



# The Rampant Line



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## President's Message



Hello All,

Oh my goodness, I don't know where January went. It seems to have flown by and it might have with all the wind we've had. The reports of the snow 'up north' makes me happy to see most of our northerners down here in the south.

I am very happy to say that our 2015 Burns Supper was a huge success thanks to all those involved in putting the hall and the program together. 110 people attended. We had a special visit from Canada—Bill McMahon—who Toasted the Haggis. He came here JUST to do this for the Scottish American Society at the request of his niece, Denise Boyle, and his sister, Ima Boyle. What a wonderful family. Can I be adopted, please?

This month we have our Valentine's Day Party on February 13<sup>th</sup>. A trip to the horse track on February 14<sup>th</sup> and our Chinese Auction on the 28<sup>th</sup>. Hope you can make it to these fun events.

This month is also the month for nominations for election to the Board of Directors. Please contact Peter Gibson if you are interested in putting your name up for nomination. We had an amazing Board of Directors this year and all have worked so well together for the purpose of maintaining the integrity of the Scottish American Society in the Dunedin community.

Our Tartan Night with Norm Campbell was as much fun as ever. We are all showing our pride and more people than ever are displaying their plaid or pins, brooches and other items with Scotland very deep in their hearts.

If you are in town please make an effort to attend our General Meeting on February 10<sup>th</sup>. We have a lot to discuss and really need your input because what we discuss is all about you. As a member myself, I prefer to be talked with—not about, so I can have my say. So, come and talk with us and have YOUR say.

Please remember to thank Denise for this beautiful newsletter and remember to acknowledge the hard work of the other Board Members. I don't think that I thank them enough, so perhaps you could take up my slack.

Thanks,

Diane



**\*\*\* IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS \*\*\***

Please take the time to read the following in regards to changes to our current by-laws.

"As discussed at the General Meeting held on January 13, 2015 the following by-laws require a vote and approval by 2/3 of the membership attending the meetings. The following is an explanation of the changes the By-Law Committee has suggested:

1. Add a by-law to read that the Membership Secretary shall keep an up to date roster.
2. The next by-law change refers to the Newsletter Editor's duties. We would like to delete 'and shall send out notices of unpaid dues'.
3. The next by-law change would be not requiring the Recording Secretary's signature on checks, drafts, promissory notes, orders for payment and other indebtedness. Only the signature of the Treasurer and the President should be required. The reason is availability of the persons responsible for such.
4. The next change is in regards to requiring the Recording Secretary's signature on contracts, leases or other instruments executed on behalf of the Corporation in addition to the President's signature. Again, because of availability, the change would be to the President's signature and a counter-signature by the Treasurer, when deemed necessary. The same would be provided to the Board of Directors authorizing their execution.

**We will present these changes at the next General Meeting on February 10, 2015 and take a second vote."**

*Tartan Night  
Friday, February 6th*



Don't forget that the first Friday of each month is Tartan Night. Great to see that so many are participating and wearing the tartan with pride.



Derby Lane Dog Racing – Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>

Tickets on sale this month, \$22 per person

Contact Ima Boyle (727) 733-7317



Exercise & Socialize! Who says you can't dance and chat at the same time? Come out and try it for yourself, you will be amazed!

Line Dancing with Dee Tuesday mornings from 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. at the SAS Hall. \$3.00 Donation.



**S.A.S. MEMBERSHIP**



2015 Annual Memberships are past due.

If you haven't already purchased your membership you will no longer enjoy the discounts or monthly newsletter. In order to re-instate your member status, please contact the membership secretary, as soon as possible.

Life Memberships are always available and you'll never have to worry about renewal.

To purchase your Life or Annual membership please contact our Membership Secretary, Ron Phillips (727) 738-8161

**January General Meeting**

Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 p.m.

All members are encouraged to attend.

Immediately following the meeting there will be a light lunch served.



## Friday Nighters

This month the live music will be Duncan McKenzie on the 6<sup>th</sup> and Norm Campbell on the 27<sup>th</sup>. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the fun begins at 7:00 p.m. Cost is still only \$3.00 for Members and \$5.00 Non-members.



*Catriona A. Hill  
Jerry Anderson  
Beverly LaRocque*



## "Mrs. Communication"

Jock's Mother-in-law arrives home from the shops to find him in a steaming rage and hurriedly packing his suitcase.

"What happened Jock ?" she asks anxiously.

"What happened!! I'll tell you what happened. I sent an email to my wife telling her I was coming home early today from my fishing trip. I get home... and guess what I found ? Yes, your daughter, my wife Fiona , in a comprising position with Hamish McGregor! This is unforgivable, the end of our marriage. I'm done. I'm leaving forever!"

"Ah now, calm down, calm down Jock!" says his mother-in-law. "There is something very odd going on here. Fiona would never do such a thing! There must be a simple explanation. I'll go speak to her immediately and find out what happened."

Moments later, the Mother-in-law comes back with a big smile. "Ahh Jock, I told you there must be a simple explanation .....she never got your E-mail!"

## Editor's Corner

Well, that's me for another month. Once again there is plenty of events going on so don't be shy, get involved. I'm jealous that so many of you are in the sunny south able to enjoy the activities at the club when my only activity lately has been shovelling snow! If anyone is interested, I've got quite the stockpile on my front lawn ready for shipment! Until next month, as we say in the north . . . "Keep your stick on the ice!"

**Denise**

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**Saturday,  
February 28<sup>th</sup>**

**chinese  
AUCTION**

Donations for the tables must be handed in no later than February 21<sup>st</sup>.

Tickets for luncheon and auction available at the door.  
Doors open at 11:00 a.m.  
\$4.00 Members/Non Members



Elections for the 2015-16 Board Members will take place at the March General Meeting. All positions are open for nomination. If you would like to put your name forward, please contact Peter Gibson (727) 724-3497

*A little birdie tells me that we need to send out our very best wishes to Doris Finney, Liz Novak & Flora Phee. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.*



# FEBRUARY



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6 Tartan Night Duncan	7
8	9	10 General Meeting 7pm	11	12	13 Friday Nights Valentines Dance Party	14 Horse Races
15	16	17	18	19	20 Friday Nights Norm	21
22	23	24 Board Meeting 3pm	25	26	27 Friday Nights	28 chinese Auction

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