



## Ceud Mile Failte – A Hundred Thousand Welcomes

It is our distinct pleasure to invite you and your family to the 41<sup>st</sup> Annual *Virginia Scottish Games and Festival* to be held this year on August 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> at Great Meadow in The Plains, VA. The *Games* continue to be a huge success at Great Meadow. Nestled in the heart of Virginia's Piedmont countryside, Great Meadow is a 250-acre field events center with breathtaking views which evokes the spirit of the Scottish highlands, providing a truly authentic experience. For those fortunate enough to have attended last year's *Games*, the Virginia Gold Cup, or a polo match, you have witnessed first-hand the natural beauty and scenery of the surrounding hills and meadows.

The *Games* has always been about competition. The cornerstone of that competition is the Highland Athletics. Highlights of this year's Highland Athletics include an invitational professional class on Saturday and the East Coast Athletic Championship on Sunday. Piping & Drumming competitions culminate on Saturday with the very popular massed bands. The British Car Show, Highland Dance, Scottish Fiddling and Scottish Dogs competitions will also take place again. We are continuing our Celtic music format including a Saturday Night Concert in the Entertainment Tent until 9:00 p.m. We look forward to another exciting evening with Scooter Muse & Jil Chambliss and Rathkel tair. We invite you to stay for this fun evening of great Celtic music. A number of the food vendors along with the pub tent will remain open during the concert.

The *Games* wouldn't be complete without the shepherding demonstrations, a variety of vendors and crafters, clan and society exhibits, a living history encampment, Scottish food and drink, and a variety of activities just for the children. Have a wee one or two that might enjoy a chance to try their hand at archery like Merida? Our Children's Games will have archery again this year. Throughout the weekend you can see various Scottish dog breeds, although Sunday will feature friendly competitions for our canine friends. Sunday morning begins with the Kirkin' of the Tartan at 9 a.m. Please feel free to go to our website, [www.vascottishgames.org](http://www.vascottishgames.org), and send us any names that should be added to our Flowers of the Forest necrology.

We continue to have the lower rate at the Nuevo Inn in Warrenton for \$89 per night! Please reserve early to take advantage of this low rate.

We have been steadily working to improve the Patron experience at the games. This year there will be upgraded facilities at the Hospitality Tent, in addition to continued improvements and upgrades to the munchies selection. With all that the *Games* has to offer, it is clear that the Laird Patron Package is a tremendous value at just \$100! We will be raising the prices of the Patron packages for the 2015 Games. The *Games* still offers a number of sponsorship and advertising opportunities in addition to our patron packages. There are several sponsorship packages available starting at \$500 or we will partner with you to develop a customized package to fit your communication and budgetary needs. Make a statement this year by sponsoring one of the *Games'* many events, trophies or medal sets. You can also place an ad in our official games program. For more information please contact the *Games* at [sponsor@vascottishgames.org](mailto:sponsor@vascottishgames.org) or visit our website.

For those who are interested, fully tax-deductible donations to the Òrbheart Circle may be made on our secure website.<sup>1</sup> Patron packages may be purchased at our website or by returning the enclosed form with a check by mail. Please remit all patron and trophy requests no later than July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014 to ensure formal recognition of your kind support and contribution to the *Games*. Packages will not be mailed out before August 15<sup>th</sup>. Requests received after August 20<sup>th</sup> will ONLY be available for pick-up at WILL CALL outside the ticket gate on the day of the *Games*. If you submit your Patron form before August 15<sup>th</sup> and do not receive your package by August 25<sup>th</sup>, please let us know.

Once again, we thank you for being the lifeblood of the *Virginia Scottish Games*. It is only through your continued interest, generosity and support that we are able to bring the finest presentation of Scottish culture, heritage, crafts, and other activities to the general public. If you have any questions or need additional information, please don't hesitate to contact us via e-mail at [info@vascottishgames.org](mailto:info@vascottishgames.org) or via our website [www.vascottishgames.org](http://www.vascottishgames.org). We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours aye,

*Alex*

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The Virginia Scottish Games Association is a 501(c)(3) corporation. Please see a tax advisor for more information.

# Patron & Trophy Form

(Note: this form is not for the purpose of registering a clan)

**Patron of the Games - Bonnie Prince Charlie** \_\_\_ @ \$ 500.00 \$\_\_\_\_.\_\_\_\_  
(\$ 298.00 tax deductible)

The Bonnie Prince Charlie package includes:

4 tickets to the 2014 games

4 admissions to the Hospitality Tent

4 admissions to the Saturday evening concert

4 VSG 2014 Lapel pins

1 Complimentary Parking Pass

Formal recognition of your contribution

**Patron of the Games - Chief** \_\_\_ @ \$ 250 .00 \$\_\_\_\_.\_\_\_\_  
(\$ 121.00 tax deductible)

The Chief package includes:

3 tickets to the 2014 games

3 admissions to the Hospitality Tent

3 admissions to the Saturday evening concert

3 VSG 2014 Lapel pins

1 Complimentary Parking Pass

Formal recognition of your contribution

**Patron of the Games - Laird** \_\_\_ @ \$ 100.00 \$\_\_\_\_.\_\_\_\_  
(\$ 17.00 tax deductible)

The Laird package includes:

2 tickets to the 2014 games

2 admissions to the Hospitality Tent

2 admissions to the Saturday evening concert

2 VSG 2014 Lapel pins

1 Complimentary Parking Pass

Formal recognition of your contribution

Additional Games Tickets (adult 2 day ticket) \_\_\_ @ \$ 30.00 \$\_\_\_\_.\_\_\_\_

**Trophy Sponsorship** \_\_\_ @ \$ 75.00 \$\_\_\_\_.\_\_\_\_

Piping & Drumming Athletics Car Show Fiddling Highland Dance (please circle one)

In memory/honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Òrbheart Circle donation (Total Òrbheart donation tax deductible) \$\_\_\_\_.\_\_\_\_

IN MEMORY OF/IN HONOR OF \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL ENCLOSED:** \$\_\_\_\_.\_\_\_\_

Check made payable to the Virginia Scottish Games Association or to pay by credit card, visit [www.vascottishgames.org](http://www.vascottishgames.org)

**Flowers of the Forest** (for Sunday morning's Kirkin') \_\_\_\_\_

Items with an \* MUST be filled out in order to validate this form as completed

\*PATRON NAME(S) \_\_\_\_\_

(as it will appear in program if received by July 25, 2014- Please print CLEARLY so we can avoid errors)

\*Name #1: \_\_\_\_\_ Name #2: \_\_\_\_\_

(as will appear on name tag for hospitality) (as will appear on name tag for hospitality)

Name #3: \_\_\_\_\_ Name #4: \_\_\_\_\_

(as will appear on name tag for hospitality) (as will appear on name tag for hospitality)

\*Address \_\_\_\_\_

\*Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ \*E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Clan Association: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail to:** VSG Patrons Committee, P.O. Box 1338 Alexandria, VA 22313