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Guild Newsletter September 2016			
Date: Sept 1	Event Load Up	Location Holyrood, Escalon, CA	Time 6:30 p.m.
Sept 2	Set-up	Alameda County Fairgrounds, Pleasanton	2:30 p.m.
Sept 3 & 4	Pleasanton Scottish Highland Gathering & Games	Alameda County Fairgrounds, Pleasanton	9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Sept 5	Unload	Holyrood, Escalon, CA	TBA at Pleasanton
Sept 22	Load Up	Holyrood, Escalon, CA	6:30 p.m.
Sept 23	Set-up	Dixon Scottish Fairgrounds, Dixon	TBA
Sept 24	Dixon Scottish Games	Dixon Scottish Fairgrounds, Dixon	TBA
Sept 25	Unload	Holyrood, Escalon, CA	TBA
Sept 29	Load Up	Holyrood, Escalon, CA	6:30 p.m.
Sept 30	Set-up	Nevada County Fairgrounds, Grass Valley, CA	2:00p.m.
October 1 & 2	Grass Valley Celtic Music Festival	Nevada County Fairgrounds, Grass Valley, CA	9:30
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151st Pleasanton Scottish Highland Gathering and Games

Did you know that

In the Beginning.....

Long before colonists began to settle in the New World, Scotland already had a lengthy history and culture. Heavy Athletics Events were being held in Scotland at least 1,000 years ago, and some historians believe that Heavy Events originated during Druid times! Heavy Events began as tests of strength and conditioning for Scottish troops. A tree trunk would be made into a caber and tossed by the strongest military men. Smooth rocks from river beds would be heaved for distance. Lead weights would be tossed underhand over a bar more than twice as high as the athlete. Over the centuries, Heavy Events evolved from military exercises into festivals for the Scottish public, and with the addition of dancing, music, food and drink, the Highland Games were born. They are a traditional method of passing Scottish culture from generation to generation, and held throughout Scotland and the rest of the World.

Caledonian Club of San Francisco's Inaugural Games In 1866, San Francisco had been sobered by the Civil War, the bloodiest war in American history. It was also still recovering from the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln and the gunning down in a city street of prominent newspaper editor, James King. Back then, California's gold rush had attracted many a Scot to San Francisco, and some seventeen Scots congregated in the recently established Ale Vaults on Summer Street to plan San Francisco's first Games. Less than a week later, the inaugural Games were held at San Francisco's Hayes Park on 12th and Market Streets on Thanksgiving Day 1866. The Club's inaugural Games were more of a family picnic and athletic content featuring nine competitive events including hammer throwing and stone putting, and three legged and blindfolded wheelbarrow races. This article published in the following day's Daily Evening Bulletin covered the Games. It noted that the "solid silver quoit" awarded to quoits champion, Mr. Carmichael, was valued at \$50, which was no mean prize in 1866!

ON another note.....



Grass Valley-- There will be a doodle poll going out from Fearless Leader soon.. Help is necessary to tear down on Monday, after Grass Valley. If not enough people participate for a Monday tear down and unload, also on Monday- then it MUST happen Sunday nite after 9pm, when the music festival ends and everyone is exhausted, and it's extremely dark. So, please start your thought process now and provide your availability ... watch for that doodle poll and make sure to ANSWER IT!

COMING UP IN NOVEMBER.... PUT THIS ON YOUR CALENDAR



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TO BE DETERMINED....

Guild House Meetings



Date TBD & time 7:30PM Martinez Guild House Martinez, CA lady_morna@yahoo.com Wednesday TBD ~ 6:00PM Lowlands Guild House Escalon Modesto@saintandrewsguild.org

Join Her Majesty and Lord Argyll, in Escalon and Dame Morna in Martinez. These members have generously opened their homes to fellow guild mates and those interested in learning more about St. Andrew's. Join them for an evening of socializing and learning about garb, history, language and other exciting aspects of 16th Century life, and about Renaissance Faires! Bring a snack to share and your favorite beverage. Please contact the Guild House Lairds and Chatelaines at the above listed email addresses prior to attending a meeting to verify the above dates, times and locations.
