

The CAPMR/Sandy Pinkerton Quaich

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Golf has been played yearly at the annual meeting and retreats since inception at the CAPMR. In 1993 Dr. Sandy Pinkerton donated a Quaich to be contested each year.

What is a Quaich?

Quaich is a Scots rendering of the Gaelic word "cuach" meaning a cup. Centuries ago they were built of wooden staves, and by the 17th century were often mounted in silver or entirely made from metal. Quaichs were used for Whisky or Brandy, and in the 19th Century Sir Walter Scott dispensed drams in silver-inlaid Quaichs, but the one he kept for himself was particularly precious to him.in 1745 it had travelled from Edinburgh to Derby with the Scottish Army in Bonnie Prince Charlies canteen. Its bottom was made of glass so that the drinker could keep watch on his companions. A more romantic Quaich had a double glass bottom in which was kept a lock of hair, so that the owner could drink to his lady love; and in 1589 King James VI of Scotland gave Anne of Norway a Quaich or "Loving Cup" as a wedding gift. Used as a visitor's welcome or farewell cup by proud clan chiefs, worthy merchants or humble crofters, the quaich has kept its simple but beautiful shape and friendly purpose. In more recent times, the Quaich has been used as a favour at many Scottish weddings, being presented to all at the top table. A symbol of the shared love and partnership between their hosts.

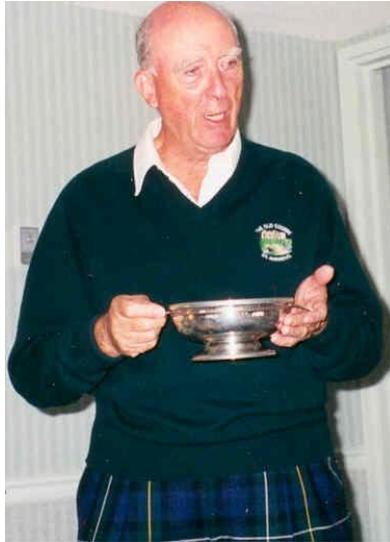
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“Traditionally made of wood, it is a shallow circular-drinking vessel for whisky, with a pair of small lug handles projecting horizontally from opposite sides of the rim. The lugs, though functional, are of a unique carved style giving the quaich much of its special character.

It has a special place in the heart of all who know something of its history and is a prized possession of many people who have an association with Scotland. And will always be remembered in its traditional use as a visitor's welcome or farewell cup by proud clan chiefs, worthy merchants or humble crofters, and in this, the quaich has kept its simple but beautiful shape and friendly purpose”.

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The Sandy Pinkerton Quaich has come to symbolize just that friendship, sportsmanship, history, and camaraderie representing one of the true metaphors of life The Game of Golf.



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Dr. Sandy Pinkerton introducing and discussing the merits of the tradition and the importance of sharing some golden nectar with the winners.

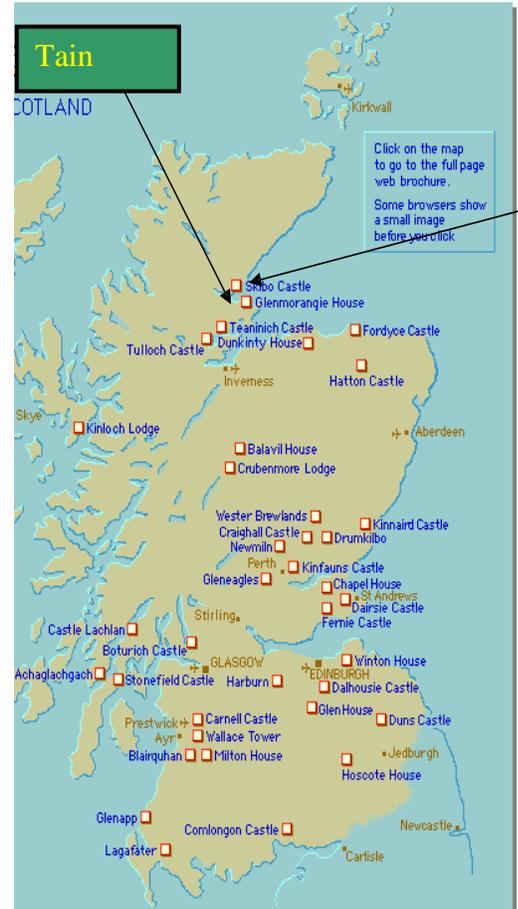


What do the 16 men of Tain have to do with our yearly event?

Glenmorangie, Tain, Scotland



I have had the privilege of visiting the Dornoch Firth, a number of times and sampling the golden nectar. Tain is home to the Glenmorangie Distillery.



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Each year the winner of the CAPMR/Sandy Pinkerton Quaich shares the cup with his/her colleagues and shares some of the golden nectar.

A history of its winners to date:

- 1993 Amarjit Arneja, Whistler, BC**
- 1994 Tom Miller, Deerhurst, ON**
- 1995 Johnstone MacCallum, Montebello, PQ**
- 1996 Steve Bagg, Digby, NS**
- 1997 Karen Ethans, Harrison Hot Springs, BC**
- 1998 Patrick Potter, Niagara on the Lake, ON**
- 1999 Tom Miller, Kananaskis, AB**
- 2000 Barry Deathe, Mont Tremblant, PQ**
- 2001 Ben Meikle, Halifax, NS**
- 2002 Dhiren Naidu, Hecla Island, MB**
- 2003 Lee Kirby, Edmonton, AB**
- 2004 Steve Bagg, Charlottetown, PEI**
- 2005 Ben Meikle, Ottawa, ON**
- 2006 Rain, Vancouver, BC**
- 2007 Tom Miller, London, ON**
- 2008 Fredricton, NB**
- 2009 Keith Sequeira Banff, AB**
- 2010 Fionnuala Killian Winnipeg, MB**
- 2011 Michael Payne ,Victoria, BC**
- 2012 Steve Bagg Toronto, ON**
- 2013 Anthony Lentini Montreal, PQ**
- 2014 M Tarhoni, S Bagg, A Lentini, G Pilon, St John's NFLD**

A few facts with pictures:

In 1997: Karen Ethans was the first female and the first resident to win the coveted Quaich. It was the first time the winner received a kiss from the presenter Sandy Pinkerton. As Steve Bagg the winner in 1996 recalled “I don’t remember an embrace and kiss last year in Halifax when I won.”



Sandy Pinkerton with
a happy Karen Ethans