



# The Caledonian

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## Kalua Pork Sliders and Scottish Wildcats

*You are invited to the Caledonian Society Annual General Meeting*

*Saturday, June 23, 2012  
12:00 Noon \$15 per person  
Ka'Ikena Laua'e Dining Room  
Kapiolani Community College*

### **Why Attend?**

- To eat a delicious lunch of kalua *pork sliders* from the sandwich buffet.
- To enjoy the "million dollar" *ocean view* from the windows.
- To meet our 2012 SERG winner, *Billy O'Brien*.
- To view & learn about rare *Scottish Wildcats*, via DVD.
- To reaffirm your interest in Scotland and things Scottish.
- To renew your annual membership (due July 1) without a stamp.
- To help your Society conduct its annual business.
- To vote for Caledonian Council members.

### **The Schedule**

Lunch on Saturday, June 23, begins at 12 noon in a private room at the Ka'Ikena Laua'e Dining Room on the second floor of the Ohelo Building at Kapiolani Community College, 4303 Diamond Head Road.

Society business will be conducted during lunch, including presentation of the 2012 SERG award to William O'Brien. See below for an introduction of him and his project. About 1 pm, we will show the DVD, *Last of the Scottish Wildcats* (article below).

### **The Lunch**

The buffet menu is the same as last year: your choice of deli meats, breads and cheeses to create your own sandwich; the featured item is kalua pork sliders. Green salad with dressing, pasta salad and deli-style condiments will also be available along with iced tea or coffee.

### **Reservations**

Both members and guests are welcome. Please **reserve by Mon, June 18**. Complete the form below, with the names of everyone in your party, and mail with your check for \$15 per person to the Caledonian Society, P.O. Box 4164, Honolulu, HI 96812-4164. Questions? Phone Lillian Cunningham at 538-7707.

### **The Farmers' Market**

The weekly Farmers' Market on the KCC campus generates huge crowds and congestion on the KCC campus on Saturday mornings. However, the market closes at 11 am. Lunch this year begins at noon instead of 11 am to allow the traffic to thin out before our arrival.

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## From The Craig

By Chieftain Bruce McEwan



Please see the notice for the Annual General Meeting coming up on June 23. Besides our board elections and a nice lunch, we always have an interesting educational piece. Who knew that Scotland had wildcats!? In the weeks following each year's elections, the board meets for a planning session for the next Society event year, which begins July 1. Please suggest themes and topics for cultural programs that you would like to see and that you think will be of interest to the general membership. Anyone with an idea should submit it to me via e-mail [mcewanb001@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:mcewanb001@hawaii.rr.com), snail mail via the Society mailbox, or a phone call (538-7707). This is an opportunity to be involved in your Society, and you can participate and/or chair an event if you choose.

Another way to participate is to make contributions to the newsletter. Submit an article, tell us about something you've been doing to learn more about your Scottish heritage, or submit a joke. Scots always enjoy humor, often very wry humor, so feel free to submit something, and, if it's fit to print, we will fit it in. Send emails to [susanmack1@mac.com](mailto:susanmack1@mac.com) or [lillianc@hawaii.edu](mailto:lillianc@hawaii.edu)

Every year at this time I re-emphasize that we are a member-driven organization with the important mission of perpetuating and teaching about Scottish culture to people here in Hawaii. As memberships are renewed, we encourage annual members and also life members to make your tax-deductible contributions to The Caledonian Society of Hawaii, Inc. In particular, we are always looking for specific funding for our Scottish Education Research Grant (SERG). I hope to see you all at the AGM luncheon on June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Yours aye,  
Bruce McEwan, Chieftain

### Kalua Sliders *from page 1* Directions and Parking

Enter KCC from Diamond Head Road, from Makapu'u Ave. or from Kilauea Avenue. (See the map of the campus.) Park in Lot E near Kilauea Avenue or in any of the sections of Lot C, or in a visitor stall along the road itself. Main building entrances face the center of the campus. Because the campus is hilly, a little uphill walking is required past the patio and decorative fountain up to the dining room entrance of Ohelo Building. Tartan pennants will be taped to posts to help you find your way.

Guests with limited walking ability could park in Lot E and have a relatively flat walk around the near end of Ohelo building to the front entrance.

### Annual Meeting Buffet Reservation Form (by Monday, June 18)

Name(s) of each person in your party (please print) @ \$15 pp  
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Total \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Please check here if you need a ride (must know by 6/18)

*Use additional paper for more names. Send with check to:  
The Caledonian Society, P.O. Box 4164, Honolulu, HI 96812-4164*

### Bus Routes & Rides

Phone number for bus route & schedule information —  
808-848-5555 Bus Customer Service—808-848-4500

## Scotland's Cat : "Last of the Scottish Wildcats"

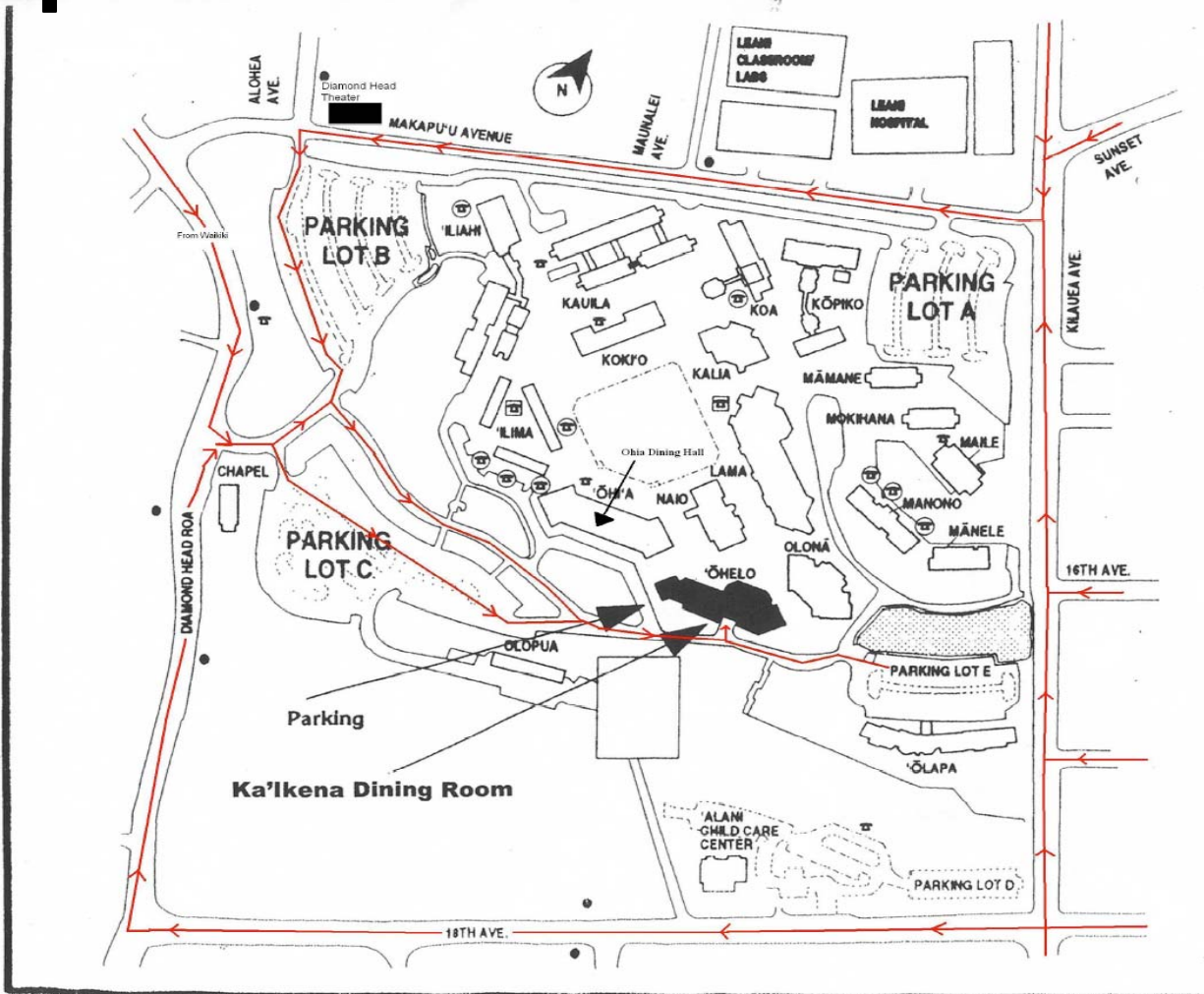
A 60-minute DVD from Coffee Films introduces a unique animal, rarely seen and fiercely independent, the Scottish wildcat (*felix silvestris grampia*) "Pound for pound the Scottish wildcat is one of the most impressive predators in the world; intelligent, fearless, resourceful, patient, agile and powerful, they are genuine super-predators."



"Although wildcats look similar to domestic cats, these are no feral or farm cats run wild; they're Britain's only remaining large wild predator and have walked this land for millions of years before mankind arrived or domestic cats appeared. Every inch a cat in every sense of the word, the Scottish wildcat epitomizes the independent, mysterious and wild spirit of the Highlands like no other creature." "They'll fight to the death for their freedom; they epitomize what it takes to be truly free I think," says Mike Tomkies, naturalist.

This film shows beautiful rare footage of these secretive creatures in the wild and interviews with people who are trying to protect them and save them from extinction. "It is estimated that fewer than 400 pure wildcats and around 3500 hybrid wildcats live in the Highlands." For more about Scottish wildcats and efforts to conserve them, see the website of the Scottish Wildcat Association.

# Map to Ka'ikena



## Introducing Billy O'Brien



Our SERG winner for 2012 is William (Billy) O'Brien of Waianae, who will travel to Scotland for his SERG project late this summer. Earlier Billy will attend our Annual General Meeting luncheon on June 23 so that members can meet him, present his SERG (Scottish Education Research Grant) check and wish him well on his journey.

Billy's project is to explore the culture and lifestyle of Scottish rural communities and farmers doing organic and small-scale farming. He wants "to document the lifestyle of the Scottish rural community through its farmers, with a focus on the farm and its relation to the place." He expects to find rural people in Scotland as connected to their traditional heritage as people are here in Hawaii.

Billy is arranging his visits through the WWOOF program (World Wide Opportunities on Organic Farms), which "offers homestays throughout the world to travelers willing to volunteer their time on farms in exchange for room and board with the family." He has chosen to focus on Scotland's west coast and islands as he wants to compare their lifestyles and practices with those of Hawaii, which also looks toward the sea.

"At a place called Turriemfield in Shetland I will learn about fertilizing the land with seaweed. At Croft 13 on the Isle of Eigg I will get to spend time with a family of three harvesting potatoes. At Coulmore Farm near Ullapool, I'll help the family gather sheep during the fall. I plan to visit four to six farms in Scotland spending two weeks at each place for a total of at least two months between July and October."

Billy, now 26, grew up in Waianae and has worked on Mouna Farm, an organic farm in Waianae "clearing land, building structures, plowing, planting, harvesting, and leading work groups." He has also volunteered to repair and maintain traditional hale structures. He has a glowing recommendation from his farm mentor.

He completed a BA in Geography from UH Manoa in 2010 with minors in French and Art History. He has been seriously involved with hula since 2010 and continues to deepen his experience with Hawaiian culture. His ethnicities are Native Hawaiian, Irish, Scottish, English, Japanese, Portuguese, French and German. He has connections with Clan Skene through his grandmother's side.

Besides "sticking my hands in the soil and working the land as my ancestors did before coming to America," Billy plans to take pictures and keep a journal, both of which he will use to make his presentation to the Society after his return to Hawaii in the fall of 2012. We expect this personable young man to be a fine ambassador between Scotland and Hawaii and look forward to hearing about his experiences and discoveries.

## Movie Museum Scottish Film

The film HUNTED (1952-UK) has been recommended to Society members. It shows at the Movie Museum on **Sat., June 9 at 12:00, 1:30, and 3 pm and again on Sun, June 17 (Father's Day) at 12:00 and 8:30 pm only**. Reservations recommended. Call 735-8771. Mention your membership in The Caledonian Society.

Running away from his foster home, six-year-old Scottish boy Robbie (Jon Whiteley) tries to take shelter in a bombed-out building in London and stumbles onto a scene of a crime. In this gripping drama set in the years shortly after WWII, Robbie is abducted by Chris (Dirk Bogarde), the perpetrator of the crime, who's on the run to escape the law. This rarely screened film showcases one of Bogarde's best roles (it was his favorite). Filmed on location in London, Staffordshire, England, and in Portpatrick, Scotland. For all ages. Other actors are Elizabeth Sellars, Kay Walsh, Frederick Piper, and Julian Somers. Directed by Charles Crichton (THE LAVENDER HILL MOB).

# Membership Renewal

## Annual Dues are Now Due

The Society membership year runs from July 1 to June 30. **Now is the time to renew your annual dues for 2012-2013.** The cost is still **\$20** per person.

You may pay by mail or in person at the Annual Meeting on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Use the renewal form found in this newsletter. If you are a Life Member please consider donating to the Society. We are a 501c (3) tax exempt organization. All donations are greatly appreciated to help pay our regular expenses such as the newsletter and mailings, insurance, venue rentals, and other program expenses. Donations can also be specified for the SERG fund.



## The Caledonian Society of Hawaii 2012-2013 Renewal

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Annual Membership is \$20 per member, due by July 1st each year. Our fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30th of the next year.

Personal Information/Update as needed \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zipcode \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday Month/Day/Year \_\_\_\_\_

Membership payment (\$20 pp):           \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Additional tax-deductible donation:       \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Life Member Donation:                       \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Total:*   \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to: The Caledonian Society of Hawaii. Mail to: PO. Box 4164, Honolulu, HI 96812-4164. Questions: Barbara Coons, Membership Secretary, 521-7022 or BFCoons@aol.com



# Family Day Picnic

**Moanalua Gardens**

**Saturday, July 14**

**11:00 am to 2:00 pm**

**RSVP to Heather MacGregor at 526-1559**

Please join us for a potluck Family Day Picnic. We will have tables for the food you bring to share, but please bring either a chair to sit on, or a blanket to spread on the grass. There will be music, and fun and games for the children.

Please let Heather MacGregor (526-1559) know the number of people who will be attending and their age-groups by **July 11**, so we can have appropriate games for everyone.

The Gardens are located just off Puuloa Rd. near Tripler Army Medical Center. Look for the Caledonian Society banner.

Once owned and operated by the estate of local businessman and landowner Samuel Mills Damon (1841–1924), the Garden was bought by Kaimana Ventures, whose president John Philip Damon is a great-grandson of Samuel Damon.

The Kamehameha V Cottage, located at the western end of the garden, was originally built in the 1850s by Prince Lot Kapuāiwa, who would later become King Kamehameha V. The three separate units of the cottage (a kitchen and dining room unit, a living room/bedroom unit, and an entertainment unit) are connected via a series of roofed porches.

Princess Bernice Pauahi Bishop willed the cottage, along with the rest of the ahupua‘a (traditional land division) of Moanalua to Damon when she died in 1884. Damon renovated the cottage and used it as a residence. The cottage was moved to its present location in 1960.

The Hitachi tree, a large monkeypod tree with a distinctive umbrella-shaped canopy, grows in a grassy area in the middle of the park. The tree is registered as an exceptional tree by the City and County of Honolulu and cannot be removed or destroyed without City Council approval.

## Members' Updates

### **Happy June Birthdays to:**

Lesley Brey, Hamish Burgess, Douglas Gibb, Alice Herring, Pauline Labrie, Eleanor Nordyke, & Wendy Sherman.

### **Happy July Birthdays to:**

Gov. Neil Ambercrombie, Betty Armitage, Connee Little, Kit Smith, & Stephen Elliot Thompson

**Aloha** to long time member Betsy Walters who has moved to New Mexico. Betsy will be missed—she always made herself available to help the Society at the Burns Dinners, the Highland Games, and anytime she was asked. Mahalo Betsy.

**Aloha** to Mike & Laura Bozeman this summer. They will be moving to the Mainland after the completion of Laura's one-year tour in Afghanistan. We thank her for her service and wish them both well.

**Congratulations** to Walter & Alice Herring's daughter, Elizabeth, who married Lex Mitchell in May.

**Congratulations** to member Debbie Sanders for two poetry awards -- honorable mention in the Lorin Tarr Gill Writing competition, and the Golden Plover Award from the Windward Arts Council for her poem in the *Rain Bird* publication.

**Condolences** to Council member Mary Fraser whose father recently passed away.

## Anderson Family Afternoon



**Leith Anderson**

On May 19 in a spacious penthouse room overlooking Honolulu, members and guests drank tea from china cups and enjoyed tea snacks such as the lilikoi bars, tea cakes, and mini-palm leaves.

In an afternoon of friendliness and families, each attendee introduced him- or herself with a brief memory of a family member who influenced the speaker. We learned, for instance that Nanci Munroe's grandmother often repeated sayings such as "Some people are just born happy and some people aren't." A few attendees, like Al Wong, Mandie Bowers, and Elspeth Kerr, have memories of growing up in Hawaii as Leith Anderson's parents and siblings also did.

Our featured guest, Leith Anderson, recounted for us the life of his father, R. Alex Anderson, including his communicating with a school friend in Morse code, being a pilot in World War I, being shot down and captured, and escaping in a dramatic way, later managing a business in Honolulu, founding and leading clubs, and finding time to compose many popular songs of Hawaii. Leith and his sister Pam remember often coming home from school to find their father at the piano with his pen out writing down music and lyrics such as "Mele Kalikimaka," which led to meeting folks like Bing Crosby at their home.

Such memories made for a pleasant afternoon. Leith's remarks were video-recorded and will be made into a DVD for history and future memories.

## 2010 Scot of the Year Writes About A Special Trip To Scotland

*Caledonian Society member and 2010 Scot of the Year Hamish Douglas Burgess from Maui, recently returned from a trip to Cornwall and Scotland. The Cornish leg of his trip was in order to be at his mother's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations in the old harbor town and surf resort of Newquay, where he played bagpipes at a surprise party for her, not altogether appreciated by some of the English ladies at the tea-party! Mrs. Burgess, originally from an old Aberdeen family, moved to Cornwall, another Celtic area of Britain, over twenty years ago.*

*Hamish promotes Scottish and all other Celtic culture as a volunteer presenter of his globally popular weekly Celtic music program, The Maui Celtic Radio Show, on non-profit Mana'o Radio in Maui, broadcast 8-10am on Sunday mornings locally and worldwide on the internet ([www.manaoradio.com](http://www.manaoradio.com)).*

*This is the first of three illustrated articles that give his insightful comments about a trip we'd all like to experience.*

### Hamish Arrives in Scotland

First stop was to visit some Scottish music record labels, Greentrax Recordings, Temple Records (in the small village that was named after the base of the Knights Templar in Scotland) home of the Battlefield Band, and Footstompin' Records, who all supply their artists' music that I play on my radio show.

I visited good friends (and Hawaii visitors) piper Fin Moore and fiddler Sarah Hoy in Edinburgh, interviewed some musicians in Glasgow, and checked out a remote part of the Antonine Wall, built by the Romans starting AD 142 as a final northern defense of their Empire, to keep the local Pictish tribes at bay. I recommend a look at Edinburgh from the top of Calton Hill, with amazing views of the city affectionately known as 'Auld Reekie' from high atop Nelson's Monument. From one spot you can clearly see Edinburgh Castle, The Royal Mile down to Holyrood Palace, and the hills of Arthur's Seat beyond – also Princes Street and the New Town, and beyond to the Firth of Forth and the bridges to the north.



Arthur's Seat from Calton Hill

*To be continued*

# Scottish Humor

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## Scotch Whisky Fishing Story

I went fishing this morning but after a short time I ran out of worms. Then I saw a cottonmouth with a frog in his mouth. Frogs are great bass bait.



Knowing the snake couldn't bite me with the frog in his mouth I grabbed him right behind the head, took the frog, and put it in my bait bucket.

Now the dilemma was how to release the snake without getting bit. So, I grabbed my bottle of scotch and poured a little whisky in its mouth. His eyes rolled back, he went limp. I released him into the lake without incident and carried on fishing using the frog.



A little later, I felt a nudge on my foot. It was that snake, with two more frogs.

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