



Scottish Society of the Treasure Coast

The Scotsman

DECEMBER 2025

Kaye's Komments

Our Annual Meeting went well with the election of our new 2025/2026 Board. It was well attended and we enjoyed the talented Highland Dancers, Ella Duppenhaler and Allison Williams and Snare Drummer, Max Dobrin - all Scholarship recipients this year.

Steve Hicks mentioned some of the upcoming events and encouraged everyone to attend the Scottish Highland Games in Central Florida on Jan. 17th and 18th, 2026. Guests were also told that Scottish kilts and other donated Scottish items were for sale at the back of the dining room and all monies collected will go toward our Scholarship Fund.

At our November Board meeting the following members accepted these Board positions:

Kaye Hicks, President
Mason Russell, Vice President
Sarah Morley, Secretary
Ron Redpath, Treasurer,
Doug Wood, Communications Director
Steve Hicks, Membership/Events Director
Helena Krasa, Director at Large
Donna Sherrard, Director at Large

Our St. Andrew's Day Celebration was held on Thursday, November 20th at Pointe West. Rev. Brad Klostreich led us in singing 'O Flower of Scotland' then gave us the invocation and after dinner we had a very entertaining presentation by the Reverend regarding St. Andrew. This was followed by the presentation of "Treasurer Emerita", which the Board unanimously approved, to Sylvia Gregory in recognition of years of service and her commitment to assist with Treasurer responsibilities if the Treasurer is absent. Jim & Sally Fortini played traditional Celtic music and did a wonderful job!

We have a number of members who have not renewed their dues. Dues are essential for our Society to function. We have limited funds and try to provide services and information to our members at the lowest possible cost. If you have not submitted your dues, please do so. In this publication there is a statement providing information on how to make payment. I thank you for your continued support.

Our Burns Supper will be at Pointe West on Sunday, January 25th, 2026. A flyer is enclosed with this newsletter.

Best wishes for a wonderful Holiday Season and Happy New Year!

Sincerely, Kaye Hicks, President

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

I am pleased to announce we have gained several new members and are now at 112. It is heartening to see our membership grow and I anticipate new members joining after our Burns Supper in January, 2026.

We are working with both the Vero and the Sebastian Chambers of Commerce and the Board has chosen to supply sticky notepads with the SS logo and website information as a free handout. Most recently Donna Sherrard and Karen Wilson represented the Society at the Sebastian Chamber's booth for the Annual Clam Bake, allowing us to reach out to more potential members. Mason Russell attended a networking event with the Sebastian Chamber, which was a very positive gathering. The Sebastian Chamber presents free concerts in the Riverview Park in Sebastian with attendance in excess of 500, where at intermission, various organizations donate prizes. We have elected to donate a free family membership and a goodies basket on March 13, 2026.

I am very pleased to announce that we have received many donations to our Scholarship Fund and anticipate making several Scholarship presentations in 2026.

The Central Florida Highland Games will be held January 17th & 18th in Winter Springs, FL. We have rented a booth and will give out information regarding the Society and our Scholarship Program. I recommend that you plan on attending. For further information go to the website: www.flascot.com.

The Board has decided to advertise the Burns Supper event in four local publications and anticipate a strong response. This year's event promises to be better than the last!

We will attend four Vero Beach Polo matches - information below.

The Board is in need of a volunteer to be our editor for the newsletter. I am sure there are many qualified candidates in our membership roster. Please help, as this is an all volunteer organization.

Steve Hicks, Membership/Events Director

Vero Beach Polo Club

2026 Schedule

New Season Begins January 18th, 2026

The Scottish Society will be attending the following matches:

February 8th
February 22nd
March 15th
April 12th

- 1) Sunday matches are scheduled for 2 pm
- 2) Gates open at 12:00 p.m.
- 3) Check the website for game day changes and rainout info: theverobeachpoloclub.com
- 4) Admission \$25.00/person payable at the gate on game day

Children under 10 are free!

The Society will provide three canopies and two large tables. You need to bring a dish to share and a chair, as well as your favorite beverage. The Society will charge \$5.00 for this event; funds to go to the Scholarship Fund. Please pay on-site....cash.



(Merry Christmas & Happy New Year
in Scottish Gaelic)

THE SCOTTISH SOCIETY OF THE TREASURE COAST PRESENTS:



Date: Sunday, Jan. 25, 2026 Cocktails and entertainment begin at 5:00 pm. Dinner at 6:30 pm.
Cash bar - Price - **\$75.00** members, **\$80.00** non members. You may choose to be a Sponsor for **\$125**. The additional cost will include your meal plus a \$50 tax deductible donation to the Scholarship Fund and your Sponsorship will be acknowledged on our program.

Where: Pointe West Country Club, 7500 14th Lane, Vero Beach, FL 32966 772-770-3401

Entrée choices: Roast beef with Au Jus and creamy horseradish sauce with roasted potatoes

OR

Salmon with dill sauce and rice pilaf

A vegetarian option is available

House salad, rolls & butter, green beans almonidine, beverage and coffee station, cranachan for dessert

**RSVP by 1-19-2026 by paying on line or sending a check to our P.O. Box.
See details below. Payment in advance is required.**

**FEATURING THE VERO BEACH PIPES AND DRUMS BAND AND THE HIGHLAND DANCERS
FROM THE CENTER FOR DANCE AND PERFORMING ARTS**



Clip and send this coupon to choose your entrée for this special evening. Reservations are requested for our Burns Dinner as follows:

Names _____	Beef _____	Salmon _____	\$75/\$80 _____
Sponsor _____	Beef _____	Salmon _____	\$125.00 _____

**Please make checks payable to: Scottish Society of the Treasure Coast and mail to:
P. O. Box 5263, Vero Beach, FL 32961 OR pay on line at
www.scottishsocietyofthetreasurecoast.com. RSVP Deadline by 1/19/2026. For further
information call: Kaye at 586-909-0509. All are welcome and feel free to invite your
friends!**



Statement of 2025 Dues

Dear Society Member,

This is your 2025 Society Dues statement which is now due and payable. Please note: Joint Dues are \$75 and Single Memberships are \$50 per person. Please send the check to the Scottish Society of the Treasure Coast, P.O. Box 5263, Vero Beach, FL 32961 or go on our website. Bear in mind that your dues are tax-deductible, as we are a nonprofit organization.

Our website address is (www.scottishsocietyofthetreasurecoast.com). You may pay your dues through our PayPal account or use your own credit card (by going on the PayPal account and choosing to pay by credit card if you do not have a PayPal account), as that is optional.

We are most grateful for your membership and continued support; if you have any enquiries about your dues, please contact Kaye Hicks, President at 586-909-0509.



Scottish Genealogy Interest Group

- Get tips on tree building, genealogy resources, and more
- Learn about your Scottish roots
- Enjoy talking about all things Scottish



2026 Meetings
January 27 February 24
March 24 April 28 May 26
10:30 am -12:00 pm
IRC Main Library, Florida History Room



PHOTO GALLERY OF RECENT EVENTS



Highland dancers Ella and Allison, Scholarship recipients



Snare Drummer Max & Pipe Major Jacob



Sebastian Riverview Park Clam Bake



Society Tent at recent Vero Beach Polo Match



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THE MONTHLY TARTAN QUIZ

The Christmas Tartan - It was created to commemorate the Christian festival of Christmas. The word "Christmas" does not occur anywhere in the Bible. It literally means "Christ's Mass" which refers to the celebration of the Lord's Supper, i.e. the Mass. This tartan is inspired by the spirit of Christmas. Colours: Green represents Frankincense; Red represents Myrrh and Yellow represents Gold. Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh are the gifts given to the Baby Jesus by the three Magi in the nativity story, each symbolic of Jesus' life and death. Gold represents Jesus' kingship and royalty; Frankincense symbolizes his divinity and is often used in worship; Myrrh foreshadows Jesus' suffering and death, as it was used for anointing the dead.

2025/2026 SOCIETY OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Officers

President - Kaye Hicks

Vice President - Mason Russell

Secretary - Sarah Morley

Treasurer - Ron Redpath

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Membership/Events Director - Steve Hicks

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