September 2015 at 7.30 pm at the home of Nookie Middleton, Cottage C5, Parklands.

Yours aye,



Maureen ‘Nookie’ Middleton (Chief)

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

DATE	EVENT	VENUE	START	NOTES
22 Aug 2015	Provincial Chief Visit	Oak Room. Parklands	6.30 pm	Soup. R40pp
12 Sep 2015	ECHG Fundraising Tea	Oak Room. Parklands	10 am	R40 pp
31 Oct 2015	Halloween	McClelland Home	TBC	Bring and braai
28 Nov 2015	St Andrews Function	Oak Room. Parklands	6.30 pm	