



Cape Town Caledonian Society

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Dear Members,

As our Secretary and our Treasurer have the surname Munro, I thought I would have a bit of fun! Have you heard of Munro-bagging?

Just as the Inuit have hundreds of words for snow, so in Scotland a hill is rarely just a hill. Depending on where you are in the country, what it's shaped like and how high it is, a hill might be a ben, a mount, a law, a pen, a brae or even a pap. Even more confusing if you are keen on doing a bit of hill-walking are "Munros". These are the hills in Scotland over 3,000 feet in height, defined by a list first drawn up by Sir Hugh Munro in 1891.

You "bag" a Munro by walking to the top of it, and once you have bagged all 284 you can call yourself a Munroist and let your chiropodist retire in peace!
Of course, there is no need to do them all, Munro-bagging is simply about appreciating the great Scottish outdoors. It is advisable, however, not to get too obsessed by Sir Hugh's challenge, after the Munros you might hear the call of the "Corbetts" (hills between 2,500 and 2,999 feet) or even the "Donalds" (lowland hills above 2000 feet). Happy walking!

MEMBERS NEWS

Our condolences go to Peter Ross and family, our Past Chief, whose mother passed away recently. She had a wonderful life and lived to the ripe old age of 95 years old!

NEW MEMBERS

We wish to welcome Mr Daniel and Mrs Louise Offret (affiliate members), Master Warrant Officer-RSM Danie and Mrs Ina Steyn (affiliate members) and Officer Commanding Vidius Archer and Mrs Archer (affiliate members). We hope you all have many happy years as members of the Society.

PAST FUNCTIONS

The dinner at the Tai Ping Restaurant in Newlands was a great success. 103 people squeezed into the restaurant. The food was delicious.

FUTURE FUNCTIONS

1. THE WESTERN CAPE HIGHLAND GATHERING at Edgemead Primary School on Saturday 3rd April 2010 from 09:00 to 16:00. This exciting three-yearly event features: 4 competing pipe bands; Scottish and Irish dancers; A display of Scottish Country Dancing; craft stalls and tea garden. It is organized by: Cape Town Caledonian Society, Pinelands Caledonian Society, Judy Lucas School of Dance and the Cape Town Caledonian Pipe Band. The Scottish Country Dancing demonstration will be given by a demonstration team consisting of dancers from a number of Dancing Schools in Cape Town. Directions to the event: From N7, take Bosmansdam Rd eastwards. Turn right into Letchworth Drive and follow signs to Edgemead Primary School in Denison Way.

Jacinta, our secretary, is responsible for the tea garden at the Gathering, and is looking for volunteers from our society, whose names will be put on a roster for pouring and serving tea. Please use this opportunity to become involved in our society, and to get to know others in our society on a friendly, informal basis. Should you be willing to help for an hour or half an hour, please contact Jacinta, directly, by telephone or e-mail. (See details at front of Newsletter). Peter Ross, our Immediate Past Chief, is the convener of the whole event, and is also looking for volunteers from our Society who would be willing to assist in other areas on the day. Please contact Peter by telephone at 021 6855921(h), 021 6899240(o) or 0833023791.

2. A LUNCHEON FOR THE VISIT OF THE FEDERATION CHIEF AT MOWBRAY GOLF COURSE ON SUNDAY 4th APRIL

Cape Town and Pinelands Caledonian Societies will be hosting a luncheon for the new Federation Chief, Jean Kelly and her Consort, at Mowbray Golf Course. Our Provincial Chieftain, Ivor Dickson and his wife, will also be present. All members are welcome. The Sunday lunches at Mowbray Golf Course take the form of a lovely four-course meal, plus tea or coffee, with the dessert served in buffet style. Use this opportunity to celebrate Easter Sunday with family and friends by booking a whole table with us! The cost of the luncheon is R100, as it is Easter Sunday, and they are providing a special Easter lunch. Please telephone Jacinta, our Secretary, and complete the booking form, below, to confirm a booking. Those who are attending are asked to be seated by 12:30.

3. SEE THE 2009 EDINBURGH TATTOO AND ANOTHER DVD, AND ENJOY FRESHLY FRIED FISH AND CHIPS ON SATURDAY 22 MAY AT 84 LYMPLEIGH ROAD, PLUMSTEAD, AT 18:30. The aim is to have the fish and chips after the Tattoo at 20:00, and to end the evening around 21:00. Tea and coffee will be served. Please bring any other drinks you wish to have, together with your own glass. The cost for the evening will be R40. Please book your place/s by telephoning Trish at 021 7055399.

FROM YOUR CHIEF

Peter Ross, not only lost his mother, but shortly afterwards lost his uncle as well. I would ask you to keep him in your prayers at this tough time. Despite having such a sad time, I thank him for all the tremendous amount of work and energy he put into the preparations for the upcoming Gathering.

I thank Stuart and Jacinta Munro and their friends who made the Chinese Evening such a success by all their dedication and hard work. This was much appreciated by the Gathering Committee members.

Please note that this edition of the newsletter is for two months. It has been decided to send out the newsletter every alternate month, now, in order to reduce costs.

We desperately need assistance at the tea garden on the day of the Gathering, and would also like to see as many members as possible at the Luncheon at Mowbray. Please telephone Jacinta re the tea garden and also to book your place at the luncheon.

We are looking ahead at our next Burns' Evening to be held next January, and would like members to indicate to us whether they would prefer the evening to be held at Kelvin Grove or a cheaper venue. Please inform us by e-mail, SMS or by telephone.

Congratulations to all our new members for being accepted into our Society! I welcome you, and hope to speak to you at our various functions.

Chieftain Myra Horn has unfortunately had to step down from our Committee due to personal reasons. We were sorry to lose her, and thank her for her diligent participation on the Committee over a number of years, not only as a Committee Member, but also as Honorary Padre as well. We wish her all the best.

Maureen Fernandes has kindly agreed to be co-opted onto the Committee for the remainder of the year. Should any other member wish to be involved on the Committee, please contact me.

Yours Aye
Stuart

BIRTHDAYS – Happy Birthday to the following members

MARCH

1st Sharon Hyman
6th Duncan MacMillan
12th Leonard McLeod
18th Ronald Conyngham
23rd Kerry Farrelly
26th Frank Duk

APRIL

1st Allan Duff
1st Peter Odendaal

5th Vicki Mackenzie
19th Margaret Currie
27th Alex Felton
30th Stuart Munro

From your Chief, Lady President and Council
and your Scribe.

**BOOKING FORM FOR FEDERATION CHIEF'S LUNCHEON AT MOWBRAY GOLF C.
4th APRIL, 2010**

NAME(S) _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE _____

No of persons: @ R100 each = R.....

If you have a specific seating requirement, please state it:

If you require vegetarian food please indicate Yes / No

KINDLY ARRANGE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

Cheques to be made payable to: Cape Town Caledonian Society
Direct online payments or telegraphic transfers can be made to: Cape Town Caledonian Society, FNB
Rondebosch, Branch code : 201509, Current account : 55161140154 (Please use surname as reference)

**PLEASE FORWARD THE COMPLETED FORM TOGETHER WITH YOUR REMITTANCE OR PROOF THEREOF TO:
THE SECRETARY, CAPE TOWN CALEDONIAN SOCIETY, PO BOX 442, CAPE TOWN 8000**

ALTERNATIVELY EMAIL A SCANNED COPY TO MS JACINTA MUNRO: jacinta.swarts@uct.ac.za

Or send a fax for her attention: Fax No 021-7610568

