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The Duluth Scottish Heritage Association
cordially invites you to the

38th Annual Burns Night Celebration

Saturday, January 26, 2013

Social Hour begins at 5:30

The Kitchi Gammi Club

831 East Superior Street • Duluth, MN

Social Hour in the Great Hall

Toasts and Address to Haggis

Dinner

A wide variety of Scottish menu items will be served at food stations throughout the second level of the Club. Rooms will be decorated specifically by individual clans.

Whiskey Tasting — Marine Room

Musical Tribute to Robert Burns

Highland Dance Exhibition

Pipe Band

Scottish Country Dancing and singing of Auld Lang Syne

Dessert and coffee

Call the Kitchi Gammi Club
to make your reservations.

218.724.8589

\$45.00 per person

Fitger's Brewhouse Moves to Highland Cattle Ranching

Fitger's Brewhouse is getting into the ranching business. Along with other local organizations in the northland pursuing more local and earth-friendly methods in business, Fitger's Brewhouse is looking to beef cattle ranching in an effort to follow the sensible philosophy of sustainability.

The idea started over 15 years ago in 1997 when the brewery started giving away its spent grain to cattle farmers. Spent grain is a by-product of beer (and whisky) brewing. Fitger's Brewhouse brewery produces more than 3,000 pounds of spent grain a week! "It made sense to complete the cycle...Our goal is to go local and sustainable," Tim Nelson, Fitger's Brewhouse owner, said, "try to get as much efficiencies built back into that system as possible."

The herd is starting with six head of Scottish Highland (*def: Highland cattle (Scottish Gaelic: Bò Ghàidhealach) (Scots: kylie) are a Scottish breed of cattle with long horns and long wavy coats which are colored black, brindled, red, yellow or dun*)*, a hardy breed that can survive Minnesota winters. We Scots sure know what that's about! The average mature head is good for around 500 pounds of meat. The hope is to start a breeding program to get an entire herd in place.

Fitger's Brewhouse purchased a 60-acre ranch near Beaver Bay this fall. While the land is readied to take on the business of ranching, the small herd is now housed on the 80-acre property of Fitger's Brewhouse facilities manager, Rob Strom, near Twig. Strom, with a background in environmental science, is up for the challenge—and it's no small task. Recently two of the cattle got loose, Strom spent the

*Wikipedia



Highland Cow from the Fitger's Brewhouse's growing herd

entire day driving around looking for them. To get them to follow him back to the farm, he tossed out a handful of grain, ran a few feet toward the farm while they butted heads over it, and repeated the process – for three miles. Strom said the work is worth it if it means providing more sustainable options for the business and customers. He says it's "... a lot harder than just getting your beef at the cheapest market price...But we're going to hold strong to our beliefs."

Nelson says the Highland Cattle have a unique look. The long hair and their long horns mean they can hold their own against cold temperatures and predators found in Minnesota. Both males and females have long, curved horns. You can distinguish between the males and females by the curve of the horns. The males have horns that curve up and straight out from their heads, and the females' (above) stretch wide and away from the sides of their heads.

The Highlanders

A poem by H. D. Sloan

Over from a land called Scotland
Where the natives like their meat,
Came this rugged breed of cattle
That, my friends, you cannot beat.

From the stories told on Scotsmen,
They are thrifty folk indeed.
So they naturally raised cattle
That they did not have to feed.

I see cowmen in this country
Hauling hay and freeze their nose.
If their cattle were Highlanders,

They could sit and toast their toes.
Once my neighbor raised some cattle,
But were of a different stock.

Every spring before the snow left
He would have his cows in hock.
Borrowed money to buy feed with,
Boy! Was he in a rut.

If he tried to save a dollar
Then they died from hollow-gut.

He would cry and cuss his banker
'Cause he'd pound his desk and shout,

Seems like every time he saw him
He would have his stinger out.

Told me when he met Saint Peter,
(If up there the cowmen dwell)
He would ask him if it snowed
there, If it did he'd go to Hell.

If my friend had raised Highlanders,
He would now be riding high.
And would never doubt the climate
Of that big Range in the sky.

Duluth Scottish Heritage Association 2013 Calendar of Events

January 26, 2013 – 5:30 pm
BURNS NIGHT DINNER
The Kitchi Gammi Club
831 E Superior St. Duluth
Reservations required

March 8, 2013 – 7:00 pm
PIPES AND DRUMS SPRING CONCERT
College of St. Scholastica, Mitchell Auditorium
1200 Kenwood Ave. Duluth

April 6, 2013 – 7:00 pm
TARTAN DAY IN MINNESOTA
State Capital - St. Paul, MN

June, 2013
DSHA ANNUAL SCOTTISH HIGHLAND DANCE COMPETITION
Fitzer's Brewery Complex, Courtyard

2012 Kirkin' o' the Tartans

A heart-felt thank you to everyone who helped to make the Kirkin' such an enjoyable evening. We had close to 100 guests at this past November's Kirkin'. This event is geared to the family and helps to showcase our talented dancers and musicians. We see a polished performance, but supporting the event are very dedicated volunteers who work week after week with the dancers and the Pipe Band. My thanks to all of you! The kitchen crew put in several hours over two days to prepare the food for the tea, set up the tables, serve and clean up after. Some day I'll wear a pedometer just to see how many miles are walked. (Maybe on second thought I really don't want to know.) Again thanks to everyone who had a part in making the Kirkin' happen.

—Kathy Peterson, DSHA President and Kirkin' Organizer

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DSHA Highland Dancing Classes

Fall term now in session.

Beginning Class – 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Advanced Class – 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Mondays – September-June

First Presbyterian Church

300 E. 2nd St., Duluth, MN 55805

(use alley entrance)

DSHA Pipes & Drums Band

Practices Thursdays – 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran Church

1108 E. 8th St., Duluth, MN 55805

New Piper Lessons – Wednesdays–5:00 p.m.

Shrine Center

5152 Miller Trunk Hwy.,

Hermantown, MN 55811

Do you have items of interest relating to Scots news you'd like to share in the newsletter?

We'd love to hear from you! Contact: Laura Mclean at laura.thomas.mclean@gmail.com or phone: 218.728.0080. Also, please contact Pam Longville regarding get well & condolence wishes. You can reach her at (218)729.8015. Pam will also send a card for the loss of someone's special pet.

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