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## From the President's Pen

**Fran** and I enjoyed a pleasant evening at the recent reception celebrating **Ron** and **Desiree's** wedding. It is always an honor to be included in the important events of our members' lives, and so satisfying to see these two special people begin a shared life. As **HRSS** President and as friend, I wish them happiness. May they someday celebrate 50 years together as **Fran** and I recently did.

The weather was set for "broil" and we did, but otherwise, Glasgow was a wonderful event as always. It was good to see all the members who were there to support **HRSS**, and to have a good time. **Fran** always gets new members for the Society at the Glasgow games, and this one was no exception. Be sure to read her article elsewhere in the newsletter.

The next games **Fran** and I will attend will be Grandfather Mountain, too far afield for **HRSS** presence, but one of the largest and oldest games in the country and one that encompasses all that Scottish Highland games should be about. If you've never been there, I encourage you to go. There are usually over 120 clans present, so most likely yours will be and you can be part of your own "family" reunion.

*Chuck*

## POUPCOMING EVENTS MN

- 08-11 July**      **Grandfather Mountain  
Highland Games**  
Linville, NC
- 20 July**          **HRSS Regular Meeting**  
7:00 P. M. at **The Celtic Cup  
Coffee House**, Tullahoma
- 11-13 September** **Sycamore Shoals  
Celtic Festival**  
Elizabethton, TN
- 18 September**   **Biannual Yard Sale**  
South Jackson Civic Center
- 21 September**   **HRSS Regular Meeting**  
7:00 P. M. at **The Celtic Cup  
Coffee House**, Tullahoma

## Membership News

*Ceud Mile Failte* to new members: **Reneé Sanderson** of Nashville and **Nick Cutcliff** of Murfreesboro who joined at the Glasgow Highland Games. Be sure to welcome them to **HRSS** when you have an opportunity. **Nick** proceeded to bring honor to our Society by placing first in his division in the Kilted Mile. Also, "our band," the **Nashville Pipes & Drums**, placed first over all in the Pipes & Drums competition at GHG. Dues for new or renewing members can be sent to or interested parties can contact:

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## CONGRATULATIONS

*Desiree and Ron*

who were married on June 16, 2010, in a private ceremony in Gatlinburg, then gave us all the opportunity to celebrate with them at a reception on June 26 at the Tullahoma Event Center. It was a wonderful celebration to which all who were able to attend can attest. **Desiree Siemson** is now **Desiree Porter**. **Ron's** name did not change. We love it when individual members marry, as **Debbie Goff** and **Steve Lowry** did last fall, because we gain a family membership. Although we lose a little in revenue, we believe we gain a more solid commitment.



## FUNDRAISERS

**YARD SALE:** The yard sale will be held on September 18. We have a storage unit and are currently gathering donations. Call **Randal Cunningham** for information and to ask what you can do to help with this event. We would like more participation than ever.

**BAKE SALE:** The bake sale will be held at Manchester Wal-Mart on November 20, 2010.

**Highlandphoto Clan Seat Packages:** A photo montage and album about your Clan is available from **Highlandphoto**. Two packages are available to members and interested persons, and **HRSS** will receive commission on those orders. Please check out the details at [www.highlandphoto.org.uk](http://www.highlandphoto.org.uk) and contact [sue-brewer@highlandphoto.org.uk](mailto:sue-brewer@highlandphoto.org.uk) for further information to order. State your connection to **HRSS**.

**COOKBOOKS:** These make great gifts, Scottish or no. Cost is \$15/each or 3 or more for \$13/each. Contact **Fran** or order on the website.

**DONATIONS:** **HRSS** is a 501(c)3 organization. A donation to **HRSS** is tax deductible and can be earmarked as you wish.

## BURNS SCHOLARSHIPS UPDATE

**Katie Snyder**, Burns Scholarship recipient the past two years, has been nominated for a North American Highland Dance Scholarship for the third time and will be traveling to CA for this competition October 6-8 this year. Recently, her teacher of years, **Judy Hackett**, asked **Katie**, "What's driving you?" **Katie** replied, "I'd really like a Balmoral Scholarship, and I think my Tullahoma Scottish Society would like for me to have it, too. I dance for them." Remember, in the thank-you note **Katie** sent to **HRSS**, she stated that every time she dances, she is dancing for us. The Balmoral Scholarship is for a dance camp in June produced by **Diane Krugh** who gathers all the best instructors from Scotland, Canada, and the US to teach. She chooses four candidates from North America to attend, chosen a year in advance. **Katie** has been notified that she was chosen for next year. We are proud of our investment in her future in Highland Dancing. Our Piping recipients, **Chris Cutcliff**, **Jessie Dean**, and **Steve McAmis**, attended the Balmoral Piping School in Illinois in late June.

We will be keeping up with all of our Scholarship recipients in the future and will be reaping the benefits of their growth in their respective crafts, as we have already done from some of this year's recipients and from **Kell Coulter**, a past year Scholarship recipient for harping.

## Minutes of 18 May, 2010

President **Chuck Lawson** called the meeting to order at 7:11 p.m. with twenty (20) members and entertainer **Kell Coulter** and 4 other guests present.

**Minutes of Last Meeting:** **Fran Lawson** moved to accept the minutes of the last meeting as printed in *The Sporrán*. **Gary Overman** seconded, the motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer **Ken Stewart** was absent, **Chuck Lawson** reported a balance of \$5151.79 as of March 16, 2010. Burns Scholarships were paid for **Katie Snyder, Jessie Dean, Chris Cutcliff, and Steve McAmis** totaling \$2365.00. The current balance as of May 18, 2010 is \$3,037.89. The report was accepted and placed on file.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Membership:** A welcome was given to new members, **Ted and Sue Shelton**. **Fran Lawson** reported our membership is more or less at 120. Keep spreading the word.

### OLD BUSINESS

**Burns Night:** **Fran Lawson** reported that, with proceeds from Burns Night, four (4) scholarships were awarded. A thank you note was read from **Katie Snyder**, one of the Scholarship recipients.

**Glasgow, KY Games:** June 3, 4, 5 & 6 will be the 25th Anniversary of these Games and will include an International professional athletic competition. HRSS will have a tent convened by Fran Lawson. She is requesting volunteers to both assist her in manning the tent and bringing food. If you will do either, contact her.

**New Assistant Treasurer:** Paperwork is proceeding to add **John Scarbrough** as a check signer.

**Facebook:** The HRSS is on facebook. **Heath Barkley** is the administrator and will be placing events and announcements to help members stay current with Society activities.

**Kilted Hike:** On May 8<sup>th</sup>, **Chuck Lawson** and **Heath & Lisa Barkley** participated in a 4 mile hike to Machine Falls. More hikes will be planned and announced.

**Other Old Business:** none

### NEW BUSINESS

**Yard Sale:** A storage unit is available for storing this year's Yard Sale items. The Yard Sale will be Sept 18, 2010, on South Jackson Civic Center grounds. Please contact **Chuck Lawson or Randall Cunningham** to arrange pick up of sale items. A call for volunteers for this event has gone out and you may contact **Randall Cunningham**.

**Other New Business:** The Society is a 501.3C non-profit organization for anyone wishing to make Tax Deductable donations.

### ADJOURNMENT

**Randall Cunningham** moved to adjourn the business meeting at 7:28 p.m. It was seconded by **Gary Overman**. Meeting adjourned.

## Minutes (con)

### PROGRAM

**Kell Coulter**, a former Burns Scholarship recipient, entertained us with her musical skills along with a bit of history on her study progression on the Harp.

Respectfully submitted,

**Desiree F. Porter**, Secretary

## Glasgow Highland Games

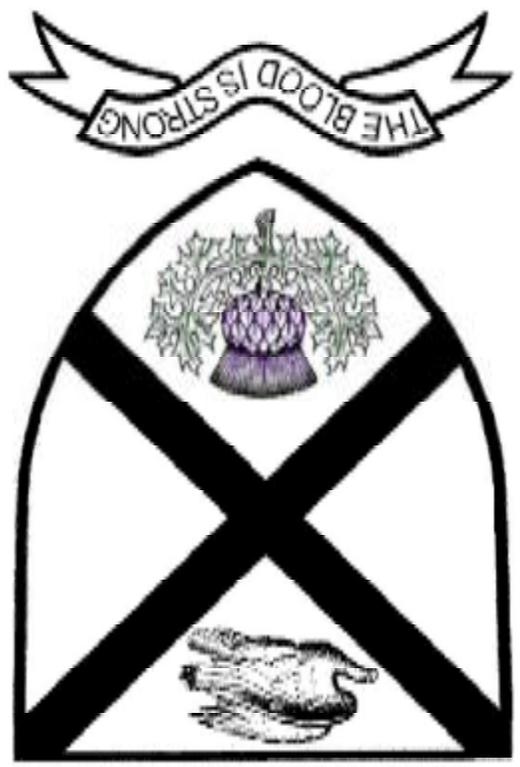
Hot! Hot! Thick humidity! Sultry heat! In a sauna with kilts on! That's the description of the weather the weekend of June 3-6. We knew that the weather was going to be uncomfortable when we unloaded the van on Friday afternoon to begin setting up the tent. An occasional breeze, or shower, though the tent on Saturday and Sunday brought little comfort. That aside, the event was a roaring success. It was the Silver Anniversary of GHG and included the Championship of the USA vs Canada Athletic Competitions which were in view of the tents for all to see. Team USA won this competition. As an Honored Society, we were "on display" several times. We met old friends, made new friends, and gained new members for HRSS. Thanks to **Bill Work, Ted & Sue Sheldon, Sue Brewer, Ken Stewart, and Bill Youngquist** for helping to man the tent convened by **Fran Lawson, and Chuck Lawson, Heath Barkley, Jon Lawson, John Scarbrough, Debbie & Steve Lowry, Mark & Julie Lane, Greg Cutcliff, and Nick Cutcliff** for making appearances, and **Jon Lawson** for carrying our banner in the Parade of Tartans. Also, thanks to any of those listed who brought food to share and **Angela Arnold** who sent wonderful shortbread. We were able to spread a very delectable lunch for Society members at the Games on both days. The enthusiastic participation of our members at Glasgow every year makes our having a tent there a very enjoyable and successful endeavor.

## JULY PROGRAM

**Ron Cunningham** has planned an interesting program for the July meeting. **Sandy Greig**, an authentic Scot with an authentic Scottish accent, will be reading several selections of **Robert Burns** poetry. Support **Ron's** endeavors with your presence. This will be a real treat; you do not want to miss it.



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