



After several years of difficult economic times, declining membership and significant reductions in attendance at the Phoenix Highland Games, the Caledonian Society of Arizona board of directors is heartbroken to announce that not only will there not be a 2026 Phoenix Highland Games, but the Society is forced to close its doors for good. This decision was not made lightly but has been discussed and debated for several months. In the final analysis, there is no other choice.

Primarily due to reduced attendance, our last games closed with substantial operating losses. Fund raising projects followed but were less than successful. Even after the fund raising, significant debt remains from 2024, leaving no funds available for the significant upfront cost of sponsoring the games. There is no realistic and viable alternative.

The officers and trustees of the Society want to extend our sincere thanks to all the volunteers who have worked on the games and other activities over the last 60 years. To the clans and vendors who have exhibited for so long, to the pipe and drum bands who have graced so many with their music, to the Highland dancers who have brought so much work and energy to their craft and competed so well, to the athletes who showcased what dedication and hard work looks like and to the guests who came through the gate for so many years, we thank you and we salute you.

Tapadh leibh uile agus mar sin leibh! (Thank you all and goodbye!)

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dale Lewis".

Dale Lewis

Acting Board President - For the Board of Directors and Trustees