


Scottish News in Minnesota



January 2016

Hope you all had a wonderful holiday season and have a happy new year!

EVENTS

January 1 | SAS First Footing

First Footing, the annual New Year's Day event, will once again be hosted by JoAnne and Roger Wahl at their home in Prior Lake. Festivities begin at 1:00 pm. JoAnne and Roger have hosted this event several times, and always do a wonderful job.

As usual, this gathering will be a pot-luck and we ask all attendees to bring a dish or a drink to share. Good Scottish recipes or distilled beverages are appreciated, but good old American food or drink is just fine too. Make sure that a dark-haired male is the first to cross the Wahl threshold to bring them good luck. Blondes, redheads, and ladies will just need to wait!

The Wahls live at 16510 Inguadona Beach Circle West in Prior Lake.

Directions - go south on Interstate 35 to the 185th Street exit in Lakeville. Go west to Prior Lake and go left on Hwy 13 south. Go to 170th Street SW and go right (west). Go to Willow Lane and go right. Stay on Willow until you come to Inguadona Beach Circle, go left onto the circle but bear right until you come to 16510. Their phone (in case you get lost) is 952-447-2890.

January 16 | Alan Reid & Rob van Sante in Concert

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Celtic Junction, 836 Prior Ave N, Saint Paul 55104

Music starts at 8pm. Advance tickets \$12, \$15 at the door.

Tickets are now available at: <http://www.vitalculture.com/thecelticjunction/3003>

Scottish folk music! Alan and Rob present a lively show featuring Alan's compositions and traditional song that is rooted in the Scottish landscape, its cities, countryside and its coastline. Alan was an integral member of Scotland's legendary Battlefield Band for forty years. From beautiful ballads to an entire musical cycle on the life and times of Scots born sailor John Paul Jones, he has forged a reputation for songs with beguiling melodies and strong historical content. Aply complemented by Rob's tasteful guitar playing and fine singing, the duo offer a heady blend of seamless harmonies underpinned by sensitive arrangements on piano, guitars and accordion and topped by an engaging delivery that delights audiences all over the world.

January 23 | SAS Burns Dinner

The invitations are out and the preparations are well underway for the 2016 St. Andrew's Society of Minnesota Burns Dinner. This is our 40th Annual Burns Dinner and it will be held on Saturday, January 23, 2016 starting at 5:30 pm. Get your reservations in early as the dinner has been at capacity the past few years. This year, we will be holding the dinner at a new venue, the Best Western Kelly Inn in Plymouth, right near the intersections of I-494 and Hwy. 55. If you have not received an invitation but are interested in attending, check the St. Andrew's website at www.standrewssocietyminnesota.org, or email Don Bruce at bruce1051@comcast.net for information on making reservations. Cost is \$44 for St. Andrew's members and \$60 for non-members. Become a member and save a few bucks! After all, you are Scottish right?

January 29 | MSF&HG, TCSC, MSCDA Burns Ceilidh

Save the date for our annual Burns Ceilidh co-hosted by the Minnesota Scottish Fair & Highland Games, Twin Cities Scottish Club, and Minnesota Scottish Celtic Dance Association - held at Celtic Junction on Friday, January 29th at 6:30 PM. As usual, there will be country and highland dancing, along with performances by Macalester Pipe Band and Dalwhinnie. More information to come!

Tickets are available here: <http://mnsctishfair.org/burnsnight.html>

We are still looking for volunteers and toastmasters! Please contact Andy McCracken at andrewmcc@zoom.net

February 1st-22nd | Scottish Country Dancing Mini-Course

Interested in getting a taste of Scottish country dancing without a long-term commitment? Looking for an opportunity to review the basics? Sign up for the RSCDS Twin Cities Branch's Scottish country dance mini-course! The class runs Monday nights from 7:30 to 9:30pm, February 1st through the 22nd at Tapestry Folkdance Center in south Minneapolis and will be taught by Chandi McCracken. During the 4-week course, you will be introduced to the basic steps and formations used in Scottish country dancing and learn a number of easy and "classic" dances. For more details and registration info, see <http://www.rscds-twincities.org/minicourse.html>

NEWS

Tartan Week 2016

The plans for Tartan Week 2016 are now set. The Minnesota Scottish American Center in cooperation with individuals, businesses and service organizations is pleased to present Minnesota Tartan Week 2016. Tartan Week will be a full week of events throughout and surrounding Tartan Day, April 6th. This week long set of events will include some familiar events and some that are brand new. We have finalized the Kirkin for St. Mark's in Minneapolis for either Sunday or Thursday evening. Details will follow. The fashion show will be postponed, but will definitely happen in 2017. To keep updated on additions and events

please go to <http://www.minnesotascots.org>

April 2 Saturday. A Scottish Ramble moves to Saturday April 2nd. It will start with a calling of the Clans in Rice Park and then enter the Landmark Center, 75 West 5th Street, St. Paul, MN. Performance schedule will be posted but includes some new events and performances as well as the more familiar food, music and retailers. The calling of the Clans and the 2016 Lifetime Achievement Award will also be on the agenda.

April 3 Sunday. Possible Kirkin.

Pub sing. An all acapella full-on house party; it's the way to experience a "Pub-style Sing" at Merlin's Rest. Stop in at 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm, grab a pint and listen. Have a song to share? Visit the on-line event page, read the group rules and join in.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1653903124899321/>

April 4 Monday. The Scottish Pub Sing 7PM at Merlin's Rest, performance for Minnesota Tartan Week.

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April 5 Tuesday. Minnesota Tartan Week Benefit. The Whisky Tasting at Merlin's Rest, 3601 East Lake Street, MPLS, MN. This is a ticketed event and paid reservations are required. The event will benefit Tartan Week and will be \$40.00 per person. The seating is limited to 75. Time and flight, TBD

<http://merlinsrest.com/whiskywhiskey/whisky-tastings/>

April 6 Wednesday. Tartan Day.

April 7 Thursday. Possible Kirkin.

Merlin's Rest monthly Whisky Tasting. Time, flight and cost TBD.

<http://merlinsrest.com/whiskywhiskey/whisky-tastings/>

April 8 Friday. Tartan Rocks! Celtic Rock Concert. Celtic Rock is Tartan woven into music. Tempest • The Tim Malloys • The Langer's Ball. Three fusion bands, one amazing stage. Doors open at 6:30. Band Bios and event details at <http://music.3celts.com/tartan-rocks>

April 9 Saturday. Macalester College Pipe Band Spring Concert. Saturday evening, Macalester

College, event details TBA. <http://www.macalester.edu/pipeband/>

Discount Lodging. The Marriott West provides lodging for Minnesota Tartan Week. Call 952.544.4400 or book your room online from the Marriott West link.

<http://www.minnesotascots.org/minnesota-tartan-week.html>

The Tartan Week Committee is in need of volunteers. Please let us know if you are interested. Lorie@TheCelticCroft.com



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