

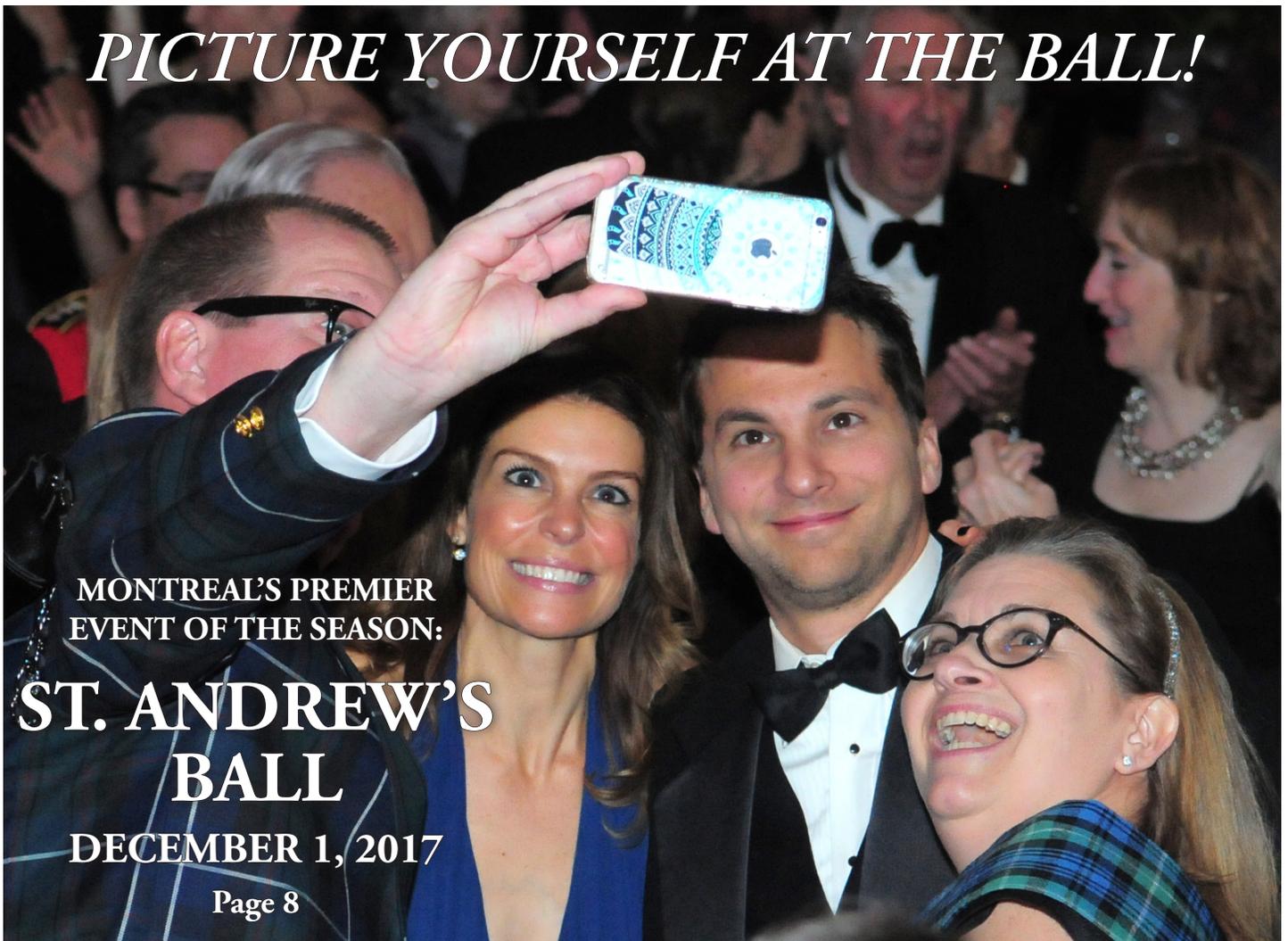


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MONTREAL'S PREMIER
EVENT OF THE SEASON:

ST. ANDREW'S BALL

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we move from summer to fall, we look forward to a full slate of exciting events for all members of the St. Andrew's Society to enjoy.

Looking back, it was a very busy summer indeed, highlighted by the 40th edition of the Montreal Highland Games in early August. Moving the Games back to the Douglas Hospital Grounds in Verdun proved to be a brilliant decision, and the support from Verdun and its politicians further added to that momentum. The success was unparalleled in that attendance grew by fifty percent over last year, and the general attitude surrounding the Games was also one of energy and success. With

respect to the St. Andrew's Society's presence, we had a large tent that had a fine display of twenty panels that very concisely explained the significance of Scottish contribution to all aspects of society in Montreal and Canada over the last 150 years. In addition, we had a number of volunteers working at the tent, some of whom were previous bursary recipients, and they added a great deal of enthusiasm to the interaction we had with the public. One of our goals at the SAS tent was to build a list of people who are interested in our Society and our events. To that end we were successful, garnering forty names and email addresses of people with whom we can follow up during the fall months. In this way, we expect to expand the membership and broaden our reach in Montreal.

The Montreal 1642 Tartan was on display everywhere over the summer, with a great many politicians deciding to sport the colours during the city's 375th anniversary. If you haven't had the chance to avail yourself of some of the accessories, please take a look at our website (www.standrews.qc.ca/store) where you can find many fine products that would make great gifts this coming holiday season.

The St. Andrew's Ball is scheduled for Friday, December 1st at the Marriott Château Champlain, and already is shaping up to be a fantastically successful event. Our guest of honour this year is Sir Malcolm MacGregor of MacGregor and his lovely wife Fiona. Sir Malcolm enjoyed a successful military career and is now a professional photographer, while his wife is a BBC TV personality. Last year's Ball was a sellout with four hundred people in attendance, and it would be advisable to get your tickets early as we expect another capacity crowd this year. Dance/Reel practices will start on Wednesday, October 25 at the Black Watch armoury—get your set together! (www.standrewsball.com)

In addition to the foregoing, there will be many other events coming up in the next few months, so keep your eye on our website (www.standrews.qc.ca/events) and our Facebook page for details.

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I am very encouraged, to say the least, by the energy and dedication of all of our volunteers who make all of this happen. In that regard, I personally encourage you to reach out and get involved with one (or more) of our committees that oversee all of the exciting work we do in our fair city. It takes input and contribution from all of our members to make this organization as good as it can be.

Yours aye,

Jason MacCallum

STUDENT BURSARY PROGRAM

Members are reminded that the Society provides bursaries to students enrolled at a CEGEP or university of \$1,000 per year, payable \$500 per semester in September and February. Post-graduate students are paid \$1,500 per year.

To qualify, the student must:

- be of Scottish birth, or have Scottish ancestry
- be in full-time attendance at CEGEP or university
- be normally resident in Quebec

Students may make application in the first instance by completing the Initial Application form in our website (www.standrews.qc.ca/outreach) and emailing to our office a letter confirming their enrolment at CEGEP or university. For each subsequent semester, a renewal application, also available on our website, is required with a transcript showing their results from the previous term.

Please note that it is important that the applicant provide his/her Social Insurance Number on the application forms.

Applications for the Fall Term should be made by July 30 in each year and those for the Winter Term by November 30.

Alexander Hightet
Chair, Education Committee

MONTREAL 1642 TARTAN ACCESSORIES FOR SALE

The Montreal 1642 Tartan is woven by Lochcarron of Scotland and is a medium-weight tartan (13 ounce) made with 100 percent fine wool.

The St. Andrew's Society has worked with SAS member Glen Nobes of Henry Marks to create 1642 accessories, including ties, sashes and scarves. You can order these items online via the Society website.



TIE
\$30.00



BOW TIE
\$35.00



BOW TIE
(PRE-TIED)
\$35.00



SCARF
\$70.00



SASH
\$90.00

RECENT HAPPENINGS

Here are some highlights from our events over the summer!

The **St. Andrew's Society Summer Barbecue** took place at the St. Ambroise Terrace, McAuslan Brewing, on June 19. A large group gathered on a lovely warm evening to enjoy drinks and a meal on the picturesque patio. It was an opportunity for members to catch up, share news and enjoy each others' company.



SAS Past President Scot Diamond and First Vice President Marilyn Meikle at the Summer Barbecue

On July 9, the St. Andrew's Society was thrilled to welcome Scotland's Ayresshire Fiddle Orchestra at our **Scots in the Park**



Members of the Ayresshire Fiddle Orchestra



People of all ages dancing at Scots in the Park

event in Strathearn Park. The crowd appreciated the stirring music and youthful energy of the performers, and it was a pleasure to see the best of Scottish culture being shared with the community at large. We wish these talented young performers all the best!

A "Pop-up-Piper" led the foursomes across the glen to our **Tee-Off in Tartan** golf tournament on August 26 at the Caughnawaga Golf Club. It is a sight that we plan to repeat for the 5th Annual Tournament, and we hope that many will save the date of Saturday, August 25, 2018.



Piping the golfers onto the green at Tee-Off in Tartan



The winning team!

Alwin Cawston, Chester Rooney, Vivian McCoy and Kevin Rochford

Prior to a delicious three-course dinner, golfers who sported tartan were treated to a “tartan tippie” thanks to the generosity of member Martha Hancock. Prizes ranged from the traditional “Closest to the Pin” and “Longest Drive”, to “Best Dressed” and “Bonniest Knees”. The winning foursome of Al Cawston, Vivian McCoy, Kevin Rochford and Chester Rooney took home the coveted trophy. Prizes for the tournament were donated in memory of Irene Meikle.

A capacity crowd turned out on Tuesday, September 19 for the Society’s annual **Fish & Chips Supper** at the Burgundy Lion. Everyone enjoyed a traditional Scottish-style meal and the opportunity to share some laughs with their fellow members. We look forward to this event again next year!



Ann Navin and Angela Yeo-West at the Fish & Chips Supper

A letter from Euan Terras, Director of the Ayreshire Fiddle Orchestra:

Hi Bruce & Brian

Our North America Tour now over, we are safely returned to the UK and jetlag is fading. The normal day job has resumed!

Can I thank you both, and your respective teams, most sincerely for the wonderful support you gave the Orchestra for our first ever visit to Montreal. The Scots in the Park event was great fun with a really appreciative audience and group of dancers, (and sunshine!) and the atmosphere at the concert in St A & St P Church was quite something. My son Matthew who has played in AFO for almost 9 years now mentioned that he thought that the concert was one of his most enjoyable.

Many thanks for your very generous cheque and the additional support for the collection of the hired equipment was also much appreciated. Our dinner on the Monday night was delicious—its not always easy to feed 95 hungry mouths and many complimented the special surroundings of 1195 Sherbrooke too.

It was also very interesting to visit the Black Watch Armoury.

Your input has helped make the Montreal leg of our Tour a fantastic experience for our youngsters and a highlight of the Tour. I hope we will have the opportunity to visit again in the future and to play Montreal again.

Equally, if you or your teams are visiting Scotland, and Ayreshire in particular, please get in touch as we would be delighted to reciprocate some Scottish hospitality!

With our best wishes

Euan

REPORT FROM THE

2017 MONTREAL HIGHLAND GAMES

By Brian MacKenzie
President of the Montreal Highland Games

The 40th edition of the Montreal Highland Games came to a close amid the ambiance of the massed bands, the awards presentations—and enjoying that final beverage in the cèilidh tent.

Our intent was to build up the Games slowly over a three-year period, leading up to a grand celebration in honor of the 40th anniversary. We realized during this time that, at the rate our Games were growing, Verdun's Parc Arthur-Therrien could not hold the number of people or the scale of events that we were envisioning. Luckily for us, there was interest from the Douglas Foundation in having the Games return to the stately grounds of the Douglas Institute in Verdun. Scot Diamond and Peter McAuslan were approached by Foundation representatives Maurice Forget and Suzanne Bélanger, which started the process of negotiating, planning and then hosting the Games on the Douglas grounds from August 3 to 6.

The Caber Parade along Wellington Street on Thursday evening, followed by the Volunteer Appreciation Pub Night at Douglas Hall, was truly a grand launch to our weekend events. On Saturday evening, the St. Andrew's Society reception (moved indoors because of the rain) and the 40th Anniversary Cèilidh under the big tent were huge successes!

The main event on Sunday went off in true Canadian-Scots style, featuring pipe band events, Highland dancing and athletics, as well as the Caledonian Run and the Tug of War. The Cèilidh Tent, Family Village, concessions, food court, medieval displays and the many other activities were enjoyed by all.

Sincere thanks to the volunteers, committee members and sponsors who helped us throughout our 40-year history. We are also grateful for the many levels of support from the Borough of Verdun, The Douglas Institute and the City of Montreal, without which we would not be able to deliver an event of this magnitude.





UPCOMING EVENTS

ST. ANDREW'S BALL FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1



Join us for the annual St. Andrew's Ball on **Friday, December 1**. The Ball's colourful pageantry at the newly refurbished Château Champlain Hotel is the perfect way to start the holiday season. This year, we join in celebrating 182 years of existence as a Society and 375 years as the "Ville de Montréal". The music of the Black Watch Pipes and Drums and The Directors Showband, the Scottish country dancing and the camaraderie of friends, will ensure an evening of culture, entertainment, and fun.



We are very pleased to welcome as our Guests of Honour Sir Malcolm and Lady MacGregor of MacGregor. Sir Malcolm is the 24th Chief of Clan Gregor and Chieftain of the Children of the Mist.

The debutantes and escorts will dazzle you with their waltzes. The Scottish Arms pub will greet you with whisky and good spirits. Our silent auction will be filled with items to purchase, all to benefit the Douglas Institute Foundation in support of mental health.

Tickets are limited. The 2016 Ball was a sellout. Purchase yours online at www.standewsball.com.

Slàinte!

Marilyn Meikle
Ball Chair



ST. ANDREW'S BALL

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2017

DEBUTANTE APPLICATION FORM

DEBUTANTE

First Name *Middle Name* *Last Name*

Date of Birth *Age (as of December 1, 2017)*

Address *City/Province* *Postal Code*

Home Phone *Cell Phone* *Email*

FATHER

First Name *Last Name*

Address (if different from above) *City/Province* *Postal Code*

Home Phone *Business Phone* *Email*

MOTHER

First Name *Last Name*

Address (if different from above) *City/Province* *Postal Code*

Home Phone *Business Phone* *Email*

SPONSOR *(if other than mother or father)*

First Name *Last Name*

Address *City/Province* *Postal Code*

Home Phone *Business Phone* *Email*

NAME OF ESCORT *(optional—if debutante wishes to bring an escort, an application must be completed)*

First Name *Last Name*

SEE REVERSE...

ESCORT APPLICATION FORM

ESCORT

First Name

Middle Name

Last Name

Date of Birth

Age (as of December 1, 2017)

Address

City/Province

Postal Code

Home Phone

Cell Phone

Email

NAME OF DEBUTANTE TO BE ESCORTED (*optional*)

First Name

Last Name

FEES

Debutante: \$90.00

Escort: \$90.00

BIOGRAPHIES

Both the Debutante and the Escort must submit a short biography of approximately 150 words with the submission of the application. This short biography will be published in a subsequent edition of the St. Andrew's Society Journal.

DANCE PRACTICES

Debutantes and Escorts are expected to attend dance practices in preparation for the Ball. These practices will take place every Wednesday evening beginning on October 25 at the Black Watch Armoury.

FAMILY PARTICIPATION

The families of Debutantes and Escorts are encouraged to purchase tickets and attend the Ball.

DRESS CODE

The Debutante is expected to wear a long, white evening dress with long gloves and a tartan sash (either her family tartan or a sash can be purchased/borrowed from the Society). A corsage is provided for each Debutante at the Ball. There will be a room reserved for the Debutantes during the Ball.

The Escort is expected to wear traditional Scottish evening wear (kilt and jacket) or black tie.

SUBMISSION

Please submit this form along with payment either online at www.standrews.qc.ca, or to our office at:

St. Andrew's Society
1195 Sherbrooke St W
Montreal QC H4A 1H9



BALL WEEK ACTIVITIES

Lecture by Donald Bruce Nerbas,
McGill Chair in Canadian-Scottish Studies
Wednesday, November 29, 12:30 PM
Atwater Library

Reception in honour of the
2017 St. Andrew's Ball Debutantes
Wednesday, November 29, 6 PM
Black Watch Armoury

St. Andrew's Luncheon
Thursday, November 30, 12 PM
Hotel Le Cantlie
Guest of Humour: Lorne Elliott

St. Andrew's Ball
Friday, December 1, 6:30 PM
Marriott Château Champlain Hotel

For tickets and more information about these events,
please visit www.standrewsball.com.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

This year the Youth Committee is pleased to be organizing the St. Andrew's Society's Annual Children's Christmas Party. We hope you can join us on **Sunday, December 17**, 1 to 4 PM, at the Black Watch Armoury. The event is for friends and members of the Society. Santa has already begun making his list of toys, and is awaiting your RSVP. Children under the age of 10 will receive a present if registered in advance. Please RSVP via the Society's website by Friday, November 24 at the latest. We hope to see you there!

WHISKYFÊTE

Our annual WhiskyFête whisky tasting event is confirmed for **Thursday, February 22, 2018**, 6:30 PM, at the Mount Royal Club. Guests will enjoy an evening of fine food and the opportunity to sample a selection of unique and rare whiskies. Tickets will go on sale soon at www.whiskyfete.org. This event sells out every year, so we encourage you to buy your tickets promptly.

OTHER EVENTS

Our Activities Committee is hard at work planning our Winter 2018 events. Our annual **Sir John A. MacDonald Kilt Skate** will take place in January. Don't miss the opportunity to hit the ice in your favourite tartan kilt or accessories! Later that month, we look forward to our annual **Burns Supper**, a traditional celebration held each year by Scots all around the world. In March, we anticipate a fun evening of curling with our **Curling for Dummies** event. We will announce dates and locations for all of these events as soon as they are confirmed. Be sure to check our website for updates!





ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, November 29, 6 PM

ST. ANDREW'S DEBUTANTES RECEPTION

Black Watch Armoury, Montreal

Thursday, November 30, 12 PM

ST. ANDREW'S LUNCHEON

Hotel Le Cantlie, Montreal

Friday, December 1, 6:30 PM

ST. ANDREW'S BALL

Marriott Château Champlain Hotel, Montreal

Sunday, December 17, 1 PM

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Black Watch Armoury, Montreal

January, 2018 (date and location to be confirmed)

SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD KILT SKATE

January, 2018 (date and location to be confirmed)

BURNS SUPPER

Thursday, February 22, 2018, 6:30 PM

WHISKYFÊTE

Mount Royal Club, Montreal

March, 2018 (date and location to be confirmed)

CURLING FOR DUMMIES

ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY ON THE WEB

Website: www.standrews.qc.ca

Facebook: www.facebook.com/standrewsmontreal

Twitter: [@StAndrewSociety](https://twitter.com/StAndrewSociety)

