

The Sporran

Newsletter of the 42nd Royal Highlanders, Inc.

A Scottish Society and Pipe Band

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42nd Band Report

Reported by Preston Smith

The 42nd band's summer 2004 season is underway, kicking off May 15-16 (as well as 22-23), in St. Charles, Missouri, for the National Signature Event commemorating the bicentennial of Lewis and Clark's expedition. The band completed a successful 2-weekend stint at St. Charles, participating in the largest Fife and Drum muster west of the Appalachians, and being involved in the once-in-a-lifetime event sending off Lewis and Clark's Corps of Discovery, led by our own Scott Mandrell (as Capt. Merriweather Lewis). The band wishes Godspeed to Scott and the rest of the Corps as they spend the next two years on the rivers of the American West.

The band will be at the annual Fort DeChartres Rendezvous is May 5-6, in Prairie du Rocher, IL, at a historic site where the 42nd took possession of France's westernmost fortress in America.

Race fans, keep an eye out for the red coats of the 42nd in the ranks of PipeFest 2004, before the US Grand Prix at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. 500 bagpipers from all over the world will be lined up on the yard of bricks, giving Formula One fans a unique sight!

Look for 42nd band members at the Taste of Tippecanoe, June 19! Band members will be manning a "refreshment" stand on the John Myers bridge from 7:30-12:00. Be on the watch for a new late-summer Kilted fundraiser for the 42nd band! More information will be sent to members as dates and places are finalized.

Following the passing of long-time band member Frank Rickey, many generous donations were received in his memory, which were used to purchase a set of bagpipes for the band to keep on hand for new pipers.

Keep in your prayers band alumni Mike O'Quin (1st Lt, USMC), stationed in Iraq, and Ed Opperman (Sgt, US Army), Afghanistan.

2004 Burns Supper

The 21st Annual Robert Burns Supper was held on January 24th, 2004, at Judy Painter's Place in Lafayette. 263 tickets were sold, up from 238 in 2003! Guests were entertained by the band, The Whole Nine Yards, as well as the usual toasts by the Laddies, Lassies, and the memorial to the bard himself. Nobody left hungry, as there was adequate haggis, neeps, and lamb for everybody! Many thanks to all the generous donors who contributed door prizes.

Media coverage for the Supper was good this year: WLFI TV-18 featured a portion of the event during the newscast, as well as a promotional segment beforehand. The Lafayette Leader printed an article and sported a photograph of band members on the front page!

Keep your calendar open for the 2005 Burns Supper (Jan 22, 2005)

42nd Pewter Mugs

Reported by Daniel Duncan

Now you can have a bit of the 42nd with you in your kitchen or with you as you travel (without the wet, smoky wool smell!). We are proud to offer to you the 2004 Special Edition Pewter Mug. This mug holds 16 ounces of your favorite beverage. It has the words "42nd Royal Highland Regiment of Music" and "The Black Watch" printed on it.

The mugs also feature the clan crest badge of the 42nd RHR band on it. The clan crest badge and its background are hand colored. There are different colors available for the badge and background, which you get to choose. Each mug sells for \$30 with additional costs for seasoning and/or a gift box and wrapping. There is also a small charge for shipping. You can see these mugs and print out an order form on the 42nd website (<http://www.42ndRHR.org>). If you do not have internet access you can contact us at the following:

XLII Pewter Mugs
C/O Rowan Tree Studio
205 Perrin Ave.

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(765) 429-6044

Please keep checking the website and your Sporrán newsletter, as we hope to have additional merchandise available later this year.

Scottish Country Dancing

Reported by Isobel Miller

Summer is coming and we're still dancing but because we're all so busy, we decided not to offer a class during the summer. However, if you've ever taken a class with us, know that you're welcome to join us any Thursday evening at the Morton Community Center in West Lafayette from 7:30pm-9:30pm.

We've had some changes within the dance group. Two of the girls got married – Karen Devine in December, Rachel Goonetilleke in April and Dan Wolber left town right after the Burns Supper to report to the Navy for basic training at Great Lakes, Illinois. We miss them but wish them well in their new lives.

If you have any questions about Scottish Country Dancing, call Isobel at 463-0608.

Membership in the 42nd

Reported by Kate Brinkos

In 2003, there were 76 members in the 42nd Royal Highland Scottish Society. Help us reach 100 or more members in 2004! You will soon be receiving your membership brochure and application in the mail. Please consider renewing your membership and share the information with your friends, family, co-workers and others who are interested in all things Scottish. Remember, you don't have to be Scottish to join! If you need additional brochures, contact us!

Feast 2004

The Feast of the Hunter's Moon is October 2-3, 2004. Keep your calendar open, if you're usually a Feast volunteer, and be sure to recruit your friends! While parts of the Feast are changing around us (again), the

Feast is still a top money-maker for the 42nd's operating funds. Your help is vital to keeping the 42nd humming (droning?) along.

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