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Members and Friends of the Caledonian Society of Arizona

With sadness we must announce the cancellation of the 2021 Phoenix Scottish Games, which were scheduled for March 6-7. Unfortunately - but understandably - the City of Phoenix cannot commit to our use of Steele Indian School Park in March. Even now, there are extensive requirements just to file a pre-application for any events of over 50 attendees. If such pre-application were to be granted, all normal permits and licenses would still be required; and under normal lead times, event and liquor permits would have been started by September.

The Society has investigated alternate sites, dates and scope for a Games event, but all options are faced with the same COVID related uncertainty and potential restrictions. Our athletes, dancers, musicians, performers and vendors are suffering from the lack of opportunity to participate and compete - just as the entire Scottish community misses the communal celebration of our heritage.

The Caledonian Society of Arizona is fortunate that our 2020 Games took place. Only one later event took place in Spring or Summer in all of North America, just a week after our Games. Very few small events – perhaps 5 or 6 - did take place in the closing months of 2020, with varying success. Many organizations like ours are now facing a second year without their signature event. However, we are positioned to “stay in business” and plan even beyond 2021. Our March 5-6, 2022 date is reserved with the Park.

Your Society will continue to explore options for virtual or in-person events in 2021. Please follow us on our Facebook page and at our web site – arizona.scot. If you are not currently a paid member of the Society, your added support will help preserve our mission to represent the Scottish community.

In Kinship,

The Board of Directors

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