In Gear

**Archie Scott Brown**

William Archibald Scott Brown, known as Archie, was born in Paisley, Renfrewshire May 1927. He was a British Formula One and sports car racing driver. He participated in the British Formula One World Championship Grand Prix on 14 July 1956. He also attempted to qualify for the Italian Grand Prix in the same year, but was excluded due to his lack of the required International Licence. Away from F1, in his short career Scott Brown scored 71 wins, 15 of which came in international competition.
Queen Mary
Highland Games 2011

The heavens opened and the sun shone on the 2011 Queen Mary Games. The rain that was forecasted did visit briefly but didn’t put a damper on the crowds of enthusiastic Scots who piped, marched, and danced for a steady stream of folk anxious to witness the men in kilts and the ladies who love them. The Saint Andrews exhibit was one of the busiest on the clan deck and interest in our activities was morphed into membership by seven individuals eager to be a part of our society. We will officially welcome them to our midst May 19 at the New Member Reception to be held at the home of Vickie Pushoe. Please mark your calendar for this very special event.

Calendar of Events

April 6, 2011
Tartan Day Dinner
Tam O’Shanter

April 30, 2011
Board of Trustees Meeting

May 14, 2011, 2:00 p.m.
New Member Reception
Home of Vickie Pushoe

July, 2011 (Day TBA)
Board of Trustees Meeting

Summer Garden Party
TBA

October 15, 2011
Board of Trustees Meeting

Oct. 23, 2011, 10:30 a.m.
Kirkin of The Tartans
Beverly Hills Presbyterian Church

Jan 28, 2012, 6:00 p.m.
Robert Burns Supper
La Cañada Thursday Club
For further details log on www.saintandrewsla.org

Which of these is not a name for a mountain?
A Ben B Munro C Corbett D Nuttall E Furth

Click here for answers.
Scotland’s Influence in the United States
A series of articles prepared by David Cargill

The Scots were a valuable addition to a developing world. Their past experience of working in the harsh conditions of rural Scotland, combined with their hard-working Presbyterian upbringing, made them an ideal people to help build America in its formative years.

The Scottish emigrants of the 18th Century were an educated group due to the Scottish Reformation, which had stressed the need for education, so every Scot could read the Bible.

Education has always played an important part in Scottish society, and these Scots played a crucial role in the early development of the New World. Most headmasters of the schools in the new colonies south of New York were Scottish or of Scottish ancestry. These establishments were fundamental in the education of America’s future leaders; both Thomas Jefferson’s and John Rutledge’s tutors were Scottish immigrants.

In this continuing series of articles we will introduce Scots or persons of Scottish descent who have left their indelible mark on the American landscape – Ed.

Archibald Gracie 1755–1829

One of New York City’s most historical and impressive landmarks is the Gracie Mansion, located in Manhattan’s Carl Schurz Park at the East River overlooking the infamous Hell Gate.

The Mansion was built in 1799 by Scottish shipping magnate Archibald Gracie. The Scot was born in Dumfries, in the lowlands of Scotland, on June 25th 1755. His parents were both weavers and provided the young Scot with the opportunity for a solid Scottish education. Archibald repaid their trust by graduating and moving to Liverpool, then onto London to work in a shipping firm. The canny Scot saved up his earnings and invested in a merchant ship. This prudent investment would yield instant dividends, providing Archibald with funds to move to America in 1784, and invest in several NYC mercantile companies. Within years, Archibald created his own shipping company called Archibald Gracie and Sons, East India Merchants and invested in banking and insurance industries, resulting in his appointment as an incorporator of the Eagle Fire Insurance Company and a director for Bank of America. Archibald would also co-create the New York Evening Post with fellow Scot Alexander Hamilton.

At the age of 29 Archibald married Esther Rogers. Sadly, Esther would die young, but Archibald would remarry Elizabeth Fitch, fathering ten children between his two marriages.

Archibald’s family would have colorful lives: his daughter, Sarah would marry Congressman James Gore King; his grandson Archibald Gracie III became a general in the Confederate Army for the 43rd Alabama regiment and his great grandson Archibald Gracie IV survived the sinking of The Titanic.

In 1823, at the grand old age of 68, Archibald decided to sell Gracie Mansion. The two story wooden mansion, designed by Ezra Weeks, the architect of New York City Hall would fetch top price as several families moved in until 1896 when the city seized the property. In 1942 Gracie Mansion became the official residence of the mayor of the City of New York.

Archibald Gracie would die in 1829 aged 74; he is buried within the Gracie family plot at Woodland Cemetery in the Bronx. Archibald notably served as the 18th president of the St. Andrews’ Society of New York from 1818-1823.

How well do you know Scotland

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Click here for answers.
**Piper Bill Millin**

Bill Millin, who died on August 17, 2010 aged 88, was personal piper to Lord Lovat on D-Day and piped the invasion forces on to Sword Beach; unarmed apart from the sgian dubh in his stocking, he played unflinchingly as men fell all around him.

Millin began his apparently suicidal serenade immediately upon jumping from the ramp of the landing craft into the icy water. As the Cameron tartan of his kilt floated to the surface he struck up with *Hieland Laddie*. He continued even as the man behind him was hit, dropped into the sea and sank.

Once ashore Millin did not run, but walked up and down the beach, blasting out a series of tunes. After *Hieland Laddie*, Lovat, the commander of 1st Special Service Brigade (1SSB), raised his voice above the crackle of gunfire and the crump of mortar, and asked for another. Millin strode up and down the water’s edge playing *The Road to the Isles*.

Bodies of the fallen were drifting to and fro in the surf. Soldiers were trying to dig in and, when they heard the pipes, many of them waved and cheered.

His worst moments were when he was among the wounded. They wanted medical help and were shocked to see this figure strolling up and down playing the bagpipes. To feel so helpless, Millin said afterwards, was horrifying. For many other soldiers, however, the piper provided a unique boost to morale. “I shall never forget hearing the skirl of Bill Millin’s pipes,” said one, Tom Duncan, many years later. “It is hard to describe the impact it had. It gave us a great lift and increased our determination. As well as the pride we felt, it reminded us of home and why we were there fighting for our lives and those of our loved ones.”

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**Scotch Corner**

*As you may be aware there are a great many vagaries in the pricing of single malt Scotch by various retail suppliers. As great a supporter as I am of buying local and supporting independent retailers I cannot justify, and I suspect neither can the majority of you, paying the premium often demanded by them. Good news then for those of us who betray the most common Scottish trait — parsimony! That doyen of big-box retailers, Costco, regularly offers a limited number of single malts at very attractive prices. Glenlivet 12-year old is regularly offered at $22 and 18 year-old Macallan rebranded under the Costco house brand Kirkland is just $59.99. There are other great values too; a triple pack of Glenlivet 12, 15 and 18 year-old is currently priced at $99. Other brands such as Oban, Laphroaig, and Caol Ila (one of the lighter Islay single malts) are also available.*

*Now for a couple of pronunciation lessons! The correct way to pronounce Oban is Obn. There is no emphasis on the a. The last syllable of Glenmorangie is pronounced as in the fruit orange.*

*Aye ~ Ian Skone-Rees*

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A foundation has been formed in France under the leadership of Serge Athenour, President of the D-Day Piper Association to erect a life-size statue of Bill Millin near the very spot he set forth on Sword Beach. The foundation’s goal is to dedicate the statue on June 6, 2011.

**Donors may send their gifts to:**
The Clan Currie Society
P.O. Box 541
Summit, NJ 07902-0541

Make checks out to Clan Currie Society - Bill Millin Statue Fund. A list of all donors will be presented to the fundraisers.

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Scott Brown, from page 1:

*As a result of German Measles during his mother’s pregnancy, Archie was born with severe disablement to his legs and right arm. Tremendous determination and several operations meant that Archie was able to lead a normal life, although he never grew over five feet tall.*

*He took up motor sport early in life after his father built him a small car to aid his mobility. His first competitive race was in 1951, in his own MG roadster, bought using a small legacy. As his reputation grew, his name became closely linked with that of Brian Lister, initially driving Lister’s Tojeiro special, and later in sports racing cars built by Lister himself, and bearing his name. Archie enjoyed much success driving Lister-Jaguars - the famous Knobblys. Known for his courageous driving style, he was often to be seen in corners getting his Lister very sideways indeed.*

*Asked about the possibility of the Lister’s notoriously poor brakes failing completely, he responded that he would “carry on without them, old boy”. Over the few years he was in the sport he developed a fierce but good-natured rivalry with rising American driving talent Masten Gregory.*

*He was mortally injured on 18 May 1958 during an accident in a sports car race at Spa-Francorchamps, Belgium, driving a Lister Knobbly and duelling for the lead with Gregory. He died in hospital the following day, less than a week after his 31st birthday.*
Burns Night, January 2011

For auld lang syne...
that perfidious race.’ The rest is history and ended with Edward removing the Stone of Scone to Westminster.

Celts, no matter if they’re from Wales, Ireland, Brittany, or Scotland have much in common in character and culture. These common characteristics are revealed in their history and their religion, their literature and their art.

So ye canny Scots, remember it was Taffy’s initiative that helped stoke the Scottish fire of rebellion!

and guess what he will be served? Good old barbeque, American Scots style!

And the wearing of kilts, that can’t be open to local interpretation can it?

Oh, I dare say that it can! At the huge Grandfather Mountain Games in Western North Carolina, the hill people come in wearing kilts and coonskin, tartan and tattersall. And it is beautiful.

I am seriously part of this American Scottish movement. The evolution was swift and sure and the more we express our Americanism, the more we confirm the strong iconoclastic nature of those Scottish settlers of long ago.

So, come, enter into the flow of your Saint Andrew’s Society’s schedule of events and, if the spirit moves you to wear grandma’s feather boa or grandpa’s spats, be our guest! Keep an eye on the calendar page 2 of this issue and on our website, and be enthusiastic in expressing the personality that makes you YOU! Don’t be afraid to show just who you are—a fully evolved American Scot!

Thanks for your support and know that there is always more to come!

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Poets’ Corner

Poets’ Corner is the name given to a section of the South Transept of Westminster Abbey due to the number of poets, playwrights, and writers now buried and commemorated there, including Scotland’s own Robert Burns, Sir Walter Scott, Thomas Campbell, and Robert Adam.

About The Sheltered Garden Ground

by Robert Louis Stevenson

ABOUT the sheltered garden ground
The trees stand strangely still.
The vale ne’er seemed so deep before,
Nor yet so high the hill.

An awful sense of quietness,
A fulness of repose,
Breathes from the dewy garden-lawns,
The silent garden rows.

As the hoof-beats of a troop of horse
Heard far across a plain,
A nearer knowledge of great thoughts
Thrills vaguely through my brain.

I lean my head upon my arm,
My heart’s too full to think;
Like the roar of seas, upon my heart
Doth the morning stillness sink.

Love For Love

by Robert Burns

Ithers seek they ken na what,
Features, carriage, and a’ that;
Gie me love in her I court,
Love to love makes a’ the sport.

Let love sparkle in her e’e;
Let her lo’e nae man but me;
That’s the tocher-gude* I prize,
There the luver’s treasure lies.

*tocher-gude = marriage portion
How well do you know Scotland

The Thistle March, 2011

Answers

The **Falkirk Wheel** is a rotating boat lift located in Scotland, connecting the Forth and Clyde Canal with the Union Canal, opened in 2002. It is named after the nearby town of Falkirk which is in central Scotland.

His Royal Highness Prince Charles may be known as Chuck in some quarters but his official titles while in Scotland are **Duke of Rothesay** and **Lord of the Isles**.

**Edinburgh** was the first city in the world to have its own **fire brigade**.

**David Hume**, **John Stuart Mill**, and **Alexander Flemming** were all Scots.

Despite his seemingly Scottish name **Fred MacMurray** was not Scots. The only one in this list to have Scottish ancestry is **Ben Affleck**.

The King of England **NEVER** became the King of Scotland! In 1603 **King James VI of Scotland became James I of England**.
None of them. They are ALL names for mountains.

**Ben**

*Ben* or *beinn* is a common Gaelic word for mountain, as in *Ben-Nevis* (Scottish Gaelic: *Beinn Nibheis*).

**Munro**

The *Munros* are mountains in Scotland over 3,000 feet (914 m). The list was originally compiled by Sir Hugh Munro in 1891, and is modified from time to time by the Scottish Mountaineering Club (SMC). Unlike most other lists, the Munros do not depend on a rigid prominence criterion for entry; instead, those that satisfy the subjective measure of being a "separate mountain" are regarded as *Munros*, while subsidiary summits are given the status of *tops*. There are 283 Munros and 227 further tops, all of them in the Scottish Highlands.

**Corbett**

The *Corbetts* are peaks in Scotland that are between 2,500 and 3,000 feet (762.0 and 914.4 m), high with a relative height of at least 500 feet (152.4 m). The list was compiled in the 1920s by John Rooke Corbett, a Bristol-based climber and SMC member, and was published posthumously after his sister passed it to the SMC. 221 Corbetts, many of them in areas of Scotland with no Munros, include Moidart, Ardgour, the Southern Uplands and the islands of Arran, Jura, Rùm and Harris.

**Furth**

The *Furths* are mountains in Great Britain and Ireland which, but for their ill luck in being situated "furth" of Scotland, would be Munros. The SMC will record the claims of those Munroists who go on to complete the Furths.

**Nuttall**

The *Nuttalls* are hills in England and Wales over 2,000 feet (610 m) with a relative height of at least 15 metres (49 ft). There are 443 Nuttalls in total (253 in England and 190 in Wales). The list was compiled by John and Anne Nuttall and published in two volumes, *The Mountains of England & Wales*.

With the exception of Pillar Rock, a rocky outcrop on Pillar in the Lake District, the peaks of all of the Nuttalls can be reached without resort to rock climbing. As of December 2008, 163 people are known to have completed the list, though this includes some who did not climb Pillar Rock, which the authors permit.