

The Scottish St. Andrews Society of Abu Dhabi



February 2014 Newsletter

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Memberships are now due for 2014, so please contact a committee member and renew for your continued member discounts during 2014. Our next Sundowners event will be held this coming Monday at Porters Bar, from 6:30pm onwards, details below, and is an opportunity to renew your membership, get a free drink and a snack, whilst meeting each other members. Bring along any friends or new colleagues.

Yours aye, **Iain Hill, Chieftain**

Recent Events

Robert Burns Night: Fri 31st January

Once again thanks to the support of the British Ambassador, a highly successful Burns Supper was enjoyed by over 210 guests. We had some fantastic speakers once again, with the main event, the famous Address to the Haggis, recited by guest speaker Willie Maxwell, the highlight of the evening. The Dubai Pipe Band as always, delighted us with the Pipes and Drums.

Thanks to The Club for an excellent dinner service throughout and to all our sponsors, who made this charitable event possible.

Forthcoming Events

Scottish Country Dancing

Class timings: Sundays 7.15 – 9pm
Thursdays 2 – 3:30pm (from 6th March)
Venue: Health Complex at The Club. 30 AED.
Contact: Francine Quastel francinequastel@gmail.com / 055 9484 658.

Monthly Golf Stableford - Our golf section is being well supported and enjoyed by all. Our next event is on Sat 15th February, which will also be part of a wider Inter Society Team event, competing for the overall accolade of Abu Dhabi Society Team Champions! Please check out our [website](#) for the February event. Contact The Chieftain at 050 6156642 or email: ihill@hotmail.co.uk

Sundowners – Held on the 2nd Monday of every month at Porters Bar, Grand Millennium Hotel. The next Sundowners will be Monday 10th February. We look forward to seeing many of you there and you are welcome to bring along your friends who would like to join the Society.

AGM: Fri 7th March, 6:30pm,

The Scottish St Andrews Society of Abu Dhabi will hold its Annual General Meeting in the Main Hall, The Club, Abu Dhabi at 18:30 on 7th March 2014. All Society members are welcome to offer opinion, help and support for our 2014/15 programme of events or get actively involved as a committee member!

If you wish to attend the AGM, but do not have a ticket for the Ceilidh and you are not a member of The Club, please contact Sadia in advance to arrange access.

Sadia Syed 050 905 3097 sadssyed@hotmail.com

The AGM will be followed by a [Ceilidh](#).

Ceilidh Dance Party: Fri 7th March, 7:30pm,

Come along and enjoy an evening of Scottish Ceilidh dancing accompanied by a delicious buffet (including Haggis!). Cash Bar.

Tickets available from The Club Reception or from Francine Quastel (055 9484 658 / francinequastel@gmail.com)

Tickets: Dhs 150

The ceilidh will be preceded by the [AGM](#).

Membership: Our membership year is now January to December; therefore **memberships of 100 AED for 2014 are now due**. We would encourage all members to renew as soon as possible, if you have not already done so. We welcome all nationalities to join our Society, so please encourage any new friends who have come to the region to join us. Contact Sadia Syed on 050 905 3097, by e-mail at sadssyed@hotmail.com, or alternatively a committee member can assist. For new members application forms are available on line at www.adscots.com

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Charities: We are a non-profit making, volunteer led organisation, raising funds through raffles, auction items and sponsorship to support our chosen charities in Abu Dhabi and Scotland. The nominated charities for our 2014 year will be agreed at the forthcoming AGM in March and announced in due course.

Sponsorship: As always we are keen to attract sponsors either at an individual event or throughout the year. This 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 assistance or information, please contact Tracey Hughes on 056 196 2994, email traceyhughes_uk@yahoo.co.uk or Alan Payne on 056 687 9060, email: apayne@nationalambulance.ae

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