

# THE SCOTS HAVE ARRIVED!!!

## Strathcona Cup 2023

Friday, Jan 13, 2023

*A few words from Tony Stirling*

Friday I don't think many of our members knew for sure what was going to take place when our guest from Scotland arrived. However, when that time arrived they were ready and from the pipping our guests off the bus to the farewell pipping as the bus turned the corner to take our guests back to their Hotel. We never missed a beat.

To welcome them inside was our President, Joe Price and the Mayor of Wolfville, Wendy Donovan.



Then lead by our piper John Whidden all teams entered the ice for the open ceremonies. After the toast to the piper, I was honoured to be asked to throw the opening rock on behalf of our family ties to the Strathcona Cup.



And so the games began. All games were close and at the 4<sup>th</sup> end, it is tradition to stack brooms and have a small refreshment.



After the games drinks were shared with our guests with lots of stories and fellowship, this was followed by a wonderful Lobster supper with apple crisp and ice cream and the wine bottles had no bottom. The stories and songs took over from there. It was wonderful time had by all.



It is difficult to thank everyone because there are so many that it takes to put on an event of this calibre. Robbie Harrison was the key to making this such a success. He organized event from A to Z from the piper greeting them at the door, to opening ceremonies, to the pipers at the dinner, to them on the bus heading back to Halifax. Thanks Robbie.

Audrey Dorey and the ladies who did all of the food prep and serving. From the salad to the lobster to the desert everything was excellent and done with perfection that we all are so accustomed to at this club. Thanks Audrey

Betty and Steve Mattson, the wine bottles never seem to empty. Thanks so much  
Ray Baltzer our choir master. I knew that once the challenge got out there, there would be lots of song. The Scots did not let me down they had a wonderful time and wanted to stay longer. Thanks Ray and your choir, it was great.

To all of the members, from the spectators to all of you that helped out in the bar, on the ice or anything that was needed. You have made us proud. Our goal was to show the Scots a time they will not soon forget. That is just what you did; they are still talking about their time in Wolfville.

Thanks so very much.  
Tony Stirling  
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