



## CAPE TOWN CALEDONIAN SOCIETY

Established 1881 NPO Reg No 036-264

### NEWSLETTER JULY 2007

<b>Chief</b>	Peter Ross	☎	021 689 9450 (W)
	3 Welgelee Road	fax	021 689 9240
	Constantia Hills, 7806	☎	021 712 2506 (H)
<b>Secretary</b>	Ian McWalter	☎	021 685 6000 (H)
	74 Strubens Road	fax	021 509 4065
	Mowbray, 7700	☎	021 509 0469 (W)
<b>Treasurer</b>	Lance Wiseman	☎	021 689 2235 (H)
	9 Albert Road, Mowbray, 7700		021 686 7104 (W)
		fax	021 686 7300 (W)
<b>Scribe</b>	Margaret Currie	☎/fax	021 671 3674
<b>Hon Padre</b>	Myra Horn	☎/fax	021 558 4045

Dear Member

How's this for an old Cape winter! - wonderful, isn't it? My garden is wet and bedraggled and I have just caught a glimpse of my regular visitor, an orange breasted thrush, land on my small lawn. He loves the worms which, to escape drowning in the sodden earth, pop to the surface right into his awaiting beak. With the exception of the worm, everyone is happy!

### CALEDON

*Reference Scots Magazine*

Scotland is no slouch in joining the latest trend - that is groups of tenors classically trained as operatic singers. **Caledon** is the name chosen by the group; **Alan Beck, Ivan Sharpe** and **Jamie MacDougal**, all genuine Scots. I am looking at a photograph of them posed against a background of rock and castle and dressed in black shirts, black socks with a red flash, black boots and the inevitable sunglasses. They are wearing the kilt, of course. The tartan is **Lion Rampant** consisting of a yellow ground divided into large squares with a red line. In each alternate square there is a Lion Rampant.

The idea was born when they got together as a spoof of the *Three Tenors* for **Tartan TV** at the **Edinburgh Festival**. The act went down well and they were approached by the **President of St Andrew's Society of Detroit**, who happened to be there, and invited to perform in Detroit - and so the group was launched.

Their first CD is called **The Power and the Passion** and delivers just that! They are recorded with the **City of Prague Philharmonic**, the **Caradoc Chorus, Pipes and Drums** and various Celtic instrumentalists. They sing traditional songs. The sound is big but very lyrical, quietly tender and then melancholy (which is second nature to we Scots). Apparently you feel you are hearing *wee/kent* songs for the first time. Sounds great!

## FROM THE CHIEF

Nicky and I are taking a few days off in Plettenberg Bay and I am having difficulty concentrating on my laptop computer in this idyllic setting with great views of the Keurboom lagoon, the sea and the mountains all around. Great way to refresh both body and mind!

The AGM is soon upon us. No doubt this will serve as reminder for us to reflect on the past year as Chief and Lady President. We are hoping that in our second year in office – if we are re-elected – we will be able to build on some of the initiatives of the first. The first also included some lessons learnt for us which we can put down to experience. The Highland Gathering in April was an event the magnitude of which we certainly did not comprehend when we assumed office last year. At least we will have some time to recover as the next Gathering will be in three years time – coinciding with the 2010 Soccer World Cup! With some creative thinking I am sure that it can be turned into an opportunity rather than a handicap.

We really are hoping for a reasonable turnout at the AGM. This is the business-end of the Society and a really important meeting. We hope that members will show their support and interest by taking off an hour or two for one Saturday morning in the year to join us.

There have been quite a few enquiries from new potential members and we hope to “close the deal” and bring them on board soon.

Yours aye,  
Peter

## FUNCTIONS

The **Video Evening** was postponed from 22 June as the Chief, at whose house it was to be held, went down with this nasty flu'. He is well recovered now so the evening will proceed on **Friday 20 July at 19:00 for 19:30**, Venue remains the home of the Chief and Lady President viz **3 Welgelee Road, Constantia Hills**. The programme is the same - two videos, the Western Cape Highland Gathering and the 2006 Edinburgh Tattoo. If you still would like to attend, please telephone **Councillor Mary Moodie at 021 762 4710 or Nicky at 021 712 2506 by 17 July**.

### **Annual General Meeting**

**Date Saturday 27 July**

**Time 10:00**

**Venue Claremont Congregational Church, Main Road, Claremont (next to Claremont Gardens). Parking can be accessed by turning left into Church Street from Kildare Avenue.**

We urge you to attend . It is essential that you support your Society on this very important occasion. We need your assistance in discussing and planning the year ahead. The minutes from last year's AGM, the agenda, and nomination forms will be enclosed with the mailing of this newsletter> if you do wish to nominate someone to Council please clear this with them beforehand and make sure that they sign the form before handing it in. As mentioned in our last newsletter, we would love to have some new persons on Council. It is envisaged that some changes to the Constitution will be tabled. Proper notice will be given thereof. We are trying to arrange a guest speaker to add some zest to the proceedings. Hope to see you there!

### **Whisky Tasting**

**Date Saturday 18 August**

**Venue** The Officers Mess, Cape Town Castle

**Time** 19h00 fro 19h30

Arrangements for the whisky tasting are in full swing and more details will follow in the next newsletter. In the meantime start whetting your tastebuds by diarising this event.

## **Kirkin' of the Chief**

**Date 26 August**

**Venue Gardens Presbyterian Church**

**Time 10:00**

Again we look forward to you being there to honour our **Chief and Lady President** as they receive a blessing and take a vow of service to the Society for the year ahead. As it is our custom to entertain the congregation to tea after the service we ask that you bring a platter of something suitable and good to eat. Thank you.

## **Chief's At Home**

**Date 15 September**

Again keep a look out in the next newsletter for full details.

## **October Congress in Durban**

This is scheduled for the weekend of the **12 to 14 October**, and your Society will be represented. Should you be interested in going along, please contact the Chief and Lady President for details.

## **October Seniors' Lunch**

Date and details to be finalised and personal invitations will be sent out.

## **Pinelands Caledonian Society**

**Chief's At Home** - 28 July; **Kirkin' of the Chief** - 19 August. For details and to book please telephone **Anne Miller at 021 591 1499 or Anne Stevenson at 021 554 0302.**

**Cape Field Artillery** will celebrate their **125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** this year by presenting a concert in **Bellville Civic Centre** in **August**. The Pipe Band and SA Army Band will perform, accompanied by several other artists. More details in our next newsletter.

Should you require transport to functions please telephone our Secretary, **Ian McWalter, at 021 685 6000 (a/h)** to arrange this.

## **IN MEMORY OF DENZIL LOVELAND**

We shall remember him. Denzil was an exceptional man - tall and upright in every sense of the word, with a military bearing. **Bobby** and he complemented one another so well. They were so much a part of each other. I always felt their presence set the tone of the evening whatever the occasion might be. We have missed them greatly since they became unable to attend our functions. With the inevitable passage of time, their health increasingly became cause for concern resulting in them having to move into the **Brown and Annie Lawrence Home**, where Denzil had been Chairman of the Board for many years.

Bobby and Denzil met in Cairo during World War Two where Bobby was nursing and Denzil was serving in the Armed Forces. They were married there and when the war was finally over, Denzil remained part of the **Cape Town Highlanders** while he pursued his career in Government Service. He became an integral part of the regiment, greatly respected and loved by all. He was made an Honorary Colonel and, in recognition of his exceptional service, was declared a Colonel of the Regiment.

On **7 June**, at full age of 93, he left us and returned to his Maker. By special permission from Pretoria he was given a full **Military Funeral** from the **Pinelands Methodist Church**, where he and Bobby were active members most of their married life. It was a memorable and moving ceremony, with the Pipe Band playing his favourite hymn and the Regiment giving him the last salute as Bobby received his medals and the national flag. We shall remember Denzil.

## MEMBERS' NEWS

We send our deepest sympathy to **Rose and Ian Aldcorn** whose son **Stuart** was killed in a motorcycle crash in Scotland – the ultimate sadness for parents, to lose a child.

Several of our members will be off overseas in July - we wish them all *Bon Voyage!*

**Gloria and Frank McWalter and their son and our Honorary Secretary Ian** will be visiting family in Ireland during which time their little grandson/nephew will be christened. May this be a wonderful time of family reunion and celebration.

**Colleen and Stuart Rennie** will be visiting family and friends in Scotland, Ireland and Holland over a period of three months. As Stuart has now really retired they are able to enjoy an extended holiday and really deserve this special time. Enjoy every moment! We appreciate all you have done for the Society. *Haste ye back.*

We also bid farewell to **Past Provincial Chief and Lady President, Joe and Janey Brown**, who are returning to Scotland. We shall remember them and miss them.

**Helen Johnston and Bob Ritchie** are both reported to be progressing well, we are happy to hear. Keep it up!

As reported under functions, the **Chief** has joined the ranks of those stricken by the 'flu. Fortunately **Nicky** is also recovering. Get completely well soon, both of you.

## SCOTTISH WORDS

*Timmer breeks* has rather a gloomy meaning - wooden trousers - in other words, a coffin. Our *hindmaist goonie*, according to an old Scots saying *has nae pooches*. It tells us our last garment has no pockets. In other words a very picturesque way of saying, you can't take it with you. The very poor claimed their last covering would be a *green goonie* - the grass which covers the grave.

I think it is time to be more cheerful and enjoy a smile together.

## CLASSROOM CLANGERS

Our father who art in Heaven, Harold be thy name.  
Guinness is the first book in the bible and Revolution is the last.  
To scotch something is to drown your sorrows in whisky.  
A skeleton is a man with his inside out and his outside off.  
A spectre is a man who goes to football matches.

With warm thoughts from your Chief, Lady President and Council

And your scribe