

# THE JOURNAL

OF THE ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY OF MONTREAL

**September 2015**

## Upcoming Events

### Scottish Reel Practices Commence

Black Watch Armoury  
2067 Bleury Street  
Wednesday's, Oct to Nov 2015



### Taste of Scotland's Malt Whiskies and Fine Foods

Black Watch Armoury  
2067 Bleury Street  
Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015



### Debutantes' Reception

Black Watch Officers' Mess  
Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015

### St. Andrew's Ball 2015

Marriot Chateau Champlain Hotel  
Friday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
Rue de la Gauchetière Ouest



### Morning Service

Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
The Church of St. Andrew  
& St. Paul

### Children's Christmas Party

Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
Officer's Mess, Black Watch  
Armoury



### Burns Dinner

University Club  
January 2016



### WhiskyFete

The University Club of Montreal  
February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
[www.whiskyfete.org](http://www.whiskyfete.org)



Representatives from the Montreal Highland Games, Tug of War teams and Verdun City Council are on hand to present a cheque for \$6,700 to the Children's Wish Foundation and the family.

## President's Letter -- September 2015 -- Moving Forward

Flash back (way back) to 1974 when I first performed as a young cadet Piper at the St. Andrew's Ball, little did I know that one day the President's Chain would be presented to me. This honor, bestowed to me last May brings on many challenges in the next steps of our society however I feel a wee bit at ease knowing that so many in our society continue to raise the level of the bar and work tirelessly in support of our cultural, historical, educational and reach out endeavors.

I would like to recognize and thank Scot Diamond and his wife Carole Duhamel for the outstanding job they did for two years and even before Scot's term; they helped to build on the Society's objectives and traditions. I would also like to thank Scot for the hard work he put into the highland games, from the re-launch in 2014 to the next steps we will be taking to expand this very special event.

As we move into the fall season we should reflect on truly a successful summer, I am privileged to know so many motivated and determined people in this society, everyone working together has made a mark on the Montreal calendar. Our committees and trusted members of the society have delivered quality events, we have reached out to those that require assistance within the community, helped build the cultural landscape and has provided scholarships to aspiring students.

We as a team were able to make new strides with the Montreal Highland Games Society which is now sponsored by the St. Andrew's Society. The games committee continues to build up this event in conjunction with the Borough of Verdun, friends of the Montreal Highland Games and the many sponsors and partners that stepped up to help on a financial and resource perspective.

As I see it our Society will continue to move forward in many areas and hope to build on opportunities such as:

- Connecting with the younger members and helping them to promote the society
- Focusing on the St. Andrew's Ball and welcoming our Guest of Honour: Charles Hay, 16<sup>th</sup> Earl of Kinnoull, the ball is under the capable chairmanship of Jason MacCallum
- Working on the next big steps of the Canadian-Scottish studies Chair led by Peter McAuslan, very exciting news forthcoming
- Continuing on our successful efforts for both the Taste of Scotland and Whiskyfête
- Promoting our many events like the Burns dinner, BBQ's, Children's Christmas parties to name a few

I have received word that the Scottish Diaspora tapestry may be making a visit to Montreal next year (2016) right around the time of our St. Andrew's Ball, this is great news. To say the least when we get to plan for items well in advance this shows the great work that our members are doing.

In closing I do hope to meet everyone in the society, this past summer I was absent at the BBQ and golf due to personal reasons however I encourage everyone to attend the activities. My objective is to meet as many of the members as possible and hear out your thoughts on moving forward

Yours aye,

Brian MacKenzie

President, St. Andrew's Society of Montreal





## The Montreal Highland Games 2015

Brian Mackenzie, President, The Montreal Highland Games Society

It is without a doubt that our Canadian-Scottish community prides itself on the ability to deliver quality events; the



Photo by Peter Matulina: Local highland dancer Maureen Leaman competes at the Montreal Highland Games.

Montreal Highland Games is our premier public event, and like the Whisky Tastings, Burns Dinner, Tartan Day and other organized festivities, the games are presented in true Scots fashion.

The committee works in tandem with the St

Andrew's Society of Montreal, and being supported by the society helps deliver this wonderful event. The goal is to present highland dancing, athletics and pipe band competitions. Debbie Johnstone coordinated the dancing competitions, Chris Johnstone and his very capable team provided a spectacular strong man show and Cameron Stevens with his Quebec Piping and Drumming Society team organized a splendid pipe band competition.

Our Celtic, Clan and Society tents along with the fiddlers' presentations were open and available to the spectators throughout the day. Folks in these areas provided fine beverages, musical performances and helped provide information on the many intricacies of tartans, clans and Scottish history. Ken Mackenzie coordinated presentations by many musicians and helped present outstanding performances by our Chieftain of the Day and Bard of the television series Outlander, Gillebride MacMillan. Margo Pollock, Gillian Leitch and Josh Lord provided valuable leadership in managing the bar, information booth and Celtic band presentations respectively.

Committee meetings throughout the year explore and touch upon areas

requiring improvement and delivering on the Celtic experience -- 'What can we do for families, while at the same time reaching out to the younger generation, to enhance the games and provide a hands on experience' -- This was the theme at most meetings, and as a result we introduced three special attractions and two new events.

- The Caber Run – well, more like a walk, coordinated by Chris Johnstone and the athletics organizational team, had pipers, drummers and friends parading in downtown Montreal and in Verdun on Thursday night before the games. We hope to see this as the beginning of a wonderful tradition.
- The Mayor's reception on Saturday night at Verdun City Hall where Volunteers, Committee members and Friends were hosted by the Mayor and City Councillors.
- The W!! Games, coordinated by the Rovers included caber toss, hammer throw and putting of the stone for all ages, it was quite something to see many people testing their abilities in this area, thanks to Chris Johnstone for the fabrication of W!! size cabers, hammers and stones.
- We introduced highland re-enactments where kids wore a full highland kilt and received instruction on wooden musket drill and foam sword techniques, sincere thanks to Julie Perron from Scottish Central for fabricating and providing the kilts
- The games committee was also privileged to have on site l'Association Medieval du Quebec which graciously provided combat displays



Photo by Peter Matulina: Mayor Denis Coderre fires the cannon signalling the launch of the games.

and information about their organization

A large part of the site organization was planned by LCol Bruno Plourde. Bruno's challenge was to communicate with concessions, coordinate a site design, arrange facilities and being the onsite coordinator. Assistance by Bob Labreche for operational concerns, Scot Diamond as Verdun liaison, Patrick Shipley with the Family Village and many volunteers helped to implement a smooth, coordinated effort.

My sincere thanks to Colin Ratcliffe and Margo Pollock for heading up Social Media, PR and communications, we realized many benefits this year and managed to reach out to local, Eastern Townships and Chateauguay Valley outlets to name a few. Wanda Goundrey from Elgin and District Pipe Band, Peter McAuslan, Julie Perron, Wendy Johnstone, Chris Johnstone and Lianne Weatherston did a wonderful job speaking to the media.

May Cook with her team from the Sons of Scotland and with assistance from Fiona Nanson and Marc Primeau helped to manage efforts at the front gate. Bruce Bolton and Lyna Boivin-Smith delivered a patrons tent second to none and also Bruce, Roberta Bolton, Roberto Galteri and Peter Kock with their very capable efforts helped manage finances before, during and after the games.

Special mention to Norma King, my gracious and sincere thanks to her as she keeps a close eye on things at the home front; fielding calls, managing the consistent flow of email's and keeping committee members up-to-date on the day to day activity.

Finally, our team that coordinated the Tug of War was once again truly appreciated, funds raised from this event was presented to the Children's Wish Foundation and this year I requested representatives



Photo by Peter Matulina: The community takes on the Black Watch for the final tug of war challenge; rumour has it the community won!

from the Children's Wish Foundation, Team Captains and friends be present at Verdun's City Council meeting September 1st. We were most fortunate to have the young lad and his family at this presentation; they will be traveling to Disney World on behalf of our games efforts. A sincere thanks to Robert Traikov, Destin Shipley, LCol Chris Phare, Warrant Officer Tim Dougherty and Viki Leblanc to name a few for realizing this young person's dream.

## Saint Andrew's Ball 2015

Jason MacCallum, Ball Chair

This year's St. Andrew's Ball will be held on Friday, November 27th at the Marriott Chateau Champlain. Our guests of honour this year are The Earl and Countess of Kinnoull, Charles and Clare Hay from Perthshire, Scotland. Lord Kinnoull graced us with his presence as the guest of honour previously about 10 years when he was Viscount Dupplin.

The main focus of our fundraising efforts remains the McGill Canadian Scottish Studies Chair, which inches ever closer to being a reality and the endowment is within striking distance of being completed with your help. The Ball serves as one of the principal fundraising events for the St. Andrew's Society in its efforts to see this worthy venture take flight.

The theme of this year's Ball centres on Bagpipes! Ballgoers will see an extensive collection of historic and rare bagpipes displayed courtesy of Alan Jones. The Pipes and Drums of the Royal Highland Regiment of Canada, Black Watch will lead us in our reels with pageantry and excitement without equal.

Also back for this year is the band 1945 which will get the party started with a great mix of contemporary and well known pop music.

For those seeking the perfect gift for someone (or themselves!) our silent auction promises to be the best ever. With approximately \$25,000 worth of goods and services up for grabs there is something for everyone. This year we will be starting our auction 'online' in advance of the Ball to allow for greater reach to our St. Andrew's community. The auction will hit full stride at the ball itself and be concluded by 'in-person' bidding.



Photo by Andy Gural: Thanks to the many volunteers who come out and help build, serve and tear down throughout the 4 days of on site management.





### *How Would You Celebrate/Commemorate?*

*In 2017*

*Montreal turns 375; Canada turns 150 and the Montreal Highland Games turn 40*

*The St Andrew's Society of Montreal wants to know how you would celebrate these important occasions. Would you want the Society to organise a special party, sponsor an event such as a Tattoo, write a book, hold a conference, an exhibition? The possibilities are endless, but this means that the Society has to narrow it down to what the members want, and what they feel is appropriate and what they would support/attend.*

*Please contact the Society with your ideas and thoughts! [info@standrews.qc.ca](mailto:info@standrews.qc.ca)*

Unlike many other social events in Montreal, the Ball is not only a one-night affair - with 6 dance practices in the weeks leading up to the big night, this is an opportunity for you to have fun throughout October and November. We encourage you to form your 'Set' with good friends and enjoying all that 'is' the St. Andrew's Ball.

Dance Practices with our new dance instructor Adriana Linden will begin on Wednesday, October 14th, 8:00 PM, at the Black Watch armoury - get your dancing shoes on!

For more information please go to our website:  
<http://standrews.qc.ca/st-andrews-ball/>.

### **Atwater Library Scottish Collection: Books, eBooks, DVDs, Digital Music**

Lynn Verge

The Atwater Library is open to everyone and we especially welcome members of the St. Andrew's Society of Montreal which has contributed to the development of our Scottish Collection, now comprising over 1,700 titles - books, eBooks and DVDs. Here are some recent additions.

**Scottish Diaspora Tapestry: Telling Tales to Scotland**, 2nd ed. - Beautiful photographs of and commentary about 305 embroidered panels from around the world, including one representing the St. Andrew's Society of Montreal stitched by Moira Barclay-Fernie and Suni Hope-Johnston.

**The Scottish Town in the Age of the Enlightenment 1740-1820** by Bob Harris and Charles McKean, published by Edinburgh University Press - Winner of the Saltire Literary Award for Scottish Research Book of the Year 2014. Combines social, economic, architectural and urban history. "Heavily illustrated, the pictures being as much of the message as the text."

**Scottish Gods: Religion in Modern Scotland 1900-2012** by Steve Bruce,

You are invited to a Celebration of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
of The Presbyterian College at a Book Launch

## **Still Voices – Still Heard**

**THE PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE**

**Montreal 1865-2015**

Edited by

J.S.S. Armour, Judith Kashul, William Klempa, Lucille Marr and Dan Shute

**Saturday, October 31, 2015 at 3:30 p.m.**

Presbyterian College, 3495 University Street, Montreal, QC H3A 2A8

*Refreshments will be served*



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## Whisky Tasting Night

The St. Andrew's Society of Montreal would like to invite all members and their friends to our annual Whisky Tasting Night on **Friday October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015 from 6 pm to 10 pm**. It will take place in the **Officers' Mess at the The Black Watch Armoury, 2067 Bleury Street, Montreal** (across from the Place des Arts Metro Station – Bleury exit).



This ever popular event will allow guests to sample different brands of Scottish whisky and enjoy a buffet featuring a variety of delectable Scottish dishes. Food will be provided by "By George Catering" Inc. The buffet will be served from 6 pm to 9 pm.

Tickets for the evening cost \$75.00 for members (\$80 if paid after September 30<sup>th</sup>) and \$90.00 for non members (\$100 if paid after September 30<sup>th</sup>).

**Please get your tickets as soon as possible as this is a very popular event and space is limited.**

## Tee off in Tartan!



So the day went without incident so to speak... we saw some buggy warfare, "army golf" and "beached" equipment. So if you weren't at Tee off In Tartan, you really did miss a good time and a fantastic meal. We had four teams of four of varying ability playing 9 holes: 10 came in kilts. As a privileged peanut gallery member, I had a wonderful time scouting balls in the forest, sheering shots just clearing watering holes and enjoying the fresh air. Of course, this was all before dinner!

After some refreshments and through the appetisers, the prizes were awarded. The room of 24 cheered the winner with the lowest score - Kevin Rochford, in a Trafalgar School for Girls kilt (Hunting MacRae); "Most Honest Golfer" was Marilyn Meikle, in tartan pants. We would like to acknowledge the kind donation of some door prizes by Ethel and Audley Coley, a golfer who donated the proceeds from autographing his book directly to the SAS. The winner of the "Prix de Presence" door prize was George Tait.

Those who golfed in a kilt received a free drink at the bar courtesy of Martha Hancock. Prizes such as the "Prix de Presence" and other bottles,

etc. were donated by Marilyn Meikle.

The event also netted the Society for donation: \$350.40 (from registration (\$250), half & half (\$75) and the donation from Audely Coley's (\$25) book signing).

Well done everyone... hope to see more of you next time!



published by Edinburgh University Press – "A highly readable account of the changing nature and place of religion in Scotland in an increasingly irreligious society."

**On Glasgow and Edinburgh** by Robert Crawford (2013) – "Crawford's lively account, drawing on a wealth of historical and literary sources, affirms what people from Glasgow and Edinburgh have long doubted – that it is possible to love both cities at the same time."

**A Glasgow Mosaic: Explorations Around the City's Urban Icons** by Ian R. Mitchell (2013) – "Illustrated with historical and modern black and white photographs, Mitchell takes the reader off the unbeaten track for urban walks around Glasgow's rich history."

**The Legacy of Elizabeth Pringle** by Kirsty Wark (2014) – This debut novel by the BBC television presenter tells a moving mother-and-daughter story set on Arran. The Guardian's glowing review terms it "a hymn to the stark beauty of the island of Arran."

## Soccer Night

Thanks to the Montreal Impact, the Society held its first "Soccer Night" at Saputo Stadium on July 25<sup>th</sup>. Because there wasn't much lead up to the event we had a small turnout, but we promise to hold another night next year, just before the Highland Games.

Members had the opportunity to see the Montreal Impact defeat the Seattle Sounders for only \$19, which was a 50% discount from regular ticket prices. We strongly encouraged two to wear their kilts for the occasion – two brave souls did. Thanks!

The Impact were also supportive towards our Highland Games and had their Scottish player, Calum Mallace record a message for the games, which can still be seen on our Youtube Channel "St-Andrews Society of Montreal".

**Dead Girl Walking** by Chris Brookmyre (2015) – The latest in the Scottish novelist's crime series featuring hapless investigative journalist Jack Parlabane.

DVD of **Under the Skin** directed by Jonathan Glazer (2013) – Art film loosely adapted from Michel Faber's science fiction novel of the same name, starring Scarlett Johansson as an otherworldly seductress who drives around Scotland in search of men on which to prey. Earned critics' praise especially for the acting, the photography of Glasgow and the Scottish countryside, and the musical score.

The Library's catalogue is online at [www.atwaterlibrary.ca](http://www.atwaterlibrary.ca). To see titles in the Scottish Collection, enter SC in the search box and choose "Anywhere."

For more information, contact Interim Library Manager Zile Ozols at 514-935-7344 [orzile@atwaterlibrary.ca](mailto:orzile@atwaterlibrary.ca).

## Oral History Project

The Society will be undertaking an Oral History Project on the Society's history. We have a number of long-time members who have a great collection of stories of the city's Scottish community, and events in the past. All the balls, the highland games, the Halloween concerts, Burns Suppers – a lot of things have changed, and some things have stayed the same. We are asking members to come and share their experiences of living in Montreal and being a member of the St Andrew's Society, or the Caledonian Society, or the Highland Games Society – Montreal's Scottish community.

The plan is that these interviews will be taped or filmed and uploaded to our website and our Youtube Channel, so that others can better understand our history, and share in it. If you are interested in sharing your stories with the Society, or in conducting some of the interviews please contact the Society at [info@standrews.qc.ca](mailto:info@standrews.qc.ca) or myself at [gilliandoctor@gmail.com](mailto:gilliandoctor@gmail.com).

## New Members

The Society is very pleased to welcome newly annual members: Mr. Chad Jeudy-Hugo, BA, BEd, MSc; Mr. Ronald Shannon Gerard McNeil, BA; Mr. Devin Shanks.

## Flowers of the Forest

We would like to extend condolences to the families of the following former annual members since 1992: Mr. Derek G.H. Eadie, and Mr. John D. Morgan, Annual 1992.

## St. Andrew's Ball Silent Auction Announcement

Sean Smith, Président, Enchères au Bal de Saint-André

For the first time ever the St. Andrew's Society is hosting an online charity auction in advance of the Ball. With many fantastic items there is sure to be something for everyone on your gift list, even you! This

event is open to everyone – not only Ball guests and will be in addition to our great silent auction held on the evening of the Ball.

This online auction is to help raise funds for our Society's initiatives and programs. The details are below and we encourage everyone to participate and to help make this event a success.

**Online auction:** <http://standrewssociety2015.eflea.ca/>

**Start Date and Time:** November 9, 2015 at 5PM

**End Date and Time:** November 24, 2015 at 5PM

Good luck to all.

Pour la première fois dans l'histoire de la Société Saint-André organise une enchères de charité en ligne à l'avance de la balle. Avec nombreux articles fantastiques, il est sûr d'être quelque chose pour tout le monde sur votre liste de cadeaux, même vous! Cet événement est ouvert à tous - non seulement invités au bal et sera en addition de notre enchères silencieuse tenue le soir du bal.

Cette enchères en ligne est d'aider à amasser des fonds pour les initiatives et les programmes de notre société. Les détails sont ci-dessous et nous encourageons tout le monde à participer et à contribuer à faire de cet événement un succès.

**La vente aux enchères:**

<http://standrewssociety2015.eflea.ca/>

**Date et Heure de début:** 9 Novembre 2015 au 17:00

**Date de fin et Heure:** 24 Novembre, 2015 au 17:00

Bonne chance à tous.

## Exciting Travel News

Brian MacKenzie

This September many of us received the exciting news that Air Transat is introducing a weekly flight between Montreal and Glasgow for summer 2016.

The new weekly service will be departing Glasgow on Mondays from 30 May, returning every Sunday until 2 October 2016, connecting the two cities and opening up both Scotland and Quebec for Canadian and Scottish travellers.

With this announcement we also received a request from Visit Scotland to meet with a few of the Quebec organizations to get an overview of initiatives and to help raise awareness of opportunities for many to travel to Scotland. Representation from City of Montreal, Quebec City Celtic Festival, McGill University, The Montreal Celtic Society, The Montreal Highland Games and The St Andrews Society were on hand to listen to opportunities about this initiative.

Vineet Lal, Senior Market Manager and Hayley Forson, Assistant Marketing Manager provided slides and information related to both old and new attractions to Scotland.

Check out [www.visitscotland.com](http://www.visitscotland.com) website for more information related to this subject. It is comforting to know we here in Quebec are a wee bit closer to Scotland.



## Silent Auction Committee Would Like to Thank...

The St. Andrew's Ball Silent Auction Committee would like to thank the following donors for their generous gifts to this year's silent auction:

DONORS	ITEMS
Fuller Landau	Pair of Canadian's Hockey Tickets
The Celtic Market	Harris Tweed Item
Kennedy Celtic Boutique	Gift to be announced at the event
La Cuisine	2kg of Braide et Fils maple cured and maple smoked bacon
78 <sup>th</sup> Fraser Highlanders	1 Hour of piping
Montreal West Curling Club	One-Sheet 2 hour rental with instruction
Dr. Gillian Leitch	10 Hours of Genealogy Research
Henry Marks & Son	Gift to be announced at the event
Members of the St. Andrew's Ball Committee	Fine selection of Wine
David's Tea	Gift Basket
St. Andrew's Activity Committee	A pair of Whiskey Tasting tickets with 2 Glencairn Glasses with St. Andrew's Logo
Scottish and Irish Store (Ottawa)	100\$ Gift Card
Groomies Dog Grooming	50\$ Gift Voucher for Grooming
78 <sup>th</sup> Fraser Highlanders	Dinner under the Stars certificate and performance by the Fraser Highlanders
Members of the St. Andrew's Council	Selection of Council's Favorite Whiskeys
The MacDonald Stewart Foundation	Book: The Century of Modern Design by David Hanks
From Anonymous Donors	Bagpipe Santa, Outlander 20 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Book
Simple Space	Voucher for Closet Remodel
Shortbread by Gryphon Inc.	Gift Basket
By George	Cocktail for 12 people
McGill University	Whiskey decanter and high ball glass set
Le Marché aux Fleurs	Gift to be announced at the event
Scottish Central	Gift to be announced at the event
Orthex	Gift to be announced at the event
Martha Hancock	Scottish Themed Highball Glasses
Dr. Fownes	Gift to be announced at the event
Black Watch	1 Year Subscription to Piping School

We hope to see you all at the silent auction table and at our on-line auction this year. Best of luck at the auction.

## Running in my Ancestors' Footsteps

Mark W. Gallop, Life Member

The *ceòl mór* of the Highland bagpipes has stiffened the spines of soldiers heading into battle, lightened the steps of dancers and soothed the spirits of mourners. I can also attest that it can provide inspiration in the tougher moments of a long distance run.

Over the past three years, partly by chance and partly by design, I have participated in half-marathon

races in the Maritime Provinces that have been adventures in Celtic and genealogical tourism.

In 2012, I was new to the sport of running, looking for diversion from my primary sport of swimming. I methodically sought the advice of friends with experience in the running world, got properly kitted up including the obligatory expensive shoes and built my training runs up gradually. After a satisfying go at a 10 kilometre race, I was ready to ramp up my training for a half marathon of 21.1 kilometres.

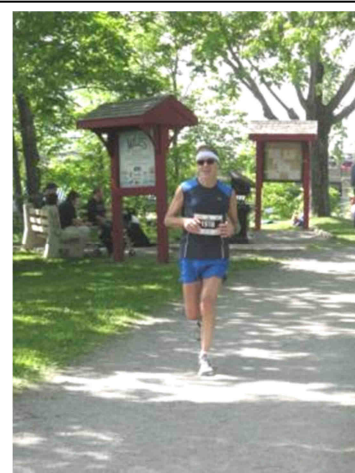
But with many cities and towns offering races where should I compete? Travel and family history have been long-time passions, so why not combine the two with a half marathon?

A great grandfather migrated from Pictou County, Nova Scotia to Montreal in the 1870s. This presented a potential destination, especially as a close friend and running mentor, Kathryn MacKinnon, lives in Pictou County.

The Celtic roots of Pictou County run deep. The arrival of the ship *Hector* on September 15, 1773 brought 189 Highland settlers to the northern shores of Nova Scotia and was the first ship to directly transport settlers from Scotland to Nova Scotia. Coming mostly from Loch Broom they were promised free passage, land and provisions to get them through their first year. A replica of the *Hector* is docked in Pictou Harbour at the Hector Heritage Quay, a tourist site and historical interpretation centre.

My own family came later, in 1818. They were lowland Scots who, like many of the era, spent several decades in the north of Ireland before boarding the brig *Ythan* at Londonderry bound for Nova Scotia. They were granted land on Mount Dalhousie, about 20 kilometres away from Pictou Harbour, the only Anglicans surrounded by Scottish Presbyterians.

The Pictou County race has run every June for forty years. It is called the Johnny Miles Running Event Weekend, named after a Nova Scotian running hero who won the Boston Marathon twice in the 1920s. Like most running events, various distances are offered, starting with the popular 5 and 10 kilometre races and extending to the longer half and full (42.2 kilometre) marathon. The races run through the twin towns of New Glasgow and Stellarton, through the streets and along the banks of the East River. It passes the Anglican churchyard where a number



Mark W. Gallop mid-race in New Glasgow, NS.



of my relations are buried. While I didn't have the inspiration of bagpipe music on this race, I did have a piper. Just after the start and again just before the finish, the course passes the town's war memorial, capped by a life-sized statue of a Highland piper.

The following autumn another travel opportunity beckoned, this time to Cape Breton. While I cannot claim ancestral ties to the island, there is no better place in Canada to soak up Gaelic history and culture. The tourist season in the Maritimes concentrates in the summer months, but Cape Breton has extended its season, and opening hours of attractions and amenities, into October for the Celtic Colours International Festival. For ten days, every corner of the island is filled with music and cultural activities. On any given night through the Festival half a dozen communities host concerts and céilidhs in their churches and community centres. The musical highlight for us was the Festival Club, held most nights during the festival at Cape Breton's Gaelic College in St. Ann's. It starts after the formal concerts of the evening are finished and is a gathering place for musicians to come and play in a less formal setting. This format makes for a late start, after 11 PM, and an even later finish.

As this was my first visit to Cape Breton, in addition to the music and Celtic culture, we covered a number of the usual tourist destinations, such as the Cabot Trail, the Fortress of Louisbourg, the Glace Bay Miners' Museum and the Alexander Graham Bell Museum in Baddeck. And while a half marathon wasn't the focus of the trip planning, there was a race on offer in at the end of our trip – called Fiddlers Run. Starting and finishing in the centre of Sydney, the race headed through a newly opened park reclaimed from Sydney Steel's tar ponds and then out to rolling hills north of the town. I quickly discovered that rolling hills can look picturesque from a car seat, but quickly add to the effort on foot. True to the races name, musical accompaniment was provided at start/finish line and a couple of the water stations. We also ran past the world's largest fiddle and bow (18 metres high) in front of the Port of Sydney's Cruise Ship Pavilion. While music was abundant through this event, I was disappointed that none of it came from bagpipes.

I registered for my third Maritime half marathon this past spring, in Fredericton. While Nova Scotia in general and Pictou County and Cape Breton Island in particular are known as hotbeds of Scottish-Canadian culture, the same cannot be said for New Brunswick so I had given up on my "pipe dream" of running to bagpipe accompaniment. It is known more for the



The World War I Cenotaph in New Glasgow, NS

influences brought by settlers from France, the Acadians and New England, especially the Planters before the American Revolution and the Loyalists after it. My own Saint John River Valley ancestors were Irish, arriving slightly before and during the potato famine years. Fredericton is a beautiful and historic city however I didn't expect to see much Scottish influence beyond the inevitable Robert Burns statue, sponsored in 1906 by the Fredericton Society of St. Andrew.

The Fredericton race started in a downtown park and travelled through some of the historic streets, past some of the locations where I knew my ancestors lived and worked. It then crossed the river on an old railway bridge converted to foot and bicycle traffic and

continued north through Marysville, an old mill town, along a well-groomed trail; the race then looped back to return to the downtown finish line. The hills of Cape Breton were thankfully absent but after holding a brisk and steady pace through most of the race, the final kilometres were more of a challenge.

But then I heard it – the skirl of distant bag pipes. As I approached the final water station, just before the rail bridge back into Fredericton, a kilted piper was playing, giving me the strength and encouragement to keeping putting one foot in front of the other, towards the finish line.

## One Fantastic Visit

Campbell Oliver

I have been in Scotland since September 1st and it has been most interesting.

I spent a lovely sunny afternoon in Edinburgh with an ex member of the Activities Committee Liz Morgan (née Tait) and her new husband Stephen and we had a lovely walk through Prince's Street Gardens past the Scott Monument and the Flower Clock to the Far end and the back along the lower level over onto the Mound and up through close and stairs onto High Street.

Unfortunately we could not walk into the Castle Esplanade as they were taking down the seating for the Tattoo.

We walked down High Street past The Heart of Scotland which is cobbles set in the sidewalk in the shape of a heart past St Giles Cathedral and the street was so full of tourists sitting having drinks and watching the world go by on a lovely warm sunny afternoon.

We then had dinner in A pub just north of John Knox's House and then we walked over the South Bridge onto Leith Street where we said farewell and I

got the bus back to Sheriffmuir where I had left my car in the park and drive parking lot.

On Monday my niece and I drove to Rosslynn Chapel to see that and there is only one way to describe it and that is absolutely magnificent.

I would highly recommend anyone visiting Scotland to put it on their agenda.

It was a Rotting ruin full of mould and falling apart until it appeared in the movie of The Da Vinci Code with Tom Hanks and because of the publicity it has been fully restored at a cost of £12,500,000.

The carvings inside are just beautiful and cover all kinds of biblical stories and personages and of course the little green men of Scottish Myths.

There are also some mysterious codes written in the carvings and they still hold services in the chapel as it was originally Roman Catholic but is now Episcopaleon.

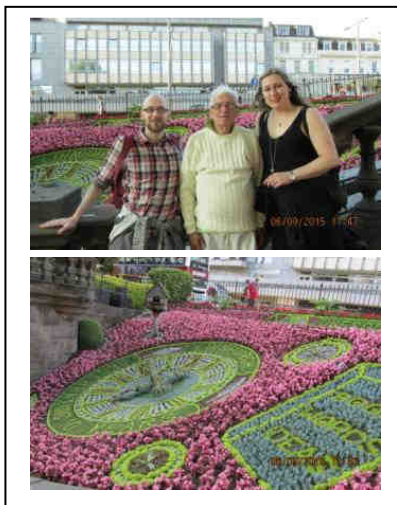
On Wednesday the 9th of September I was lucky enough to be

in the crowd watching Queen Elizabeth open the New Borders Railway not that I saw her as the Photographers and press were blocking the view from where I was Standing but I was there to hear her speech and a much longer speech by the Scottish first Minister Nicola Sturgeon.

This new railway cost £300,000,000 and it may be a surprise to you to know that the Scots are just as disorganized as we are here are when it comes to spending money and having to redo stuff.

### Private Rental Spaces: Households and Business Storage

Lock-It Storage Inc. has been providing a storage locker to the Society for many years. Their clean and secure facility is located five minutes from downtown just below Westmount, off the Glen at 4840 Acorn Street. Telephone is: 514-934-0386. Mini storage is an inexpensive way to safely store personal and business items. They offer sizes as small as a closet or as large as a garage.



## ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A DÉBUTANTE AT THE ST. ANDREW'S BALL?



Join us as a débutante at the St. Andrew's Ball which is held annually in November. This year, Friday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

You will be introduced to some Scottish traditions such as: helping those in need; participating in a volunteer night at the Old Brewery Mission. You and your escort will learn the Scottish Waltz (4 lessons, normally the Wednesday night) which you will perform the night of the ball for the pleasure of the Ball guests.

You will be also be invited to the Débutante's Tea by the wife of the president of the St. Andrew's Society while your escort will be invited to the Escorts' Luncheon by the president of the St. Andrew's Society.



At the Débutantes' Cocktail Reception (the Wednesday prior to the ball) you will be presented to the Ball Guest of Honour and to the members of the St. Andrew's Society.

The number of debutantes will be limited to eight, so apply early.

For more information and to register contact Claire Kelly, Chair Person, Debutantes & Escorts Committee of the St. Andrews Society at 514-704-4495 or [claire.madeleinek@gmail.com](mailto:claire.madeleinek@gmail.com).

# The St. Andrew's Ball

## Friday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015

### Debutante Application Form (Please remove and return)

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

### Debutante

<i>First Name</i>	<i>Middle Name</i>	<i>Last Name</i>
<i>Date of Birth</i>	<i>Age</i>	
<i>Address</i>	<i>City/Province</i>	<i>Postal Code</i>
<i>Home Phone</i>	<i>Business Phone</i>	<i>e-Mail</i>

### Father

<i>First Name</i>	<i>Last Name</i>	
<i>Address (if different from above)</i>	<i>City/Province</i>	<i>Postal Code</i>
<i>Home Phone</i>	<i>Business Phone</i>	<i>e-Mail</i>

### Mother

<i>First Name</i>	<i>Last Name</i>	
<i>Address (if different from above)</i>	<i>City/Province</i>	<i>Postal Code</i>
<i>Home Phone</i>	<i>Business Phone</i>	<i>e-Mail</i>

### Sponsor (If other than mother or father)

<i>First Name</i>	<i>Last Name</i>	
<i>Address (if different from above)</i>	<i>City/Province</i>	<i>Postal Code</i>
<i>Home Phone</i>	<i>Business Phone</i>	<i>e-Mail</i>

### Escort (If Debutante has an Escort an application must be completed)

<i>First Name</i>	<i>Last Name</i>	
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### Payment (Contact Debutantes & Escorts Committee of the St. Andrews Society at 514-704-4495)

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

Debutante: \$90.00                      Escort: \$90.00                      Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_



# The St. Andrew's Ball

## Friday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015

### Escort Application Form

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

### Escort Information

<i>First Name</i>	<i>Middle Name</i>	<i>Last Name</i>
<i>Address</i>	<i>City/Province</i>	<i>Postal Code</i>
<i>Home Phone</i>	<i>Business Phone</i>	<i>e-Mail</i>
<i>Name of Debutante</i>		

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