



# The Porridge Pot



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## BELTANE POTLUCK PICNIC May 20 5:30 p.m.

Duck Creek Park, Davenport at  
Pavilion 1

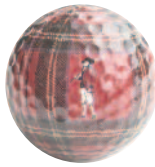
Bring your favorite picnic dish to  
share and your own table service  
and whatever you want to drink

(beer and wine are permitted). Before joining  
together for this meal (which turns into quite a  
feast year after year), Bill Hawthorne will lead the  
group in a short ceremony commemorating this  
special time in the Scottish calendar. As in years  
past, Ty Thomson will again provide an anniver-  
sary cake, but this year the cake will be in honor of  
Chick who passed away in February.

### **Some history on Beltane:**

*Beltane is the last of the three spring fertility festi-  
vals, the others being Imbolc and Ostara. It is cele-  
brated approximately halfway between Vernal  
(spring) equinox and the midsummer (Summer  
Solstice) and traditionally marked the arrival of sum-  
mer in ancient times. Beltane is about honoring Life.  
It is the time when the sun is fully released from the  
bondage of winter and able to rule over summer  
and life once again.*

*Beltane is a time of "no time" when the veils between  
the two worlds (Samhain being the other) are at  
their thinnest. "No time" is when the two worlds  
intermingle and unite and the magic abounds! After  
the winter we've experienced this year, we need  
Beltane, as the earth needs the sun, for our very Spirit  
cries out for the renewal of summer jubilation.*



## 2014 KILTED T GOLF DAY June 21st @ 1 p.m.

Highland Springs, Rock Island  
Longest Drive, Hole in One, Longest  
Putt, Cash Prizes, Raffles There's still  
time to enter.

Registration ends June 7th.  
\$65 per player/\$260 per team of 4.  
Questions - 563-579-9224  
To enter send your registration to:  
Darren Low  
KILTED T  
1640 Marlo Ave.  
Davenport, IA 52803



## MEMBERSHIP

This month's newsletter is being sent  
only to those who have renewed their  
memberships. If you know of anyone interested in  
joining or who may have forgotten to renew,  
please let Gale Hoff know. The Board will also be  
making an effort to be obtain and/or update e-mail  
addresses so it will be easier to send reminders  
about the various SAS events. If you aren't aware  
of it already, SAS has a Facebook page. Be sure to  
"friend" SAS if you are a Facebook user!



CATCHING HAGGIS IN SCOTLAND



## CELTIC FESTIVAL & HIGHLAND GAMES September 19-20

This year's event has been extended  
to include Friday evening. There will  
be multiple musical groups who will be perform-  
ing beginning at 3:00 on Friday and throughout  
the day and evening on Saturday. Dance competi-  
tions and Celtic games of strength (for both men  
and women) will be occurring throughout the  
event. There will be vendors and artisans selling  
Celtic wares and art. Clans and other related  
groups will have tents for those interested in  
understanding more about their heritage. For  
more information about this free Festival, check  
on-line by Googling Celtic Festival Quad-Cities..

**SAS will again have a tent on display.** As is the  
case every year, the Board asks anyone who can  
donate an hour or two to sitting in the tent as rep-  
resentatives of SAS, to contact us so we can add  
you to our schedule. It's a day full of fun and an  
opportunity to get to know each other better. To  
volunteer you can call Roger & Karen Stancliff 309-  
521-8000 or send an email tooscochf@theinter.com  
or return the attached volunteer form below.

**Laird John and Lady Gale Hoff would like to thank the SAS members for the wonderful gift of one square foot of property in Scotland in recognition of John's work as president of our organization. They hope to someday be able to go see their own little piece of Scotland!**

## RETURN FORM TO Roger & Karen Stancliff, PO Box 158, Andover, IL 61233

*I will volunteer at the SAS tent during the Celtic Festival/Highland Games:*

**Friday, Sept. 19**

To help set up the tent and display 1:00 PM

**Saturday, Sept. 20**

9:00-10:00

12:00-1:00

3:00-4:00

10:00-11:00

1:00-2:00

4:00-5:00

11:00-12:00

2:00-3:00

5:00 (help take down tent)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Ph Number \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

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FORWARDING SERVICE REQUESTED

**SCHEDULE FOR 2014**

May 20 - Beltane Picnic  
Sept. 19-20 - Celtic Festival/Highland Games  
Oct. 24 - Samhain Potluck  
Dec. TBA - Christmas Party

**TARTAN DAY**

This year's annual celebration of our beloved "tartans and all things Scottish" was held at the 11th Street Precinct in the Village of East Davenport on April 6th. Derek and Sue Grant made the arrangements and provided the group with special placemats that represented the Declaration of Arbroath, as well as Tartan Day pins. A special toast was made in honor of the day and Derek provided some "indoor" bagpipe music. Many of us hadn't seen each other since the Burns Celebration so welcomed the opportunity to get together again. There were also a few guests and new members present.

