



# The Porridge Pot



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## TARTAN DAY AT 11TH STREET PRECINCT

Derek and Sue Grant hosted a fun-filled Tartan Day dinner celebration on April 6th. The pictures included in this issue of the Porridge Pot are from this year's gathering. It was a bit difficult to determine how many attended since SAS members (including several first-timers) filled the room and, thanks to good weather, were able to also fill all the tables on the patio. There were 45-50 of all ages who enjoyed getting to know each other and/or visiting with old friends. Everyone was given a Tartan Day pin and special placemat to commemorate the evening, and Derek made our presence known to everyone in the East Village with his piping!



## BELTANE PICNIC May 19 at 6 p.m.

Pavilion 1 at Duck Creek Park in Davenport has been reserved for our annual observance of Beltane. Reminder postcards were sent out earlier so you would be sure to include this date on your calendars. The Board hopes you will be able to bring your appetites (and a dish to share, your own tableware, and beverages - beer and wine is allowed) so we can have a good time together while celebrating this theme in the Scottish calendar. Ty Thomson plans to continue her tradition of celebrating Chick and her anniversary by bringing an anniversary cake which will also serve as a remembrance of Chick.

## RIVER BANDITS CELTIC FESTIVAL DAY August 29

Another fundraiser to support the Celtic Festival is this opportunity to attend a River Bandits game. The reduced ticket price is \$7 and can be obtained from Darren Low 563-579-9225 darren\_low@yahoo.com. If there are tickets remaining, there will be someone at the gate selling tickets specifically for our group. The committee hopes to sell 100 tickets. You are encouraged to wear your tartan sash or kilt or carry your Scottish flag to show the Quad-

Cities our group is well-represented. Hope you can come to the game for this great family day!

## CELTIC FESTIVAL & HIGHLAND GAMES September 18 & 19

Centennial Park in Davenport will again be the location for the Games this year. Entry is free! You can check the website for more details about features available for this event and more information will be included in the August Porridge Pot. Lots of work goes into providing a good time for those with Celtic heritage (and those who are just wannabees) and there are opportunities to enjoy music, find out more about Celtic traditions, watch world class athletes in action, and much more. **Volunteers are needed** to assist with set-up and tear down of the SAS tent as well as serving as a representative of our organization by sitting in our tent for an hour or two. Please contact one of the Board members if you can help.

## GENEALOGY WORKSHOP

**October 17 9:30-11:30 a.m.**

SAS is sometimes asked what resources we can provide to assist in people's personal quests to research their genealogies. Our membership chairperson, Jim Daugherty, is in the process of organizing a workshop on introductory genealogy and SAS will be sponsoring the event. One of our members will also briefly share a bit about the research he has done on his family. There will be a display table with information about genealogy resources. Watch for details about how you can register for this workshop in the August Porridge Pot and in other publicity. The information provided in this workshop can be applied to any aspect of your heritage, not just those with Celtic lineage.

*A day to come  
seems longer than  
a year that's gone.*

Tartan Day photos courtesy of Bill Craig.





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## annual golf event

Cash Prizes 🍀 50/50 🍀 Raffles 🍀 Mulligans 🍀 Longest Drive 🍀 Longest Putt  
Hole In One and Closest To The Pin Challenge

Each player receives a Gift Bag and is included in the After Event Food and Drinks Celebrations

**Date: June 20th**

**Registration: 12 Noon, Tee Time: 1:00pm**

**Course: Highland Springs**



Highland  
Springs

**Rock Island, IL**

**Cost: \$260 per 4 Player Team**

Interested Parties  
can mail deposits to:

Darren Low, Kilted T

1640 Marib Ave

Davenport, IA 52803

563.579.9225

darren\_low@yahoo.com

\*100 Deposit Req by April 30th Payment In Full by June 15th  
Payments can be made at Mint Green Boutique, in the Village  
of East Davenport.

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FORWARDING SERVICE REQUESTED

### **2015 UPCOMING EVENTS**

May 19 - Beltane Potluck Picnic  
August 29 - River Bandits  
September 18 & 19 - Celtic Festival/Highland Games  
October 17- Genalogy Workshop  
October - Samhain Potluck  
November 30 - St. Andrew's Day  
December - Christmas Party

### **IDEAS NEEDED!**

You may not know that SAS, as a non-profit organization, periodically makes donations to groups or causes in our community that relate to "things Scottish." We annually donate funds to the Celtic Festival/Highland Games and some examples of other gifts are: purchase of books about Scotland to local libraries, money to Davenport North High School Drama and Bettendorf High School Drama Departments for their participation in the Fringe at Edinburgh. Some of our members also make substantial donations of their time by providing displays at events that emphasize heritage or providing education about Scotland for Girl Scouts, just to name a few. If you have ideas or suggestions for any similar type of donation, please feel free to contact a Board member.

### **WHISKEY ISLAND**

#### **60 Minutes Program**

An interesting program was recently shown on the May 3rd broadcast of 60 Minutes on CBS which gave the history of whiskey production on the Isle of Islay, one of the Hebrides Islands, off the western coast of our beloved Scotland. Bill & Judy Hawthorne traveled to this lovely, quiet isle in 2001 (also well known for birdwatching) and were impressed with the uniqueness of this place. If you have computer access, you can enter [www.cbs.com/60minutes](http://www.cbs.com/60minutes) and click on Episode 31, Season 47 - May 3, 2015. While the main emphasis was on whiskey making, there were many interesting aspects of the island lifestyle, and about Scotland in general, included in the broadcast.