

THE SCOTTISH St. Andrew's SOCIETY of Abu Dhabi



January 2013 Newsletter

Dear Members & Friends of Scotland:

First of all a Happy New Year and wish you and your nearest and dearest a healthy, prosperous and successful 2013.

Our first major event of 2013 is just over two weeks away and tickets are selling fast. This is of course our Burns Night which is being held at The British Embassy Gardens on Fri 25 January. See below to book your tickets.

I know many of you are waiting to receive your membership cards and these will be available for collection at next Monday's Sundowners being held at Park Rotana Hotel, Coopers Bar 14 January from 6pm. This is also an opportunity for all those who have yet to renew their membership.

Yours aye, **Colin McKinlay, Chieftain**

Forthcoming Events

Robert Burns Night: Fri 25 Jan 2013, 7pm

Once again thanks to the support of the British Ambassador, this is being held at The British Embassy Gardens. This year, we have two TV stars from Scottish comedy sitcom "Still Game" with Isa Drennan (Jane McCarry) and Tam Cullen (Mark Cox) to entertain us with their humour during the evening. Dubai Pipe Band will also delight us with the Pipes and Drums. For ticket sales please contact Sharon Crighton on 055 537 0246 or Sadia Syed on 050 262 9957. Prices are Dhs 450 for members & Dhs 550 for Non members. Includes reception drinks, five course Scottish themed menu, open bar all evening, Guest Speakers, and our famous 'Water of Life' Malt Whisky Majlis!



Isa Drennan & Tam Cullen from Still Game

Unleash the hidden Scot in you at the AD Scots Society Ceilidh!

Ceilidh - Scottish Dance Party & Buffet - Fri 1 Mar 2013

The Club, Main Hall, 7.30pm. Come along and enjoy an evening of Scottish Ceilidh dancing accompanied by a delicious buffet. Cash Bar. Don't worry if you have never Ceilidh danced before! It's very easy and there will be a caller to help guide you through the steps. The aim is to have fun! Tickets from The Club Main Reception or contact Francine Quastel, fquastel@yahoo.com Tel: 055 9484 658, Std Tickets Dhs 130*, EARLY BIRD TICKETS BEFORE 1st February 2013 Dhs 115! See Website for details.

Monday Night Sundowners – As always it's on the second Monday of every month at Coopers Bar, Park Rotana Hotel. The next Sundowners is on Monday 14th January. We look forward to seeing you there and you are welcome to bring along your friends who would like to join the Society.

Monthly Golf Stableford - Our first event will be held on Sat 12 January at 11:30, Saadiyat Beach GC, with all welcome. Further events will be held at AD National GC & Saadiyat so please check the website regularly for event announcements. In support of Operation Smile, we have commemorative golf shirts for sale on the day to help support this great and worthwhile charity. Come along, show your support and join in the fun! For further details: Steve Lewis, stevel@domegroup.co.uk Tel: 050 5246964.

Charities: We are a non profit making organisation and at each of events we raise funds through raffles, auction items and sponsorship to support our charities in Abu Dhabi and Scotland. This year's nominated charities are Operation Smile, which provides surgery and support for children with cleft palates and Scottish Cot Death Trust. Please support the Society and show your support.

Membership: All memberships are now due for renewal and will be valid through until December 2013. Following the St Andrews Ball event our membership was 252 and we hope with everyone's support we can increase this even further. Application forms are available on line at www.adscots.com

Sponsorship: We are always keen to attract sponsors for an individual event or throughout the year. An event can be supported in a number of different ways and gives the sponsors an opportunity to showcase their company / organisation and perhaps invite their clients to one of our events. For more information and an information pack for potential sponsors to consider, please contact Steve Holt steve43_holt@hotmail.com Tel: 050 5823 235 or Colin McKinlay

We would like to thank our sponsors for their continued support

