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Irving of Bonshaw

HAUD ULLIS
LABENTIA VENTIS

*Yielding Under
No Winds*



Irvine of Drum

SUB SOLE SUB
UMBRA VIRENS

*Flourishing in
Sun and Shade*

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A MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

Hey, we made it through another Quarter. I hope everybody survived the Snow and the Cold (I remind everybody that I live in Florida). I think we are beginning to see a light at the end of the Covid tunnel, and I hope you have weathered that storm too. I hope y'all have been able to get vaccinated or will be able soon.

I see that we've had a few deaths of note, see the post about Captain Robert Alec Snow Irving, the Chief of the Name and Arms of Bonshaw. Also, we will miss Patricia Irvin, Marlene L. Lewis, and William Irvin. See information in the Flowers of the Forest.

Moving on, I think we will see some renewed games in 2021, although we don't have anything scheduled yet. You should be able to check the website out for updates about upcoming games.

I put in a note about Committees, if you are interested in becoming more involved, there is a list of committees in the back. Some of them should be fun. Why not volunteer to man the tent at one of the (hopefully) upcoming games. It's fun and you get to meet interesting people, plus being there for the games.

Oh yes, the Annual General Meeting (AGM) is happening soon. So there are many of the reports for the upcoming AGM and there is an announcement with specifics.

So, be healthy and well and I'll be back in another Quarter.

John F. Ervin - Editor

Note:

The Deadline for articles for the next Holly Leaf Chronicle (Quarter 2 of 2021) will be June 27th.



A NOTE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

I don't know about you, but I was hoping that by the time we got to the end of March we would be past all the shenanigans of 2020. Sadly, they are still with us in one way or another. But "hope springs eternal" and we continue to hope for the end of the pandemic restrictions, the calming of the political rancor and a return to "normalcy".

Obviously, the continued restrictions that states have implemented (each in different ways) continue to disallow holding most Highland games or any other gatherings. We have been seeing the cancellation of many games - at least through the winter and spring. Most of the games scheduled for late summer and fall are moving forward with plans in a very tentative manner, as no one knows when restrictions will be lifted. Yet, there have been a few games that have already been held in Florida and Tennessee has one coming up soon. That is encouraging!

Speaking of games and schedules, our clanirwin.org GSuite calendar has been populated with scheduled events (like highland games, etc.) as well as dates of Scottish or Celtic significance. This is being done by Mary Erwin, our Corresponding Secretary and we appreciate her work on this. She will continue to update events as we become aware of them. So, check out your calendar when you are logged into GSuite and check out the upcoming events!

That is a great segue to remind everyone about their free Clan Association GSuite account and email address. Many of you haven't taken advantage of this free resource yet. I encourage you to do so. With it, you can access the clan member's website (clanirwin.productdyno.org) as well as all the resources that are located within GSuite Drive folders. That includes all the past editions of the Holly Leaf Chronicles, documentation on leadership and the organization, history of the Clan, Our Music and more! It is all accessed with your own personal clanirwin.org email address. This address is also where we send regular email updates. If you haven't already done so, activate your account today! If you do not have the original email that was sent out with the login information, you can contact our Membership Secretary, Sherrie Irwin, at sherrie.irwin@clanirwin.org and she can renew your account and send you an email with your own personal login information.

Part of the Association's GSuite offering is a Google product called Meet. Meet is an online video conferencing software (like Zoom), except it does not require a software download on your device to make it work – just a web browser. We have already begun utilizing this for Clan Council and Executive Committee meetings and it is how you can join us for the Annual General Meeting (AGM) in April.

Yes, another segue! The Association's Annual General Meeting has regularly been scheduled in conjunction with a Highland game, at various locations around the country.

Last year's AGM was scheduled to be held in Colorado, but that plan fell through with the pandemic restrictions. Instead, we held the AGM virtually – at an online video conference. This January, the Clan Council approved a separation of the two main aspects of the AGM – the general meeting itself, and a gathering of the clan. Going forward the AGM will be a virtual meeting and we will be working to schedule annual gatherings as well. My goal is to have the AGM in April each year. This allows us to generate annual reports and publish them in the 1st Quarter edition of the Hollyleaf Chronicles and then meet shortly thereafter. The AGM this year will be held Saturday, April 17th at 11:00 EST. I encourage you all to attend. It is a great way to get updated, and especially during these times, to connect with other members of your greater clan family! If you have access to your clanirwin.org GSuite account you can go to the calendar, click on the AGM event and click the button "Join with Google Meet". If you are not yet in GSuite, you can join directly by going to the website (meet.google.com/okg-xtry-hww). I hope to see you there!

This year has already proved very eventful with the Leadership of the Association. We were very sad to receive the resignation of Scott Erwin, our First Vice-Chairman. Scott has had some significant changes in his life and his new priorities do not leave him time to help with the Association. We wish him success in all his new endeavors!

Susan Irvine McRae, the Mid-South Regional Commissioner was appointed to the office of First Vice-Chairman. Susan also heads up the music portion of our web resources and is working hard to grow that. She has been a very active member of the Association and will continue to serve in this new capacity. You can congratulate Susan at susan.mcr@clanirwin.org.

Stephen Irving, the South-West Regional Commissioner was appointed to the office of Second Vice-Chairman. Besides being very active in his region, Stephen is the chairman of the newly formed Policies & Procedures Manual Committee. You can congratulate Stephen at stephen.irving@clanirwin.org.

Jacob Ervin, the Michigan State Commissioner was appointed to the office of Midwest Regional Commissioner. Jacob is a college student and brings some much-needed perspective from a younger generation! You can congratulate Jacob at jacob.ervin@clanirwin.org.

Jenni Ervin, who had been serving as the Ohio State Commissioner, moved to the Michigan State Commissioner following Jacob's move up to Regional. Jenni is also a college student and would love to hear from you! You can reach her at jenni.ervin@clanirwin.org.

Kyle Erwin, the Kentucky State Commissioner, has been appointed as the Mid-South Regional Commissioner. Kyle is active in convening and attending events and is excited to take on this bigger role in the Association. You can reach him at kyle.erwin@clanirwin.org.

Paula Erwin (Kyle's wife) has agreed to continue serving the Association as the Kentucky State Commissioner! Paula has been very active in the Association and will continue to convene and reach out to the Kentucky members! Congratulate Paula at paula.erwin@clanirwin.org.

We are excited to see so many stepping up into new roles and others filling the positions that were vacated! How about you? Can you serve? If you haven't been active in the Association, you can start by helping someone else convene at some games, and possibly take on that role yourself! We can help you do it! We also need help on many committees and in administrative areas. If you have skills and you are not sure if we can use you or not – just ask! Reach out to me directly and let's see how we can get you involved!! You can reach me at brian.ervin@clanirwin.org.

One last subject to mention (in this VERY long “note”) is the 700th Anniversary of Drum lands being given by Robert the Bruce to William de Irvine in 1323. That anniversary is just two years away! There are discussions underway and plans starting to form regarding events both in Scotland and here in the States. We will keep you informed as they develop further, but I wanted to get it on your “radar” for 2023.

Thanks so much for your continued membership and support of the Clan Irwin Association. Without all of you, we could not exist.

Looking forward to brighter days,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brian Scott Ervin', written in a cursive style.

Brian Scott Ervin, Chairman

Death Announcement

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Captain Robert Alec Snow Irving of Bonshaw, RN (Retd), Arabic linguist, Chief of the Name and Arms of Irving of Bonshaw (for aught yet seen), died peacefully at home on on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2021. Beloved husband of Elisabeth, loved father of Rupert, Alexander and Mark, cherished grandfather of Lucy, Jamie, Ruaraidh, Fraser, Kitty, Edmund and Eliza, and fondly remembered father-in-law of Miranda and Dorethée.

The Chief of the Name & Arms of Irving of Bonshaw (for aught yet seen) was recognised by the Lord Lyon in 2014 with written support requested by the Lord Lyon King of Arms from the late David Charles Irvine of Drum, as Chief of the Name & Arms of Irvine of Drum. He is succeeded by his eldest son, Rupert Christopher Irving.

The Irvines of Drum and the Clan Irwin Association extend their deepest and heartfelt condolences to the family.



# REGIONAL REPORTS

## SOUTHWEST REGION

Although all the games that were scheduled in 2020 were cancelled, we did accompany our local pipe band in a few Mardi Gras parades early in the year. Attached are photos of us wearing our Irving kilts at the Krewe of Artemis parade that rolled down the streets of Baton Rouge. Mary is carrying the Baton Rouge Caledonia Tartan flag as part of the procession, while Steve represents the broadsword contingent. No Krewes are parading this year, but all are looking forward to the 2022 carnival season, which begins in January. And the St. Patrick's Day parades in March!



As covid and weather allows, Steve assists in teaching Scottish Broadsword and singlestick classes with instructor Sam Irving in New Orleans. If interested in participating, here is the link: <https://broadswordno.com/>.

There is tentative discussion of dates for 2021 games and festivals in our area, but it is not yet clear what will be feasible. Some games may occur at dates other than their traditional times.

## MID-SOUTH REGION

Despite there being no Scottish Festivals or Games held in the Mid-South Region of TN, KY, MO, KS, and AR, there were 10 new members added to the Mid-South Region in 2020. We did get in some changes of addresses so be sure and let us know you do have a change. We missed seeing everyone but hope to get back together this year.

We are registered for the Smoky Mountain Games to be held on the weekend of May 15th and 16th on the campus of Maryville College, Tennessee, and hoping that there will be no interference this year, although I am not holding my breath. This is a very "clan friendly" Games held in a beautiful location and all tents surround the main field so that we can enjoy watching the activities while greeting Clan members and signing up new ones. Unfortunately, the Glasgow Games have been canceled for this year, but they hope to be back better than ever in 2022. As of this date, I have not heard anything about the Middle Tennessee Games yet but, as they are not until September, we can only hope for the best.

I am pleased to announce that Kyle Erwin will be stepping up as the new Mid-South Regional Commissioner to take my place as I move up to 1st Vice-Chairman. Kyle has been Co-Kentucky State Commissioner with his wife Paula for several years and

will make a great addition to our Clan Council while Paula continues as Kentucky State Commissioner. I have enjoyed working with them at both The Glasgow (Kentucky) and the Middle Tennessee Scottish Games and look forward to more good times.



I have loved being a Regional Commissioner and am excited about my new role and am looking forward to working with the Executive Committee to keep the Clan Irwin Association flourishing in the best ways possible. My wish is that everyone stays safe and healthy so that we can gather in person in 2021!

*Susan Irvine McRae with Paula and Kyle Erwin*

Slainte'

*Susan Irvine McRae*  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chairman

## SOUTHEAST REGION

**S**outheast Regional Commissioner, Phil Irwin, has been busy! He has managed to convene two games in Florida. The first was Mount Dora and most recently, Green Cove Springs, Jacksonville. Some photos that were copied from Facebook are included. Phil reports he is not sure about the Dunedin games or St Augustine. Ormond Beach may be a go at the end of April. In any case the information coming out of the games is understandably late, making planning and registering a bit tricky. Way to go, Phil!!



*L – R Members at Green Cove Springs  
Toni, Kyle Irving, Phil, Craig Kleinert,  
and Michael Irving*



*Craig Kleinert and Phil Irwin*

*Submitted by Barbara Edelman*



**CLAN IRWIN ASSOCIATION**  
*ANNOUNCING THE 2021*  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

This will be a Virtual Meeting so everyone can attend.

**SAVE THE DATE AND TIME**  
**April 17, 2021**  
**11:00 AM Eastern Daylight Time**

At Meeting Time, go to this website to join:  
[meet.google.com/okg-xtry-hww](https://meet.google.com/okg-xtry-hww)



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# CLAN IRWIN ASSOCIATION FINANCIALS

## Clan Irwin Association Balance Sheet As of December 31, 2020

|                                       | Dec 31, 20       |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|
| <b>ASSETS</b>                         |                  |
| Current Assets                        |                  |
| Checking/Savings                      |                  |
| 100 · Cash in Bank                    | 10,504.38        |
| 103 · Checking                        | 463.87           |
| 104 · Paypal                          | 937.30           |
| 105 · E J MMF                         | 605.86           |
| 106 · Chair Checking - BOA            | 1,217.37         |
| 109 · Savings                         |                  |
| Total 100 · Cash in Bank              | 13,728.78        |
| Total Checking/Savings                | 13,728.78        |
| Other Current Assets                  |                  |
| 120 · Inventory - Merchandise         | 6,450.00         |
| 130 · Investments                     | 9,954.46         |
| Total Other Current Assets            | 16,404.46        |
| Total Current Assets                  | 30,133.24        |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>                   | <b>30,133.24</b> |
| <b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>       |                  |
| Liabilities                           |                  |
| Current Liabilities                   |                  |
| Other Current Liabilities             |                  |
| 210 · Accounts Payable                | 838.90           |
| Total Other Current Liabilities       | 838.90           |
| Total Current Liabilities             | 838.90           |
| Total Liabilities                     | 838.90           |
| Equity                                |                  |
| 291 · Net Assets with restrictions    | 804.34           |
| 292 · Net assets without restrictions | 23,925.15        |
| Net Income                            | 4,564.85         |
| Total Equity                          | 29,294.34        |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b> | <b>30,133.24</b> |

# CLAN IRWIN ASSOCIATION FINANCIALS

## Clan Irwin Association Profit & Loss January through December 2020

|                                     | Jan - Dec 20 |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| Ordinary Income/Expense             |              |
| Income                              |              |
| 310 · Dues                          | 8,043.39     |
| 315 · Donation Income               | 1,658.02     |
| 320 · Sales - Merchandise           | 1,540.10     |
| 330 · Interest Income               | 10.12        |
| 332 · Dividends                     | 457.71       |
| Total Income                        | 11,709.34    |
| Cost of Goods Sold                  |              |
| 420 · Merchandise (COS)             | 722.00       |
| 421 · Obsolete Inventory Write Down | 1,200.00     |
| 425 · Freight & Postage (COGS)      | 176.50       |
| 490 · Special Project (COS)         | 200.00       |
| Total COGS                          | 2,298.50     |
| Gross Profit                        | 9,410.84     |
| Expense                             |              |
| 530 · Holly Leaf Chronicle          |              |
| 532 · Printing (HLC)                | 2,553.65     |
| 533 · Supplies (HLC)                | 862.00       |
| Total 530 · Holly Leaf Chronicle    | 3,415.65     |
| 605 · Advertising                   | 225.00       |
| 610 · Bank Charges                  | 102.10       |
| 612 · Credit Card Fees              | 282.48       |
| 615 · Dues & Membership             | 22.05        |
| 680 · Office Supplies               | 507.38       |
| 690 · Membership expense            | 14.99        |
| 720 · Postage                       | 201.34       |
| 740 · Supplies                      | 75.00        |
| Total Expense                       | 4,845.99     |
| Net Ordinary Income                 | 4,564.85     |
| Net Income                          | 4,564.85     |



# CLAN IRWIN ASSOCIATION FINANCIALS

## Clan Irwin Association Merchandise Sales Supplemental Schedule of Activities January through December 2020

|                                     | Jan - Dec 20 |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| Ordinary Income/Expense             |              |
| Income                              |              |
| 320 · Sales - Merchandise           | 1,540.10     |
| Total Income                        | 1,540.10     |
| Cost of Goods Sold                  |              |
| 420 · Merchandise (COS)             | 722.00       |
| 421 · Obsolete Inventory Write Down | 1,200.00     |
| 425 · Freight & Postage (COGS)      | 176.50       |
| Total COGS                          | 2,098.50     |
| Gross Profit                        | -558.40      |
| Net Ordinary Income                 | -558.40      |
| Net Income                          | -558.40      |

## Clan Irwin Association Membership Supplemental Schedule of Activities January through December 2020

|                                  | Jan - Dec 20 |
|----------------------------------|--------------|
| Ordinary Income/Expense          |              |
| Income                           |              |
| 310 · Dues                       | 8,043.39     |
| Total Income                     | 8,043.39     |
| Gross Profit                     | 8,043.39     |
| Expense                          |              |
| 530 · Holly Leaf Chronicle       |              |
| 532 · Printing (HLC)             | 2,553.65     |
| 533 · Supplies (HLC)             | 862.00       |
| Total 530 · Holly Leaf Chronicle | 3,415.65     |
| 605 · Advertising                | 226.00       |
| 610 · Bank Charges               | 102.10       |
| 612 · Credit Card Fees           | 282.48       |
| 615 · Dues & Membership          | 22.05        |
| 660 · Office Supplies            | 507.38       |
| 690 · Membership expense         | 14.99        |
| 720 · Postage                    | 201.34       |
| Total Expense                    | 4,770.99     |
| Net Ordinary Income              | 3,272.40     |
| Net Income                       | 3,272.40     |

# CLAN IRWIN ASSOCIATION FINANCIALS

|                                       | ACTUAL        |              |              | BUDGET       |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|                                       | 12/31/2018    | 12/31/2019   | 12/31/2020   | 2021         |
| <b>Revenue</b>                        |               |              |              |              |
| Dues                                  | 9,189         | 6,923        | 8043         | 8,000        |
| Merchandise Net of Cost               | 1,174         | 1,190        | (759)        | 1,000        |
| Interest Income                       | 18            | 11           | 10           | 25           |
| Dividend Income                       |               | 321          | 458          | 450          |
| Misc Income                           | 18            |              |              |              |
| Donation                              |               | 100          | 1658         |              |
| <b>Total Revenue</b>                  | <b>10,399</b> | <b>8,545</b> | <b>9410</b>  | <b>9,475</b> |
| <b>Operation Disbursements</b>        |               |              |              |              |
| Holly Leaf Chronicle                  | 5,722         | 3,506        | 3416         | 4,700        |
| <b>Membership &amp; General</b>       |               |              |              |              |
| Advertising                           |               |              | 225          | 300          |
| Advertising Internet                  |               | 15           |              | 350          |
| Bank Charges                          |               | 25           | 102          | 100          |
| Credit Card Fees (Pay Pal & SQ)       | 212           | 132          | 282          | 200          |
| Donations & Special Projects          | 1,000         | 2,150        |              | 800          |
| Dues & Memberships                    | 50            | 39           | 22           | 250          |
| Games & Festivals                     | 1,365         | 522          |              | 2,000        |
| Office Supplies                       | 7             | 52           | 507          | 300          |
| Miscellaneous Expense                 |               | 200          | 15           | 300          |
| Postage                               | 13            | 39           | 201          | 50           |
| Supplies                              |               |              | 75           | 100          |
| <b>Taxes</b>                          |               |              |              | 25           |
| <b>Total Membership &amp; General</b> | <b>2,647</b>  | <b>3,174</b> | <b>1,429</b> | <b>4,775</b> |
| <b>Total Disbursements</b>            | <b>8,359</b>  | <b>6,680</b> | <b>4,845</b> | <b>9,475</b> |
| <b>Net Income</b>                     | <b>2,030</b>  | <b>1,865</b> | <b>4,565</b> | <b>0</b>     |

# CLAN IRWIN ASSOCIATION REPORTS

## END YEAR MEMBERSHIP REPORT 2020

|                                                                     |          |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Active & In-Active Members .....                                    | 2349     |
| Active Members for 2020 .....                                       | 454      |
| <i>Members who paid dues for 2020</i>                               |          |
| Owing Dues for 2020.....                                            | 55       |
| 3-Year Memberships.....                                             | 134      |
| Family Memberships .....                                            | 41       |
| 3-Year Family Memberships.....                                      | 39       |
| Life Memberships .....                                              | 97       |
| Honorary Memberships .....                                          | 11       |
| Youth Memberships .....                                             | 8        |
| <i>Deceased Members 2020.....</i>                                   | <i>7</i> |
| <i>(Total Deceased on List 197)</i>                                 |          |
| New Members for 2020 .....                                          | 51       |
| <u>4<sup>th</sup> Qtr Issue of the Holly Leaf Chronicle Mailing</u> |          |
| E-Mailed Copies .....                                               | 295      |
| USPS Mailed Copies .....                                            | 167      |
| Returned Paper Copies .....                                         | 6        |

*Submitted by:*

*Sherrie Irwin*, Membership Secretary

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Changed your email?***

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# CLAN IRWIN ASSOCIATION REPORTS

## ANNUAL REPORT - 2020 CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

- I. As the year progressed, I tried to keep track of all the e-cards that were sent. Following are the details as of this date.

|                                                                   |     |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| Birthday Cards – Men.....                                         | 171 |
| Birthday Cards - Ladies .....                                     | 157 |
| St. Patrick's Day .....                                           | 278 |
| Anniversary.....                                                  | 2   |
| Congratulations-Birth .....                                       | 1   |
| Canada Day.....                                                   | 11  |
| 4th of July .....                                                 | 390 |
| Canadian Thanksgiving .....                                       | 13  |
| Christmas & New Year .....                                        | 490 |
| Hogmanay.....                                                     | 8   |
| Printed Cards ( <i>Sympathy, Get Well, Thinking of You</i> )..... | 12  |

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| Tartan Day Emails .....                            | 441 |
| Solicitation Emails for Birthday Information ..... | 399 |

*(Once early in the year and once in the fall.)*

In some cases, the number exceeds current Active Members. The decision was made to continue emailing members who have become Inactive during this calendar year in hopes to encourage them to renew their membership.

As of 1-7-2021, there is more activity resulted in numerous re-activations.

- II. Minutes have been taken for every Executive Committee meeting and each Clan Council meeting. These minutes were distributed via email and later in the year, posted at G Suite. Minutes for the AGM were taken and posted at G Suite.
- III. Worked with John Irvin, past Chairman, extensively, in creating Users in G Suite and Clan Irwin Association Members Contact List.
- IV. As did other officers, spent countless hours to develop By-Laws Revision for submission to Clan Council and ultimately to membership for approval.
- V. Spent many hours working to develop a Policies and Procedures Manual, still in process.

***Respectfully submitted,***

*Mary Erwin,*

Corresponding Secretary

January 7, 2021



# ARTICLES

## Anna Margaretta Forbes Irvine of Drum

**A**nna Forbes-Leslie was the wife of the 20th Laird of Drum. Her fine portrait hangs above the fireplace in the Drawing Room in Drum. There is a brief mention of her artistic skills in the Irvine Room with one of her paintings. But this does not give her full credit.

During my ongoing research into Castles on behalf of the Scottish Castles Association, I have been keen to follow in the footsteps of two great Victorian academics. The great 'bible' for those researching Scottish Castles is the classic work 'Castellated and Domestic Architecture of Scotland' in 5 Volumes published between 1887-92 by David MacGibbon & Thomas Ross. They cover about 850 castles across the country and their accounts include lots of sketches and plans as well as attention to architectural detail. It was a great revelation to discover that they had used sketches of two



*Dunyveg Castle on Islay: photo by RAB Oct 2020.*



*Braemar Castle, by Anna Forbes-Leslie 1846*

This discovery encouraged me to dig out a portfolio of 81 of Anna's paintings which were in the collection at Barra. Many were landscapes as she had toured Scotland and the Continent widely in the mid C19th, but there are several fine castle images worth displaying.

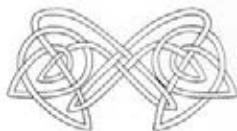
One of her paintings of Braemar has been used for reference by the Trust who are currently restoring the castle and hope to recreate the colour of the harling from her image.

I suspect this one of the towers at Drum was painted c 1848, the year of her marriage to Alexander Forbes Irvine of Drum and Schivas, the 20th Laird.



*The Tower at Drum  
by Anna Forbes Irvine*

*Robert Bogdan (Feb 2021), Chairman, Scottish Castles Association.  
(and Great, Great Grandson of Anna Forbes-Irvine)*



## Blas na Gàidhlig ( blahs nah GAH-lik)

### (A Gaelic Accent)

By Candace Wishon

I hope that all of you are well at the time of this writing. I missed the last newsletter, as my schedule has changed drastically due to Covid, and I am working very long hours, as I am sure are many of you. Thank you to Mary Erwin for reminding me of the date!

The weather has been a bit of a bear, and so different for so many across the country. I thought that I would focus on a few weather-related sayings that we can all relate to!

**It is raining:** Tha an t'uisge ann (ha an *toosh*-ka own (like town))

**It is cold:** Tha e fuar (ha a foo-er)

**It is wet:** Tha e fliuch (ha a fluke)

**It is windy:** Tha e gaothach (ha a *goo*-ahk)

**It is warm** (here in the south): Tha e blàth (ha a blah).

**It is snowing or raining heavily outside** (well, we can all relate to this):

Tha e a' dian-chur a-muigh (ha a ah gee'n whoor a *moo*-ee).

**The current season:**

**The winter:** An geamhradh (an geow (like meow)- rug)

**The coming season (not soon enough):**

**The Spring:** An t-earrach (an char-uk)

Là na Càisge (la na *cash*-ka), Easter Day will be coming soon. I pray that you all stay safe and that you have the opportunity to spend time with your family on that holiday. Spring will be right around the corner.

Mar sin leat an-dràsta! ( mar shin laht ann-drahs-ta): Goodbye for now!

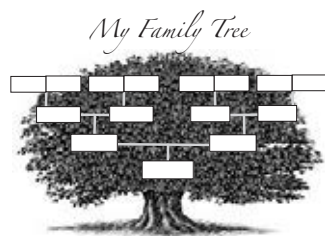
Candace





# Rediscovering Roots

## AND THE Importance of Culture



It seems recently that there is an upsurge in interest in Scottish culture in popular media. If you turn on Netflix you see movies such as *Braveheart*, and *Outlaw King* and such shows like *Outlander*. Starz even started a new series called *Men in Kilts* where two actors travel around Scotland. Indeed, even in our daily life, it seems that more and more people are wearing kilts and celebrating Celtic culture. The question is why? Why is there such a sudden upswing in rediscovering our roots and our heritage? Perhaps it is because we live in a unique time where we can look at our very DNA and discover our ancestry and our country is more poised and open to rediscovering our roots.

I will reflect on my story for a little bit. I grew up in Boyertown, Pennsylvania, it is a small Pennsylvania Dutch town and the majority of people are of German descent. I grew up knowing that I had Irish ancestry but I didn't know what that meant. When I went to college there was a wave of interest in Scottish culture that swept across the campus due to several students who studied abroad and fell in love with Scotland. I too, as a result of this, fell in love with Scotland as well, even though at the time I only thought I had Irish heritage. I got my first kilt, became involved in Scottish country dance, began playing traditional music and I even started a Highland Games club with some of my friends. But even then even though I was involved in so much and was so enamored by the culture I still felt estranged from my roots. Recently, as of 2019, I expanded my research and performed a DNA test. I discovered that I have Scottish ancestry and am related to the Irvine clan. Now in my young adult life, I am discovering more about what it means to be in this group and what my heritage brings.

This brings me back to my point in the beginning. What is it about Scottish culture that is so attractive and why is it that people who may not even have Scottish heritage pursue its culture so much? In my mind, it seems Scottish culture has such a draw because of the romanticism associated with it. Rebel figures like William Wallace, Robert de Bruce, and Rob Roy drive the wild and romantic nature of Scotland. Poems from Robert Burns and the picturesque beauty of Scotland bring such a mystery to the world that people cannot help but be drawn to it. But much like my journey, I find a lot of people get involved with Scottish culture and even recognize their heritage without fully understanding what the significance is. For example, there is an upsurge of men wearing kilts, which is great, and while many do it right, there are some who do not take the time to understand not only how to wear it but the cultural significance of it all. Many do not know that wearing a kilt used to be illegal and the very identity of Scotland and Scottish culture was against the law.



So we today have such a unique position where we have the resources and the ability to learn about our heritage like never before.

This is where being in a Clan Society has its importance. I was debating on joining the clan society and I am happy I did. We are connected by being part of the Scottish Diaspora and we work hard to maintain our culture. I think many people who are enamored with Scottish culture are trying to find an identity they may not have known otherwise. It is our responsibility to maintain our heritage and our culture for future generations and we are in a unique position in history where our culture is no longer illegal. We have vast amounts of information and the luxury of instant communication with mass media to reach parts of the world faster than ever before in history. Being a new member of the Clan Irwin Association brings me a sense of family, of pride, and of heritage I've never had before. I look forward to meeting more members and participating in the clan gatherings to bring this Diaspora together, bring the clan closer, and carry our heritage and history to future generations.

*By: Matt Moser*



*This is the time to be slow,  
Lie low to the wall  
Until the bitter weather passes.*

*Try, as best you can, not to let  
The wire brush of doubt  
Scrape from your heart  
All sense of yourself  
And your hesitant light.*

*If you remain generous,  
Time will come good;  
And you will find your feet  
Again on fresh pastures  
of promise,  
Where the air will be kind  
And blushed with beginning.*

*— John O'Donohue*

# MUSIC and THE CLAN IRWIN ASSOCIATION

## Part IV

*Hark when the night is falling,  
Hear! hear the pipes are calling,  
Loudly and proudly calling  
Down through the glen.*



Truly, the words of the familiar song Scotland the Brave are ones that speak to the soul! Who doesn't get a chill down their back and feel their spirits rise as they get close to the fields of Scottish Games or Festivals and hear the skirl of Highland Bagpipes and the beat of the Snare Drums? Perhaps you have been fortunate enough to come across a lone piper busking on the corner of Edinburgh's Waverly Station or playing on a stark hillside while motoring through Glencoe. Wherever you have heard them, whether you are Scottish or not, you will never forget the sound of this unique instrument. Even though ironically, the pipes are not Scottish in origin, they certainly are paramount to celebrating Scottish culture around the world.

I am sure that many of you have wonderful stories about the first time you heard the Pipes and Drums, and I would love to hear them. My most memorable ones occurred during my year at the University of St Andrews, that "little city, worn and grey...by the Northern Sea", as the Scottish poet Andrew Lange referred to it in his poem *Almae Maters*. We had time to explore Scotland a bit before term began and, as it was the 1st Saturday in September, drove up to the famous Braemar Gathering. We were standing on a hillside in iconic chilly, misty weather behind the Royal Box when the Massed

Bands came marching around the field. I found myself welling up with tears at that magnificent sound and knew that my year in Scotland would be the experience of a lifetime. Later, when settled in at University, I started out one Sunday morning on a walkabout and heard the faint sound of pipes floating in the air. Following the sound, I discovered a piper practicing at the top of the hill above the famous pier which extends out into the North Sea. You might have seen pictures of we students walking this pier in our bright Scarlet Academic Gowns, made of pure Scottish Wool. It was an entirely different sound, plaintiff and mysterious, another unforgettable memory.

Stuart McHardy writes in his book, The Silver Chanter and Other Piper Tales that "Trying to figure out where and when the Bagpipes were first invented is an exercise in futility". With that thought in mind, I will not attempt to discuss the history of pipes in any detail. There are many different types: Scottish Highland or Small Border, Northumbrian, Irish Uilleann, and others. They were known in the ancient Middle East and have been used in many cultures throughout the world. I was interested to find out that the earliest evidence of bagpipes in the British Isles dates to Anglo Saxon days in the 11th Century: and that the word "bagpipe" was first mentioned in connection with records of pipers

being paid to play in the king's court. In literature, they were mentioned in Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales* (1386).

As I am sure you have guessed by now, the music presented in this article is a Pipe Tune and the featured musicians are a Pipe Band. The tune, *Major Irvine of Barra and Straloch Slow Air* was written

1956, he returned to Straloch, another mansion and estate in Aberdeenshire which also came into the possession of John Ramsay in 1758. A Mary Ramsay married Francis Irvine of Drum, and the second son inherited Straloch. The Ramsays of Straloch became the Irvines of Barra and Straloch.

### **Major Irvine of Barra and Straloch Slow Air**

Piper Bowman



by Piper Bowman and dedicated to an Honorary member Toby Irvine on the occasion his attending the Grandfather Mountain Scottish Games sometime in the mid-80s. The Major re-dedicated it to Clan Irwin and encouraged all pipers to use it at Clan Gatherings. According to our Chief Alexander Irvine, Toby was "tickled pink" with this honor.

Major Francis Charles Quentin Irvine (known as Toby) spent his youth at Barra, an estate in Aberdeenshire on the site of Barra Castle. Here, the Battle of Inverurie was fought, giving Robert the Bruce a victory over John Comyn, Earl of Buchan (1308). The Castle had various owners until John Ramsay purchased it in 1754. A Ramsay heiress married Andrew Irvine of Drum. Toby was with the Cameron Highlanders and served in Ethiopia and Egypt before being wounded in Holland. When he left the Army about

Frank Johnson, one of our members and a piper with the Pipes & Drums of Barnegat Bay, has graciously contributed a newly typeset score of the tune and will be working up a video recording as well. This band was started in 2007 and practice at Christ Episcopal Church in Toms River, New Jersey. They wear the Irvings Tower of Bonshaw Tartan. Frank's mother bought him his first kilt in this tartan for solo competition and they are the only American Pipe Band to wear it. The band recently started to compete in grade 5 with the Eastern United States Bagpipe Association. Their Pipe Instructor Derek Midgley is a world champion and former member of the Scottish Power Pipe Band. They welcome anyone with a desire to learn to play the Bagpipes.

The score for this tune is also in our Music Folder in the [Clanirwin.org](http://Clanirwin.org)

GSuites along with all the other tunes and scores which have been collected. STAY TUNED! A Clan Irwin UTube Channel is coming, providing a much more attractive platform for our music. Once again, I invite members who play instruments or sing to join in on the FUN! My next article will feature two dance tunes written for Irvings, a Strathspey and a Reel, so dancers take note, you might be interested as well.



*Pipes & Drums of Barnegat Bay*

As we begin a new season of Festivals, I think I can “*Hear! hear the pipes are calling*”.

*Susan Irvine McRae, Music Project Administrator*

**Note:** Many thanks to Sherrie Irwin for getting me touch with Robert Bogdan, Toby’s nephew in Scotland, who provided me with information about his Uncle Toby and our Chief Alexander for filling in some blanks.

**Note:** videos of Slow Air for Major Irvine played on Northumberland Pipes, Eilleann Pipes and Irish Low Flute by new Canadian member Peter Irwin to the Music Folder in GSuites.







## Wreaths Across America at JUMC Cemetery

The mission of Wreaths Across America is to **Remember, Honor and Teach the next generation** and that will last all year long, far beyond the single day in December when we coordinate wreath-laying ceremonies. The Wreaths Across America organization works throughout the year to show our veterans and their families that we will not forget the veterans who are serving, have served, or have given the ultimate sacrifice for our country.



This year is the first year we will hold the Wreaths Across America ceremony at Jarrettown United Methodist Church Cemetery. It is not a Christmas event, although we put evergreen wreaths with red bows to honor those who have served. The ceremony was held on Saturday, December 19th at Noon. Pastor Bob Strauss attended other ceremonies in the past and was a part of the ceremony. The reasons behind this wreath-laying are: to **remember** our fallen U.S. Veterans, to **honor** those who serve, and to **teach** our children the value of Freedom. Also, that freedom is the major reason we are free to worship as we do.



It was my honor to be the Local Coordinator for Wreaths Across America at my church's cemetery. I proudly wore my Clan Irwin tartan kilt skirt and read the names of the 37 veterans buried there. Our participant turnout was small and we all wore masks and kept 6-foot distancing. The 6-inch snowfall a few days before the ceremony did not help with getting across the cemetery to place the wreaths. We will hold this ceremony again in 2021 to honor our veterans.

*Submitted by Sherrie Irwin*



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# How the Scots Invented the Modern World

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## CHAPTER 4

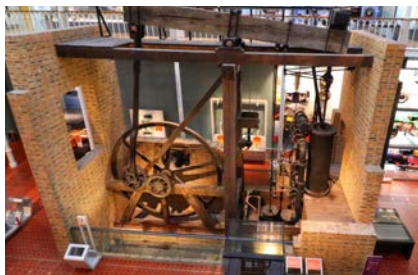
### James Watt



Previous editions of the Holly Leaf Chronicle included articles about Adam Scott (1723-1790) and David Hume (1711-1776), contemporaries whose intellectual contributions provided the building blocks for modern society.

During the same time that they were active, another Scott was improving the lot of mankind through technology. James Watt (1736-1819) was a mechanical engineer, inventor, and chemist who in 1776 was able to develop a steam engine, known as the Watt Steam Engine that came to drive the worldwide industrial revolution. His engine was different from previous engines in that his condenser design significantly reduced the amount of energy required to operate the engine. By utilizing a separate condenser, the efficiency and resulting cost-effectiveness of his engine over previous designs became a game changer. He also pioneered an additional design that enabled the engine to operate at a constant speed, a governor connected to a throttle valve, further cementing his. Over time, his original design which was developed to power pumps was expanded to include a rotary motion. Enabling other applications. Watt is also responsible for developing the concept of horsepower as a measurement for power. The international System of Units (SI) unit of power designation is the watt, named after him.

The photo below shows a Watt Steam Engine built in 1786 that ran for 99 years. It is now on display at the National Museum of Scotland in Edinburgh



Watt was born in the small town of Greenock, on the south bank of the River Clyde, about 25 miles from central Glasgow, the oldest of five children. As a child, he exhibited an aptitude for mathematics, but showed no interest in the classics. After his mother's death and the onset of his father's ill health,

Watt went to London where he was trained as an instrument maker. Upon his return to Glasgow, he struggled before establishing himself. Eventually, he became successful and the company he co-founded, Boulton and Watt, which was still making steam engines in 1895 when it was sold to W & T Avery Company.

Busts and statues of James Watt are on display in a multitude of locations, including The National Wallace Monument Hall of Heroes in Sterling, the National Galleries of Scotland in Edinburgh, The MacLean Museum & Art Gallery in his native Greenock and the Hunterian Museum in Glasgow.



*Statue on display at the MacLean Museum*

***Next Edition: William Murdoch***

# SHEEP THIEVES TO BE SHOT ON SIGHT??

*Submitted by Jerry Irvine and Elizabeth Irvine Fisher*

In order for this article to make a bit more sense you may want to refer to our previous submission to the Holly Leaf in Vol. XXXVIII-2nd Quarter 2020 No.2 entitled “The Quest to Become a Pioneer Family” written by Elizabeth. She gave a brief accounting of some of our research efforts to learn more about our Irvine ancestry, more specifically related to our immediate ancestors who lived in our county in Indiana. But one part of our search included visiting Bonshaw Tower in the UK. Here, we would like to share how that came to be and what we learned.

Many years ago, even before the Internet, Jerry went to our local genealogy library because he was curious to find out more about some of his ancestors in our county. When the Internet came along, curiosity about the Irvine name in general was easier to research. In time this led to Jerry discovering the Irvine Clan Association which he eventually joined and began receiving the Holly Leaf.

So, for many years, based on what information Jerry had picked up, we had assumed we were descended from the Drum Castle Irvines. Jerry decided to participate in the Clan Irvine DNA Project centered in England. When Jerry got his results back he didn’t understand

them so he contacted James Irvine, DNA Project Administrator, for help. The gist of James’s explanation was this: “You can safely say your ancestry goes back a minimum of 500 years to Bonshaw.”

Well, that upset the proverbial apple cart because we thought we were from Drum so Jerry turned his investigative search on end and changed his focus. He read an article in the Holly Leaf written by

Chris Irving of Bonshaw which indicated bedrooms were available if you could prove your ancestry and wanted to visit.

Our DNA proved it

so, among other things in our family research efforts, we planned a trip to the UK for the summer of 2018. Both Jerry and our private tour guide Paul Hulme of Homemade Holidays contacted Chris Irving and coordinated our visit.

On Monday July 30, 2018 we arrived at Bonshaw Tower. That afternoon Chris gave us a tour of the Tower and shared some basic history of the Irvine Clan in the Borderlands. It was interesting to learn that there used to be many towers in the region that branches of the Irvines controlled and that they all had bells they would ring to call the Clan members together for raids or defense. Much of what Chris told us is information that you can find in books or internet articles.



*Bonshaw Tower and ancestral home*



What we found most intriguing was this: the Irvine Clan was mostly loyal to Scotland but, being in the Borderlands, it wasn't uncommon for the Irvines to sometimes switch sides or to even play both sides against each other. Irvines and other border clans would often steal from each other and fight each other. At this our ears perked up and we told Chris that a family legend had been told for generations that "we were once sheep thieves in Scotland and were to be shot on sight." No research, no books, no evidence, just family legend. We had always laughed about it but had also wondered where that legend had come from and why. Chris told us that essentially yes, we used to be sheep thieves, and also horse thieves, cattle thieves, you name it. Our ancestors "thieved" as opportunity arose in the Borderlands fighting. Hmm, interesting!



*Signal Bell at the top of Bonshaw Tower*

***Photo Credits to  
Elizabeth Irvine Fisher***

*Jerry & Marilyn with Chris Irving  
at the top of Bonshaw Tower*

To shift gears, three special things happened as a result of visiting Bonshaw. First, Chris Irving's youngest daughter and Elizabeth's daughter are the same age, they played together at Bonshaw, and exchanged a few pen pal letters. Second, our tour guide Paul and Chris Irving arranged for Jerry to officially be titled Lord Irvine of Glencoe and is now known as Jerry Irvine of Bonshaw. Third, after returning from the UK, Jerry and his wife Marilyn contacted a friend in Brooksville, Florida who is a stained glass artist. She designed a replica of the Bonshaw crest into a beautiful full-sized stained glass window they now proudly display in their Indiana home.

In closing, standing atop Bonshaw Tower near the old signal bell, looking out across the countryside, was a fun yet poignant moment. It was fun to learn that our family "joke" of being sheep thieves in Scotland was basically true but it was serious and emotional in that here we were, in our ancestral home, knowing we were somehow linked to the amazing history of this place, Bonshaw. Who was our ancestor that left? Why did he or his descendants choose to migrate to the New World and when? We may never know his or their names but our DNA has linked us to Bonshaw, something we will always treasure, sheep thieves or not!





**Irving of Bonshaw**  
HAUD ULLIS  
LABENTIA VENTIS  
Yielding Under No  
Winds



**Irvine of Drum**  
SUB SOLE SUB  
UMBRA VIRENS  
Flourish in Sun  
and Shade

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Kathy Willard ..... Los Angeles, CA

### **South-West Region**

Sherwin Landry ..... Franklin, LA

### **Mid-Atlantic Region**

Matthew Moser..... Telford, PA

### **Overseas Region**

Eduardo Colon..... Bayamon,  
Puerto Rico

### **Mid-South Region**

Michael Furlong .....Smithville, MO  
Michelle Martin...Overland Park, KS

Richard Stoner ..... Waikato,  
New Zealand

### **Mid-West Region**

Madonna  
Fasimpaur ..... Concord Twp., OH

### **Rocky Mountain Region**

Deborah Toy .....Castle Rock, CO

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**Total Number of New Members  
for 2021 = 10**

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### *Patricia Ann Irvin*

*February 21, 1944 - January 10, 2021*

Patricia Ann Irvin, 76, Johnstown, passed away January 10, 2021. Born February 21, 1944 to the late Clarence and Mildred (Rip-pin) Slippy. Preceded in death by husband, Phillip Irvin; and siblings, William Slippy and wife Edna; and Richard “Skip” Slippy and wife Yvonne “Bunny”. Survived by son, Phillip Irvin and wife Stacey; fiancé, Jim Pyne; brother, Donald Slippy and wife Linda; and numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews. Patricia was an active member of Westmont Church of the Brethren. She was an avid genealogist and regardless of her success or failure, she greatly enjoyed the time she spent in her searching. Patricia loved gardening and working in her green house, feeding the birds, and watching the deer in her yard. She was also an avid Pittsburgh Penguins fan. Services will be held privately at the convenience of the family. Condolences may be made at [HindmanFuneralHomes.com](http://HindmanFuneralHomes.com)



### *William J. Irwin*

*Aug 17, 1955 - Jan 5, 2021*

William J. Irwin, 65, of Gardners, died on Tuesday, January 5, 2021 as a result of an automobile accident. He was born on August 17, 1955 in Pittsburgh and was a son of the late James W. and Elizabeth A. (Hackel) Irwin. Bill was a 1973 graduate of South Hills High School in Pittsburgh and attended the University of Pittsburgh and Ohio State University where he studied engineering. Bill retired in December 2019 after 39 years of service with the US Army. He worked at the New Cumberland Army Depot as a Public Affairs Specialty Army Recruiter. Bill was a member of the Sons of the American Legion, Ancient Order of Hibernians of Carlisle, Scottish American Military Society, the Marine Corps League of Carlisle and the Clan Irwin Association.

Bill played Santa for many years with several local organization and especially enjoyed being a sponsor for the Special Needs Fishing Derby at the Carlisle Barracks. Bill helped with the ROTC and the Junior ROTC and assisted many young people in the Boy Scouts of America earn their Eagle Scout. He is survived by his devoted wife of 34 years, Anna M. (Rush) Irwin, his adoring and adored canine Callie Anne and two felines, Gigi and Simon, four sisters, Patricia A.



(Mike) Germeyer of Jamestown, PA, Rose (Clete) Scalo of Butler, Deborah Irwin of Wexford and Donna Lee Irwin of Pittsburgh and many nieces, nephews, uncles, cousins and friends. Bill was preceded in death by one brother Joseph Patrick Irwin. A graveside service was held at 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 14, 2021 in St. Patrick Catholic Cemetery, McClures Gap Rd., Carlisle with Rev. Tiburtius-Raja officiating. Memorial contributions in Bill's name may be made to a [charity of your choice](#).



### *Marlene L. Lewis (Smith)*

*November 23, 1939 – January 18, 2021*

**M**arlene Lewis was born on November 23, 1939 in Denver Colorado to Wilbur and Alma Smith. Marlene grew up with her parents, on cattle and wheat ranch east of Aurora, Co. She attended Coal Creek Elementary School and Aurora High School, where she was active in 4H and the Grange youth. After graduating she attended Parks School of Business.

On December 7, 1958 she married James Lewis in Aurora, Co and moved to Fort Collins where James attended CSU and she worked for Fortney Industries. They then moved to Watkins, Co where James and Marlene engaged in farming operations for James's father. In later years when the farm was sold, they moved to Aurora where she worked as an aid for Aurora Public Schools and later worked in the bankruptcy department for Unipac.

She was active in the Masonic orders, serving as Worthy Matron of Hope Chapter No. 122 OES, Royal Matron of Columbine Court, No. 15 OOA, Grand Royal Matron of Colorado OOA. She also served several years as Bethel Guardian of Jobs Daughters. She enjoyed crafting, dancing, traveling and mostly reading. She also helped Jim for many years in the Clan Irwin tent at the Highland Games in Colorado.

Marlene was a loving wife, mother, and grandmother leaving behind her husband of 62 years James Lewis, their children Charles, Roy, and Wendy. As well as her brother Raymond and sister-in-law Kathy, her three grandchildren, four great grandchildren, two nieces, one great niece, and two great nephews.







# CLAN IRWIN CALENDAR ENTRIES

One of the benefits of membership is to keep you apprised of Scottish or Celtic holidays, Days of Importance in history, and upcoming Festivals and Games. You now can view all these entries in your very own [clanirwin.org](http://clanirwin.org) calendar.

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As we are still dealing with COVID-19 restrictions or limitations, many of the Festivals and Games are either canceled or tentative at this point. We are providing websites where you can check the current status before making your plans to attend. If you find the status is confirmed a "Go" or "Cancelled", please let us know so the calendar can be updated, as there are too many for me to check regularly. Games in September and beyond will be added later.

Please do check the calendar. Any feedback is appreciated.

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*It is proper to wear over right shoulder, pinned with a brooch.*

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| Weathered Irvine ..... | 13 oz ..... | \$90.00   |
| Irving of Bonshaw..... | 10 oz ..... | \$80.00   |
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### Poly Viscose Fabric (washable)



#### Irvine Tartan

\$42.00/yard can be made into the following kilt styles. *Poly Viscose fabric is washable.*



#### CIA Tartan

\$55.00/yard can be made into the following kilt styles.

## Descriptions: Basic kilt choices

**Casual Kilt** - is designed for the budget minded person or first time kilt wearer hesitant to make the investment in a more expensive kilt. It is also great for Highland athletes, runners and anyone looking for a lower yardage kilt with excellent durability and stain resistance. The pleat width generally falls between 1.25 to 1.5 inches and the overall material length is generally 4-6 yards. It also has tapered hips, Velcro closure, a tapered front apron and 3 belt loops to fit a standard 1.5 inch belt. Note: the closure is Velcro, **NO** buckles on this style kilt.

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**Sash** - made in the poly Viscose fabric, is approximately 80 inches long. The length edges are hemmed and the width edges have a 1 ½ inch fringe. The width is approximately 10 inches wide.

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### Poly Viscose Pricing & Description

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| Over 40 inches .....  | \$170.00 |
| Over 50 inches .....  | \$180.00 |

#### Semi-Traditional Kilt pricing by hip measurement

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#### Mini Kilt - pricing by hip measurement

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| Under 50 inches ..... | \$130.00 |
| Over 50 inches .....  | \$140.00 |

#### Kilted Skirt - pricing by hip measurement

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| Under 50 inches ..... | \$220.00 |
| Over 50 inches .....  | \$230.00 |

**Sash**.....\$ 40.00

**Flashes**.....\$ 28.00

**Shawl**.....\$ 65.00

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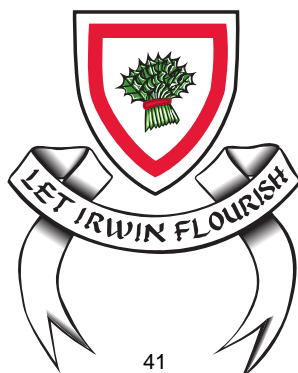
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- To Committees that educate and recognize members
- Clan related merchandise

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- Membership dues are reasonably priced and discounted for longer term memberships



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*The idea behind working in committee is:*

Potentially allows all clan members an opportunity to participate in being involved in the work of the Clan

- Work is shared by all. All members of the committee understand what is going on in that committee which allows for members to be flexible with their time. Tasks are assigned.
- Allows members to get to know and work with other members. Ideally there is representation from all Regions of the Clan
- Meetings are held on a regular basis, decided by the members' availability and work being done in committee.
- Stimulates new ideas

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