



Kilt Skate 2018

The Kilt Skate was held on January 27. It was a colder day for the Kilt Skate at -19 when it started. There were around 25 skaters in kilts.



Guth na Dannsairean Voice of the Dancers

Dance Outs

There were numerous dance outs during the Robbie Burns season. Thank you to all the dancers who came out and danced.

Please send all dance out inquires to shda.danceouts@sasktel.net.



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Lifetime Member Profile - Lynn Wagner

What years were you involved with SHDA? I joined SHDA in September of 1996. Had a full membership until 2012. Continued as an Associate Member until becoming a Lifetime Member in the spring of 2016.

What positions did you hold on the SHDA executive and/or Scottish Pavilion?

I became a member of the SHDA Executive in 2006 when I was the Secretary. In 2009, I took on the Fundraising Chair position. From 2010 to 2012, I was the SHDA Provincial Rep on the Saskatchewan Highland Dance Association. In 2010, Saskatoon hosted the SDCCS and I was the Food Vendor Chair for this event. When SHDA took over running the Scottish Pavilion in 2006, I became the Raffle Chairperson. Over the years, the Passport Chair kind of blended in with the Raffle Chair position. In 2017, I was honored to be one of the Adult Ambassadors for our pavilion, so I had the year off from the raffle and passport jobs. Looking forward to getting back to work in 2018.

What is your favourite memory while on executive? I think that the best part was knowing that what we were doing was keeping the Scottish culture alive and well for future generations. Seeing the dancers participating and enjoying themselves at different events that we organized felt really good. As long as we can keep them interested and participating in events, the better the chance that, as they become adults, they will step up and carry on with the work that needs to be done for the organization to continue promoting our Scottish culture.

What is your favourite highland dance to watch? The sword dance.

Did you highland dance? Nope. When I was about 20, I went looking for a teacher, but couldn't find one. I do still think about it though. However, since my daughter, Lindsey, teaches the adult classes, I don't see it going really well for me lol. I would venture to say that I would probably be the student sent out to the hall, perhaps for talking back to the teacher.



Lifetime Member Profile - Nola Jones

What years were you involved with SHDA? I first had involvement with SHDA when we moved to Saskatoon in 1989. I continued to be involved at a variety of levels until 2008.

What positions did you hold on the SHDA executive and/or Scottish Pavilion?

In SHDA I helped in coordinating bingos in the early years, but my major contribution was SHDA representative on the provincial association as treasurer and as president for a number of years. I had the privilege of being manager of the Scottish pavilion for a few years as well as becoming a very good toffee maker. I was honored to be ambassador twice and truly enjoyed the experience.

What is your favourite memory while on executive? I have so many fond memories from my involvement with highland dance, but I think the most special was to be involved with the planning and hosting of not one but two successful national championships in 1998 and 2010.

What is your favourite highland dance to watch? The Laddie with the Johnnie running a close second. The best was watching Kendra and her friends dance the Laddie on a street corner in Scotland to a busking piper.

Did you highland dance? No. Although I know all the music and steps for the dances, any dancing on my part is only in my mind!



Muriel Boyle Award

Muriel Boyle was a highland dancer, teacher, and judge in Saskatoon from 1921 to 1954. She was an accomplished competitor, winning numerous medals and awards across Western Canada. Following her competitive dance career, she opened her own dance school, where many of her students became accomplished highland dancers. In addition, she took an active role in her community by assembling dance shows that could be enjoyed by the public at large. Muriel Boyle directed the Scottish country dancers for 17 years and continued to enjoy and participate in dancing until her passing in 2003. Upon her passing in July 2003, Muriel Boyle bestowed a gift from her estate upon the SHDA. With this gift, she wished to reward Saskatoon highland dancers for their achievements in competition, community service, and the highland dance experience. Each year, three (3) Muriel Boyle Memorial Awards of \$350 each will be given to: pre-premier dancer, junior premier dancer, senior premier dancer. Applicants must be highland dancers who are current members of the SHDA. Applicants will be screened by a sub-committee of the SHDA executive that will be tasked of determining the successful applicants for the awards. The Muriel Boyle Memorial awards are presented annually at the SHDA February closed competition.

This year, we had many deserving applicants. Some of the highlights coming out about highland dancing in the essays were friendship, family, team spirit, good sportsmanship, self-confidence, and physical strength. Some of the qualities of these highland dancers that came through in the reference letters were professionalism, determination, goal orientated, responsible, self-motivated, confident, hard working, and well respected. These lists could go on however the point is that highland dancing is about hard work, perseverance, technique, practice but also much more. These qualities carry over in dancer's personal lives, in school, work and their communities. Dancers are often leaders in these areas.

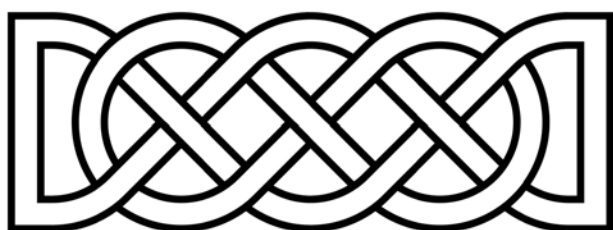
Thank you to the committee for their hard work as they meet to select our successful applicants and to all of the dancers who applied this year.

2018 Muriel Boyle Winners

Pre-premier: Whitney E.

Junior premier: Heidi I.

Senior premier: Katie W.



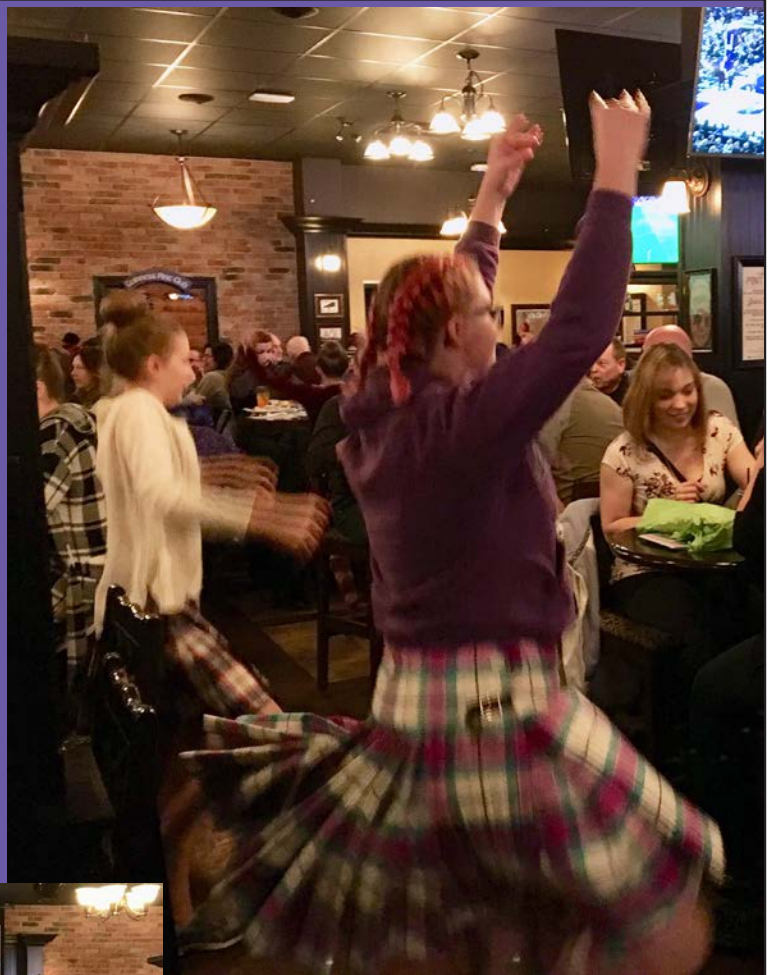
Fish and Chip Night

107 tickets were sold.

Thank you to the following individuals and businesses who donated raffle prizes:

- Duguid Highland Dance
- The Kilt Lady
- Wilson School of Highland Dance
- Stonebridge Chiropractic
- Wendy Wilson

Thank you to everyone who came out and supported our event.



Dates to Remember

April 28-29, 2018 - SHDA Open Competition and Workshop

May 19-20, 2018- Queen City Open Championship and Pre-Premier Competition - Regina

May 26-27, 2018: Provincial Selection Competition and Closed competition - Saskatoon

May 28th, 2018: SHDA AGM

June 29-July 4, 2018: SDCCS 2018 - Calgary

SHDA Fundraising Events

The kitchen co-chairs are collecting bottles and cans during the month of May and June. Text or call for a pick up between May 21st and June 2nd.

Saskatoon: Kelli or Randall 306-291-6935
Martensville: Lindsay 306-221-5573

Scottish Pavilion Kitchen Wish List

The kitchen is looking for the following items to be donated:

- KitchenAid Stand mixer - 575 watter motor, 6 QT bowl
- Ninja Blender - 900 watts, 72oz blending jar
- KitchenAid Food Processor - 14 cup capacity
- Rival 16 QT plug-in roasters, qty 3
- Pressure Cookers - 8 QT or larger, electric or sandard stove top, qty 2
- Stock pots with lids - 12 QT or larger
- Shelving units - resin or steel, 3 or 4 open shelves, qty 2
- Cutting boards
- Knife sets
- Water jug - 5 gallon capacity, qty 2

Contact Kelli Keays kkeays@sasktel.net if you would like to donate

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