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WE'RE BACK!

It's with pride, and a sense of relief, that the SASQC is announcing upcoming events starting with the July Celtic Night Out. I thank our Officers and Board for their work in keeping the Society going during our long Covid19 winter. We look forward to continuing our mission of supporting Scottish and Celtic culture and heritage. Celtic Night Out promises to be a great time so get your reservations in early. We're delighted that our friends in the St Pat's Society will be moving forward with the Grand Parade and look forward to continued cooperation with them. We're looking into a group outing at a River Bandits game and possibly holding a golf outing later this summer. We've been cooped up in our homes for a while so get out and join your fellow SASQC members in our activities. Thank you for your membership and continued support of the SASQC. Henry Marquard, President.

NEED HELP GETTING COVID VACCINATION APPOINTMENT OR RIDE?

You probably received a postcard letting you know some of our Board members would be more than happy to help you either set up an appointment for your vaccination or help line up transportation to the vaccination site. If you or a family member needs assistance in Iowa, contact Jill Yates at 563-508-3148, Gale Hoff at 563-210-1591, or Judy Hawthorne at 563-391-9971 or 563-370-4078. In Illinois, contact Mary G. Bouljon at 309-236-5328 or Lisa Lockheart at 309-292-7741. The sooner we get everyone vaccinated, the sooner we can get back to safely enjoying each other's company again!

NEXT SAS BOARD MEETING MAY 2

If you have any input for the Board, please contact a Board officer, or you are welcome to attend a Board Meeting which will be held at 2 p.m. at The Manor Clubhouse, 1104 Kimberly Rd, Bettendorf.

BIRDIES FOR CHARITY

A fundraising opportunity for our group that occurs annually for many groups in the QC is the Birdies for Charity. It is that time of year again and is supported by our own John Deere Classic Golf Tournament. By donating to this, not only do your donations benefit SAS, but an additional donation is given to our group from the Classic. To make a donation, just follow the instructions on the enclosed form. Please

note that the deadline is June 21st. If you prefer to make an online donation (minimum \$20), go to www.birdiesforcharity.com click on Donor, Make a Donation, and then follow the prompts. Be sure to designate Scottish-American Society as the recipient.

HAGGIS PREP JULY 10

Since we weren't able to make our famous haggis in January, we're going to replace our crazy Iowa/Illinois winter weather with our crazy Iowa/Illinois summer weather instead and will meet at 9:30 a.m. at The Manor Clubhouse, 1104 Kimberly Rd, Bettendorf to make haggis to be served at the July 17th Celtic Night Out. Anyone interested in coming to help create our special delicacy is welcome!



SAVE THE DATE: CELTIC NIGHT OUT JULY 17, 6-10 P.M.

Join us along the beautiful Rock River for an SAS sponsored Celtic Night Out at the Riverfront Grille, 4619 34th St, Rock Island. Admission includes heavy hors d'oeuvres, haggis, and music by Barley House Band and Blackhawk Pipes & Drums. Cost: \$22 per person for advance reservations by July 10. Act now - space is limited, and the cost increases to \$25 at the door. The buffet will be available from 6:30-8:00. Depending on the weather, there will be outside seating available. Your advance reservation is much appreciated for food planning. Since we weren't able to hold our traditional Robert Burns Celebration this year, this is an opportunity to pull those kilts and tartan shawls out of the closet! (And raise a glass to Rabbie Burns at the cash bar). Reserve online with PayPal, or return the form below with your check to the SAS address.



GRAND PARADE XXXV.2 AUGUST 28

Plans at this time are to pretend it's March 17th, and we will join our Irish friends in this bi-state parade. SAS will have a float and will be proudly representing our heritage with our Celtic sisters and brothers (and cousins, etc. etc.). All members are invited to walk alongside the float and help wave to the crowd and toss candy. Final details will be publicized in the August Porridge Pot and on the SAS website.

Like and follow Celtic Newsbytes on Facebook

CELTIC/HIGHLAND FESTIVAL & GAMES IS CANCELLED

Sadly, the Games are cancelled again this year. It has been organized by a separate group called the Celtic Cultures Alliance. The future of the Games is in question, but you will be notified through this newsletter and our website if there are any further developments. It's an event that has required lots of hard work, much planning, funding challenges, and many volunteer hours over the years. There has been discussion about possibly hiring a bus to attend other Games in the Midwest such as Milwaukee or Chicago, but there are no such plans in the immediate future.

SAS GOLF OUTING - SEPTEMBER 11 PALMER HILLS GOLF COURSE

We're looking for members who would like to put together or join a foursome Saturday afternoon, September 11th, at Palmer Hills Golf Course in Bettendorf. Golfers and family, friends, or other SAS members are invited to stay or join in a social time and/or dinner after golf (order off the menu). You'll be notified in the August Porridge Pot if Ron has been contacted by golfers who would like to participate - even if it's only a few of you. Please return the attached form or contact Ron so he can make arrangements.

SAMHAIN CELEBRATION/WHISKY TASTING PARTY OCTOBER 23

Save the date for our annual Samhain event at Mary and Greg Bouljon's home, 1550 31st Ave, Moline. It will be combined with a Whisky Tasting (for those so inclined). The attendees will be asked to bring a dish to pass and their own favorite whisky. There will be a little information shared about the history of this annual Scottish tradition. You will be asked to RSVP so numbers can be determined. More details in the August newsletter and on our website.

CELTIC ADVENTURES IN SCOTLAND & IRELAND SEPTEMBER 2022

Plans are still in place for this SAS sponsored 15 day tour exploring the Scottish borders, Northern Ireland, and the Irish Republic. As was mentioned in our last newsletter, just a few of the features of the trip will include tours in Edinburgh, Scottish borders, Isle of Arran, Belfast, Giant's Causeway, and Dublin. Brochures will soon be available outlining more details of the trip. Several people have already expressed interest. Contact Gale Hoff at galehoff@gmail.com or call 563-210-1591 if you have questions or would like your name(s) on the list to receive more information.

CELTIC NIGHT OUT July 17 Riverfront Grille, 4619 34th St., Rock Island 6:00-1000 p.m.

Name(s) _____

Phone No. _____ Email _____

\$22 in advance, form and personal check must be received no later than July 10. If at all possible, please make reservations so we know how to plan for food. You can pay by Paypal via the SASQC.com website, again by July 10.
(\$25 at door will be payable by cash or check, but space is not guaranteed)

Mail reservations to: Scottish-American Society, P.O. Box 132, Moline, IL 61266
Questions? Contact Mary at marygbouljon@aol.com or 309-236-5328

SAS GOLF OUTING September 11 Palmer Hills Golf Course, Bettendorf

Contact Ron Stuart if you want to play golf with a bunch of silly Scots!

Send this completed form to:

SAS of the QC, P.O. Box 132, Moline, IL 61266 Attn: Ron Stuart
or email him at stuartrl@icloud.com or call 563-528-0252

Name _____

Phone No. _____ Email _____

_____ I will put a group together (non-members are most welcome in your group) Number in group _____

_____ I would like to join a group

The Birdies for Charity Bonus Fund continues the bonus promise

The Birdies for Charity Bonus Fund was established to support the continuing efforts of the John Deere Classic, a 501(C)(3) not-for-profit organization, to provide bonus dollars to participating charities. To qualify, charities must be publicly supported and recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a 501(C)(3) organization. All charitable contributions must come from a designated donor, and must not be part of a capital campaign. The Birdies for Charity program is intended to support charitable organizations, services, operations and programs. It is not intended to be used for endowment or brick and mortar charitable purposes.

As before, the tournament will provide a bonus to all participating charities. This year, all charities will be **guaranteed a 5% bonus** on amounts up to their prior year pledge total, or \$100,000, whichever is greater. Additional bonus dollars will be based on tournament revenues. The Birdies for Charity Bonus Fund is the source of these bonus dollars. This fund is supported with dollars from tournament revenues, individual donors, and corporations. These dollars will be distributed annually, and are designed not to compete with, but to enhance the benefits for the nearly 500 charities that participate in the program. **So, if you are not already participating, this is the year to hop on board.**



JULY 5-11, 2021

Sponsored by:



Grand Prize Sponsor:



Media Sponsors:



Send pledges and payments to:

BIRDIES FOR CHARITY
15623 Coaltown Rd., East Moline, Illinois 61244
(309) 762-4653 or 1-800-336-4655
www.birdiesforcharity.com



Chip in for your charity

OFFICIAL PLEDGE CARD **2021**



Scottish American Society of the QC

CHARITY SOLICITED FOR

2179

BIRD NUMBER

I pledge and promise to donate:

☐ \$ _____ one-time flat donation.

Please attach payment. Checks payable to
Quad Cities Golf Classic Charitable Foundation.

☐ \$ _____

extra donation to the Birdies for Charity Bonus Fund

Donations to the **BFC Bonus Fund** (#1041) help provide the 5% match for all participating charities.

GUESS THE BIRDIES & WIN A TWO YEAR LEASE ON A 2021 LEXUS NX!

I guess that _____ birdies will be made.

Only 1 grand prize will be awarded. Void where prohibited by law.

BIRDIES SCORED (YEAR)

2,160 (2011)	2,040 (2014)	1,918 (2017)
2,113 (2012)	1,990 (2015)	2,355 (2018)
2,142 (2013)	1,982 (2016)	2,091 (2019)

PLEDGE INFORMATION (Please print)

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____

ZIP _____

PHONE OR EMAIL _____

Chip in for your chance to win

When you chip in to help area charities, you can win some great prizes. But your favorite charity will be the real winner. That's because participating charities receive **100% of the donations** pledged to them in this program, plus a bonus from the Birdies for Charity Bonus Fund which is a **guaranteed 5% match**.

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS

Simply make a one-time flat donation and mail with payment to the Birdies for Charity office at 15623 Coaltown Rd., East Moline, IL 61244.

To enter the contest, guess the number of birdies that will actually be made by PGA Tour Pros during the tournament, Wednesday through Sunday. A grand prize will be given to one person who guesses the correct number. In case of ties, winners will be randomly selected.

KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS

I pledge \$ _____ one-time donation
I guessed _____ birdies would be made

Payment was included with pledge

☐ YES ☐ NO

☐ CASH ☐ CHECK NO. _____



GRAND PRIZE:
2 YEAR LEASE ON A 2021 LEXUS NX



One lucky supporter of the John Deere Classic's Birdies for Charity program will win

a 2 year lease on a **2021 Lexus NX**, courtesy of Smart Lexus of the Quad Cities. Other prizes awarded by random drawing.

CONTEST RULES

- Only 1 grand prize awarded. Ties and other prizes determined by random drawing.
- All guesses must be on an official pledge card and received at the tournament office by **June 21, 2021**.
- Rules are available at www.birdiesforcharity.com.
- No pledge or purchase required. Need not be present to win.
- Pledges submitted after the JDC may be applied the following year.

SCOTTISH AMERICAN SOCIETY

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FORWARDING SERVICE REQUESTED

Upcoming Events:

Haggis Prep - July 10

Celtic Night Out - July 17

Grand Parade - August 28

Scottish Golf Outing - September 11

Samhain/Whisky Tasting - October 23

St. Andrews/Christmas Party/Annual Meeting - December TBA

Robert Burns Celebration & Dinner - January 22, 2022

Scottish American Society presents a

Celtic Night Out!

Saturday, July 17

6pm-10pm

Riverfront Grille, Rock Island

Heavy hors d'oeuvres, haggis, music from Blackhawk Pipes & Drums and the Barley House Band. Raise a glass to Robbie Burns!

\$22 paid in advance by July 10

Cost higher at the door!

PayPal: www.sasqc.com

**RSVP
now -
limited
seats!**



Mail: PO Box 132,
Moline, IL 61266