

# 2019 CEILIDH AT PITTENDRUM HOUSE

ROSEHEARTY, SCOTLAND | By Debra Baird

*On the evening of 2nd August, the Bairds gathered for a Ceilidh, marking the mid-point of our first Gathering in Scotland in many, many years.* There had been several from the early 1960's to the 1990's, but none since those first days of the life of Clan Baird Society.



The Ceilidh was made most wonderful by the music of Bob Watson, John Woodside, Ian Sutherland and Blair Bennet, with the Scottish Country Dance lessons given by our newly appointed Commander Richard Holman-Baird, as well as the deliciously authentic Scottish food provided by Wendy Harper and Jill Harper Summers. Many thanks for set-up/take-down help from Gordon and Claire Harper, Chris and Marilyn Stansbury, Penny Carpenter, Whitney Mombert, Avy Harrell, Isaac Baird, Branton Baird, Heather Snyder and Colin, and Seth Burgess.

As we enjoyed each course of the wonderful food, and each music and dance selection, I looked about me and saw people from all walks of life enjoying being in our motherland and with each other. Those that stayed in the house have reported that they were amazed by how well we all got along, and how similar our

living habits were, although mostly we had never met one another before.

The dancing of the Americans wanted practice, but Richard and his wife Polly were very patiently kind, and we all laughed a great deal while trying to do the steps of each dance. They gifted me with a music CD and a book

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on how to manage each dance. There could have been no better present for an academic and I have been practicing since arriving back in the States. I fully

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Mila Mombert dancing





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intend to get the rest of us to practice at the many festivals and games this summer!

Wendy and Jill served the food one course at a time, and called us to come into the house to pick up our latest plate at intervals, all evening. It was an ingenious means of feeding more people than we had table space for sitting, and gave us a rest and respite every half-hour or so, from dancing and activities outside. I have had so many emails and calls about wishing from those in attendance, wishing that they could have one more dinner of that wonderful food. The Cullen Skink was the best I have ever eaten!

A special gift was presented by Peter Chapman, member of the Scottish Parliament, when he gave recitations and songs in Doric, the native Scots Language of Aberdeen and surrounding



Claire Harper, talking with Peter, her sons Ethan, and Gordon, sitting.



Isaac Baird, 2nd Vice President of the Society and Peter Chapman MP Scot, discussing language, it is assured.



Bill Pitt talking with our new German friend and Chris Stansbury.



Branton Baird and Angus Holman Baird

area, including much of the Baird lands. It was quite interesting and entertaining to hear the beautiful flow of the words. We Americans could even understand a few words, here and there! This is a link to a later presentation of Peter's, done for the Parliament in Edinburgh. <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=1220527571488540>



Jill Summers, our amazing cook, is serving Colin Snyder the soup course. The final dessert course is on the table.

We look forward to our next gathering in 2021, Aboyne, August 6-9. I hope you all will consider coming over for those meetings and the Aboyne Highland Games. Everyone is setting their own trip and lodging this time; so that we can all see the things we most want to "redo" or do for the first time, before the family gathers. The evening of August 6th will be a Ceilidh as we had at Pittendrum House. It will be held at the Potarch Lodge on the Ballogie Estate.







*Winter is always a busy time of year on the farm* and this year is no different. However we've haven't had any snow to far this winter which makes things easier, famous last words.

I'm already planning ahead with our President Debra, for our trip up to Canada in late June 2020 to meet up with our Canadian Bairds and coming back via the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games in North Carolina. Hopefully the motor home will make it and we'll all still be talking by the time we get back to Alabama !!

I look forward to visiting the States again and meeting as many of you as possible at the various events.

Best regards,  
Richard



Richard and Polly teaching the Americans how to dance the traditional Scottish country dance.



On the lawn at Pittendrum House; gathered in Aberdeenshire, Scotland

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Ronnie Marks, local new friend, Ian and Richard kindly pose for us.



Visiting in the kitchen at Pittendrum House is L to R: Irene Wiseman (née Watson), Edith Chapman (née Watson), wife of Peter Chapman; Sam Summers, husband of Jill Summers, and Peter Chapman, member of the Scottish Parliament (MSP)







## Greetings

Winter is long and gray here in Alabama, but we are looking forward to many festivals this summer and hope to see you at one of them. Those listed are the ones we have been hosting a tent for in the last few years. Please let us know if you are hosting a tent at any others, and we will put them in the Spring Gryphon.

### April 4

North East Community College,  
Highland Games and Celtic Exhibition  
Rainsville, Alabama, Tent Hosts,  
Debra Baird, Alton Wilson, Branton Baird

### April 25

Coastal Carolina Highland Games,  
Myrtle Beach, South Carolina  
Dr. Bill Rodgers, Kelly Rainwater,  
Janet Gage

### May 23-25

Alma Highland Festival  
Alma, Michigan  
Chieftain Wrex Diem, Randy,  
Boni and Hans Bard

### May 29-31

Glasgow Highland Games,  
Glasgow, Kentucky  
Debra Baird, Alton Wilson, Branton Baird

### June 12-14

Utah Highland Games  
Salt Lake City  
Vincent Baird, Isaac Baird

### July 10-11

Payson Highland Games, Utah  
Vincent Baird, Isaac Baird

### July 9-12

Grandfather Mountain, North Carolina  
Commander Richard Holman-Baird  
will be a distinguished guest  
Doris Isaacs, Branton Baird, Debra Baird,  
Alton Wilson, Whitney Mombert, Penny  
Carpenter, Sandy Baird, Seth Burgess

### July 10-12

Skagit Valley Highland Festival,  
Marysville, Washington  
Art and Elsie Steilling

### August 15-16

Buffalo Niagara Scottish Festival,  
Buffalo, New York  
Heather Baird Jensen, Peter Baird

### September 5-6

Virginia Scottish Games,  
The Plains, Virginia  
Bruce Beard, Branton Baird

### October 16-18

Stone Mountain Highland Games,  
Stone Mountain, Georgia  
Debra Baird, Kim Lewis, Alton Wilson,  
Jennifer and Dave Gray, David Midel,  
and Branton Baird

It is hoped that as many of us as possible will be at Grandfather Mountain, where we will have our new Commander's Installation Ceremony in the U.S. We look forward to this ceremony, and many of us being witness to such an historic event.

~ Alba Gu Brath, Debra



The Pittendrum House Ceilidh band members getting ready to play for the evening. Our Commander Richard, discussing the music with John Woodside (who is pointing out the leader, Bob Watson), as they tuned up for our dancing. Blair Bennet is also on guitar and Ian Sutherland on fiddle.





## Ceud Mìle Fàilte!

(100,000 Welcomes)

### We welcome to our Clan the following:

Alicia Baird, Washington  
Bradley Duffin Baird, Utah  
Daniel Baird, Washington  
Derek Baird, California  
Edward Baird, Tennessee  
Greg and Denise Baird, Virginia  
Jeff Baird, Scotland  
John T Baird, Tennessee  
Mark R Baird, Arizona

Mark Edmund Baird, Georgia  
Ralph Baird, Texas  
Robert Baird, Texas  
Robert Howard Baird, Virginia  
Steven Howard Baird, Georgia  
W. Douglas Baird, Florida  
Martin A Coyle, California  
Carol Baird Elsner, Colorado  
Janet Gage, South Carolina  
Julia Garrett, Texas  
Jerry Hallam, Texas  
Deborah Kulling, Colorado  
Charlotte Marcia Litsinger, Nevada  
Joyce Lueder, Illinois  
Andrea McGlynn, Virginia  
Penny Baird Mercer, Texas  
Laura Miller, California  
Alexandra Eve Moroch, Washington  
Elizabeth Reed Moroch, Washington  
Kathleen Baird Reed, Nevada  
Adam C. Smith, Pennsylvania  
Ma Luisa Baird Sonon, Philippines  
Baird Thompson, Arizona  
Kirstin Thompson, North Carolina

## Clan Baird Names New Honorary Chieftain

**The Society has named  
Roderick Gardiner Baird  
as a new honorary Chieftain**



Roderick Gardner Baird

Roderick is a member of the Saughton-hall family, and he and his wife Julia live near Edinburgh. We are very happy he has agreed to be an Honorary Chieftain with the Society and look forward to working with him.



Branton, Debra, and the Chief of the Urquharts with his standard bearer at Stone Mountain Highland Games 2019







# The Bairds of Saughtonhall and the Restoration of Saughton Park - one of Edinburgh's "Secret Treasures"

EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND | By Roderick Gardener Baird

*My sister Judith telephoned me one July evening, to tell me to watch that week's episode of BBC Scotland's popular weekly gardening programme 'Beechgrove Garden'. The episode included a feature on the recently restored gardens of Saughton Park in the west of Edinburgh.* As a member of the Saughtonhall line of Bairds, previous owners of the Saughtonhall Estate which included what is now the park, the article was of particular interest to me. In its heyday the park was recognised as one of the 'finest public parks in Scotland', but by the turn of the 21st century it had gone into a sad decline.



The Band Stand at Saughton Park. By permission of the Friends of Saughton Park.

More recently with support from the Royal Caledonian Horticultural Society (who now have a permanent base within the park) as well as the City of Edinburgh Council and the Friends of Saughton Park, with funding

from the UK Heritage Lottery Fund, the park has undergone a transformation and restoration. On Saturday 31st August the Friends of Saughton Park organised a very successful open day to which my wife Julia and I attended.

The story starts with my nine times great-grandfather, Sir Robert Baird 1st Baronet of Saughtonhall. Sir Robert was a younger son of James Baird, Commissioner of the Ecclesiastical Court in Edinburgh, who was the fourth son of Gilbert Baird 3rd of Auchmedden in Aberdeenshire. Sir Robert was born c1630, a successful Edinburgh merchant and during the seventeenth century Dutch Wars was a part owner of several ships trading across the world.

Robert Baird purchased the lands of Saughtonhall, consisting of some 98 acres, from a Janet Moodie in 1669, thus starting the Baird connection with Saughtonhall. Although the estate remained under the ownership of Sir Robert's descendants until it was sold to the City of Edinburgh Corporation in 1900. The last Baird however to actually reside at Saughtonhall was my five times great-grandfather Sir James Baird the 6th

Baronet. Sir James's mother was Frances, daughter of Colonel James Gardiner who was killed in the 1745 rebellion fighting on the government (Hanoverian) side at the Battle of Prestonpans. He was immortal-

ised by Sir Walter Scott in his first Novel 'Waverley'; also his death was illustrated in one of the panels of the Prestonpans Tapestry. Sir James succeeded to the title as 6th Baronet in 1771. The following year he enlisted as an Ensign in the 17th Foot which was one of several regiments raised specifically to fight the American War of Independence. In 1776 he was promoted to Lieutenant and then Captain in 1777 fighting with the 71st Foot at Brier Creek



Lt Colonel Sir James Gardiner Baird 6th Bt of Saughtonhall. This painting by John Syme was commissioned by the officers and men of the East Lothian Yeomanry as 'a mark of respect and regard for their Lt Colonel. Sir James commanded the regiment from its embodiment in 1797 until 1827 (marking the official end of the regiment). Copyright East Lothian Council Museums Service.

on 3rd March 1779. He served throughout the American War, as well as two Campaigns in Flanders. In 1794 he was a Captain with 1st Battalion Scots Brigade and on his retirement in 1796 he was a Lieutenant Colonel with the 28th Light Dragoons. Between 1797 and 1827 he commanded the East Lothian Yeomanry a cavalry regiment which had been formed

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by volunteers in response to national fears of a Napoleonic invasion. I suggest that his long military service overseas was possibly one of the factors why Saughtonhall was rented out during his absence and following his retirement he chose to live elsewhere until his death in 1830.



The Yew Avenue. Scientific analysis tells us that the trees were planted in the mid-17th century possibly at the time of the 1st Bart of Saughtonhall, Sir Robert Baird's tenure of the estate. By permission of the Friends of Saughton Park.

In 1796 Saughtonhall was run as a private lunatic asylum, The Institute for the Recovery of the Insane, a private asylum exclusively for the "reception of patients of the higher ranks". In 1807 there were thirteen male and five female patients and by 1875 this number had risen to a total of seventy-five. The asylum was renowned for its humane and innovative treatment of patients with many activities including outdoor relaxation in the gardens, it received glowing inspection reports and was seen as a model of good practice. Doctors visited the asylum from afar including the United States.

It was the 8th Baronet, Sir William Gardiner Baird (my great-grandfather), who sold

the estate to the Edinburgh Corporation in 1900 (the house was sold 1907) which resulted in the asylum moving out of Saughtonhall to Mavisbank in Midlothian.

In 1907 the house and grounds were the setting for the Scottish National Exhibition which was officially opened on 1st May 1908 by Prince Arthur of Connaught, one of Queen Victoria's sons. It was a resounding success attracting over 3.5 million visitors. Saughton Park and Gardens were formally opened to the public in 1910 and became renowned for its Winter and Rose Gardens as well as the Bandstand. As for the mansion house, sadly with neglect it began to fall in to disrepair and latterly suffered from damp, rot and woodworm. In 1952 the authorities decided to demolish the building.

The house of Saughtonhall was built in the mid-1600s possibly for Sir Robert Baird 1st Baronet, although it is likely that it was developed from an earlier building. From the 3D image of the house, as it would have looked around 1900, you can see the old turret and staircase in the middle of which would have formed part of the original seventeenth century building. Saved at the time of the demolition was the plaster ceiling from the first floor apartment which

dates from c1660 - 1663 (around the time of Sir Robert's tenure) and was probably dedicated to King Charles 11. Also on the gable end of the nearby Saughtonhall Farmhouse just outside the boundary of

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An artists sketch of the house as it was in the 17th century



An artists impression of Saughtonhall as it would have looked in 1900. This version is a 3D model of the house as it was in 1900 but with the 17th century section outlined.



Another 3D view of the artists impression of Saughtonhall as it would have looked in 1900 before it was sold to the Edinburgh Corporation by my Great-Grandfather Sir William Gardiner Baird, 8th Bart of Saughtonhall. By permission of Joe McGuigan.





# 49TH ALEXANDRIA SCOTTISH WALK AND PARADE

ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA | By Bruce Beard

**For the 49th consecutive year, Alexandria, Virginia has hosted the Scottish Christmas Walk Parade.**

The Scottish Christmas Walk Weekend is a series of holiday events celebrating Alexandria's Scottish roots. The highlights of the weekend include the Scottish Christmas Walk Parade, Heather and Greens Sales, Taste of Scotland and Holiday Homes Tour.

Marching units filled with the tartans of Scottish Clans, the sounds of Scottish bagpipes and drums, Scottish dancers, Scottie dogs, dignitaries, classic cars, Santa Claus, and much more. The parade begins at St. Asaph and Wolfe Streets and ends at Market Square with a massed band concert.



3rd Vice-President Bruce Beard

What a wonderful day for a parade, and a great Clan Baird turnout. My son-in-law Jacob was assigned picture taking responsibilities and he did a wonderful job. Greg and Denise Baird and their daughter Amanda joined the parade, as

did Alexandra Baird Davis, her wife and son. Beth, Kathryn, Jacob and Jacob's mother from NYC joined from my family. And I had two of my former OMB colleagues join as well. Richard, Rick Mertens was in that group. A grand time was had by all!



Marching in the parade.



3rd Vice-President Bruce Beard with family and friends at the Christmas Walk



Clan Baird pride at the Christmas Walk Parade!





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the Park (now a children's nursery) is a plaque showing the Coats of Arms of the Baird and Gibson of Addiston families - the second wife of Sir James Baird 2nd Baronet of Saughtonhall (son of Sir Robert) was Elizabeth daughter of Sir John Gibson of Addiston. The inscription tells us that the plaque was removed from an earlier building and restored in the 1890s. All that remains today of the original property owned by the Bairds is the avenue of Yew trees which once lined the front drive to the mansion house. Scientific analysis tells us that these trees were planted around 500 years ago so they could well have been planted by Sir William Baird when he lived in the house.



The memorial plaque on the gable end of the former Saughton Farmhouse which shows the Arms of the Bairds of Saughtonhall and Gibson of Addiston families. By permission of Joe McGuigan.

## A STORY OF BRAVERY, KINDNESS & DEDICATION

COLORADO - USA | By Carol (Baird) Elsner



This photograph is of new member Carol (Baird) Elsner's grandfather and grandmother, as well as her mother and siblings. It was taken in Paisley, Scotland. Her grandfather, Alexander Baird, born in 1885, fought in World War I in France, with the Royal Scots Highlanders. He

was killed while fighting with the 5th Battalion Cameron Highlanders on May 26, 1918 and is buried in Flanders Field (Plot 1 Row B Grave #4). He won many medals, including for Machine Gun Corps #140408 Argyle and Sutherlands, and Highlands s-18130 Scottish Rifles #1683.

He is bending down in the photo. The two ladies to his left are Carol's grandmother's sisters, and to his right is her grandmother, Margaret Borland Holmes Edmiston, who was born in 1890 in Paisley, but who died in Canada in 1984. On her other side are two other sisters.

The little boy in front is Carol's Uncle David Baird, and next to him is her mother, Margaret Baird. The wee bairn is her Aunt, Cicelia Baird. They were all born in Paisley, Scotland, but when their father was killed in France, their mother took the three children across the Atlantic, through Ellis Island, New York, and into Toronto, Ontario, Canada, looking for a better life. She did this alone, when women did not travel alone, and certainly did not emigrate alone.

Carol considers her grandmother as her hero, for her bravery, kindness, and dedication to the family. She certainly was all that, and clearly, much more. What courage she must have had.







# Lupus Awareness Tartan

By Winfield Decker

**Winfield Decker, a loyal Clan Baird member, has recently applied for and obtained a tartan for Lupus Awareness, in honor of his wife**

~ Here is her story ~

<https://www.tartanregister.gov.uk/tartanDetails?ref=12593>

Here is the meaning behind the colors of the Tartan itself.

- Green, a nice earthy tone to mean rebirth and growth
- Blue, representative of a cloudless beautiful day, and with it hope of today being better than yesterday
- Gray, a minor color in the tartan by thread, to signify that no matter how cloudy it gets, it will pass
- Red, for fighting and struggle. A common term in the Lupus community is "Lupus Warrior", so I brought that idea here with red
- Purple, the color representative of Lupus, and therefore the dominant color of the tartan.

There are also 4 main types of Lupus (4 colors other than the purple). I opted to include this count of different colors to bind all of the meaning together.



Winfield Decker in his kilt made from the tartan

***Here is my wife's story, that she shared with the Lupus Foundation of America. It gives you an understanding of why I pursued registration and designing of the Tartan as a way to honor her and others who struggle.***

"Since I've been diagnosed Lupus, I cannot begin to recall how many told me that they had never heard of this disease before. It's not a surprise, being considered relatively 'uncommon', with so little still understood about it. At some point or another, every disease and illness was a mystery illness waiting to be fully understood. Well, this is where we are, only it's not a new disease. It just gets sat on the back burner because we aren't the highest causes of death, but, it is considered the second most deadly disease of young women being the great imitator. For those unaware, Lupus is an autoimmune disease. Imagine being so excited about doing your job right that you just keep going and going and going. PROUDLY. Well, this is Lupus. It is your good cells gone rogue. They go protective

happy so much that they begin to destroy good tissue, organs, cells etc. It doesn't stop. It doesn't want anyone to dull its sparkle.

In 2011, I began having unexplained rashes, discolored spots, reactions alongside many other unpleasant symptoms. We thought that I was allergic to many things, but after years of removing so many things and recurring doctor appointments, it turned out not to be quite that simple. As the years went by, my health continued to decline. I had dark spots throughout the inside of my uterus that they said looked textbook adenomyosis. After performing a hysterectomy, they learned that it was not adenomyosis, but uterine fibroids. My abdominal pains continued. I began breaking out into rashes more frequently. They would feel like the surface of your skin was actively burning. Like you spent a full day in the sun at the beach when you only walked without a hat to get the mail. We thought I was allergic to cats. No, short haired dogs. No, lotion. Still, no answers. I started having chest pains and breathing problems that felt like asthma attacks. My d-dimer was elevated, but the x-ray showed no indication of a pulmonary embolism. D-dimer is used to detect the clotting factor in your blood. I then had worse reactions that almost seemed as though I was allergic to my own sweat. At no time did it click that this happened every time I was in the sun. I developed a migraine that would... not... go... away. I eventually was on the max dosage of Gabapentin, to name just one of the many medications. They did MRI's, catscans and x-rays. One day, I lost the sight in my left eye for half an hour while at Target. My sincerest apologies to the cashier who had to witness the look of fear I had and breaking into tears because I was scared. Eye exams showed NOTHING WRONG, and I paid extra for the scan that takes pictures behind the eyes. I began having

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random numbing moments (one time, included my SCALP), dazing off more frequently, losing focus more, worse memory recall, exhaustion, fatigue, depression, anxiety. I was getting weird sores in my mouth, including on the roof of it. I bruised terribly easily. My thighs



The tartan and registry paperwork

looked horrendous. My organs began acting funky. My scans were abnormal as was blood work, that only continued to cause alarm. My right kidney was damaged and has frequent problems. My lungs have thickened airways, that were thought to be COPD prior to my Lupus diagnosis, but was really inflammation from the disease. The orthopedist who did my spinal surgery believes wholeheartedly that the Lupus caused the degeneration to happen at the rate that it did. My heart has some issues, but thankfully nothing crazy has happened with that yet. I wanted nothing to do with the fun life I had built, and forget asking me to stay up after 10 p.m. I was done. I hopped from one doctor to another to another to another. It was one misdiagnosis after another. It was suspicions of other terrifying things, which in hindsight probably would have ended up being better than "this". Finally, I was accepted into a Rheumatology practice in late 2018. This doctor dug up every file from every doctor and every hospital. She reviewed all of my scans. Then it happened. January of 2019 I was diagnosed as one of the rare few who have non-ANA SLE. On average it can take individuals 6

years to be diagnosed with Lupus. It takes years of symptoms, charted appointments, pictures and a certain amount of checked off guidelines for being diagnosed Lupus. There is no one test for Lupus. You don't go into the doctor one day, and walk out with full knowledge about what you have developed. You're in the dark... for YEARS. You can have a positive ANA and have another autoimmune disease, or none at all, just as you can have Lupus with no ANA. Unfortunately by the time I received my diagnosis, so much damage was already done. So much of my life already heavily impacted. Plaquenil did not have enough success on it's own, which prompted their decision to put me on methotrexate. I have now been on it for 8 to 9 months and my results have showed justice. While I deal with the medicinal side effects, my blood levels have improved and many of my symptoms have diminished (for however long, I am unsure). No rashes for a couple of months and no mouth sores at the very least so far! With sooner diagnosis comes earlier treatments. It could reduce your chances of having to be put on the harsher medications and offer a better prognosis. Like any disease, it progresses and there are advanced stages. The earlier, the better. This is why so many of us hope our fundraisers go well. Knowing that my children are at a higher risk for developing lupus I am that much more determined to be an additional amount of help for making that possibility less of a dreadful one if that time comes. We need a definitive test that comes back as "YES! YOU HAVE LUPUS." We need more tests, more medications, more knowledge and goodness gracious, a cure.

The closest that you can come to it which not many are lucky to see at all, is remission. Our risks for heart attack, stroke, seizures and much more are heightened.

My husband, children, in laws and friends have been a tremendously amazing support system. I consider myself to be very lucky. The amount of understanding and love is uncanny. Every day that they are around, they are choosing to be part of 'this life'. They have rallied for me to help support the cause. They hate watching what I go through first hand but they have always made me feel that even if a cure doesn't come tomorrow, they give me hope. They need this research and a cure just as much, if not more than, I do. They want to know how to help, what to expect and what things can be helpful. To know requires research."



### Clan Baird Society Worldwide Financial Statement

Fourth Quarter - 2019  
Oct 1 through December 31, 2019

Income:	
Dues Received	400.00
Cash for Badges	12.76
Coat of Arms to date	46.00

Total Income for Period	412.76
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Expense:	
Advertising	150.00
President-Membership	
Annual Report Fee	
Scholarship	
Genealogy	
Gryphon	485.19
Games	
Ties & Scarves - UK	2,000.00
Miscellaneous - PayPal fees	13.50

Total Expenses for Period:	2,648.69
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Net Income or (Loss) for Quarter:	(2,235.93)
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Cash in Bank - Last Report:	7,303.76
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Cash in Bank/Available Funds:	5,067.83
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David Benfell, Australia Commissioner at the tent during festival.