

Kingston Single Malt Society

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A social club for the appreciation of Single Malt Whisky since 1998

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Welcome to our 3rd Annual Irish Night



Please join me in welcoming

- **Dave Smith**; Beam Suntory Sales Representative, Ottawa Valley to Kingston who will help guide us through this evening's Irish Whiskey selections

- **Michael K. Myers** has been a performing musician, singer, and songwriter for most of his life in Kingston, Ontario, starting in the '60's with the original 'Growing Pains', which reformed in 2001. He also performs every summer with Spencer Evans on The Island Queen cruise boat as one half of The River Cats. You might also see Michael in various musical acts around Kingston and the area, like at a local legion with Tim Hallman, or as a solo entertainer at seniors homes, or playing Irish and down east music with Greg Forbes in a neighbourhood pub as one half of Paddy Whack. Or you and your kids might have attended a theatrical version of one of the classic fairy tales that Michael has written the songs and music for (Theatre 5, Bottle Tree Productions).

Recently, Michael has turned his talents to writing, and performing a musical revue called 'The Bobby Show', a tribute to the great Bobby singers of the late 50's, and early 60's (Darin, Vee, Vinton, Curtola etc.) In 2013 Michael became the front man/lead vocalist for a 10pc horn band called The Big Phat Horn Band, which has a monthly gig at The RCHA Club in downtown Kingston. And with the retirement of The Growing Pains, three of their members, including Michael, have formed Hat Trick, playing classic pub rock.

MENU

1st course: Sausage, Potato, Kale & Cheddar Soup

1st Nosing: KILBEGGAN IRISH WHISKEY

2nd course: House Smoked Salmon,
Olive Oil Braised Leeks

2nd Nosing: CONNEMARA CASK STRENGTH

3rd course: Roasted Lamb Sirloin, Smashed Peas, Baby Root Vegetables, Lamb Demi-Glace

3rd Nosing: TYRCONNELL 10 YEARS OLD PORT
CASK FINISH SINGLE MALT IRISH WHISKEY

4th course: Flourless Chocolate & Baileys Torte

4th Nosing: KILBEGGAN 18 YEAR OLD

COST OF THE MALTS

- **KILBEGGAN IRISH WHISKEY** LCBO 334045 | 750 mL bottle **Price: \$35.95** Spirits, Whisky/Whiskey, Irish Whiskey 40.0% Alcohol/Vol.

- **CONNEMARA CASK STRENGTH SINGLE MALT (COOLEY)** LCBO 913400 | 700 mL bottle **Price \$ 96.70** Spirits, Whisky/Whiskey, Irish 57.9% Alcohol/Vol.

- **TYRCONNELL 10 YEARS OLD PORT CASK FINISH SINGLE MALT IRISH WHISKEY** LCBO 55913 | 700 mL bottle **Price: \$99.95** Spirits, Whisky/Whiskey, Irish Whiskey 46.0% Alcohol/Vol.

- **KILBEGGAN 18 YEAR OLD** LCBO 317578 | 750 mL bottle **Price \$ 129.95** Spirits, Whisky/Whiskey, Irish 40.0% Alcohol/Vol.

Upcoming Dinner Dates

April 18th, 2016 - Islay - River Mill

May 16th, 2016 - Highlands - River Mill

June 20th, 2016 - BBQ (Final Exam) - River Mill

July 18th, 2016 - 5th Annual Bourbon Night - River Mill

Friday August 26th, 2016 - 9th Annual Premium - River Mill

September 19th, 2016 - Campbeltown/Lowland - VIMY

October 17th, 2016 - Speyside/Highlands - River Mill

November 21st, 2016 - Highlands - River Mill

December 12th, 2016 - Christmas Dinner - River Mill

January 23rd, 2017 - Arran - Robbie Burns - VIMY

February 20th, 2017 - Islands - River Mill

March 20th, 2017 - 4th Annual Irish Night - River Mill

FEBRUARY - KSMS Financial Statement

(Money from 41 February attendees @ \$60)	= \$2460.00
January dinner 41 persons (\$45.00/ea)	= \$1845.00
(Money remaining for buying Single Malt)	= \$615.00
Cost of Single Malts	= \$895.70
Cost of Pours per Person = \$14.00	
KSMS Monthly operational balance	= (-\$280.00)
Cost per person (All inclusive)	= \$66.84

TOP 10 MOST INVESTIBLE SCOTCH BRANDS 2015

8th February, 2016 by Amy Hopkins - <http://www.thespiritsbusiness.com/>

Liquid from silent distilleries makes up seven of the 10 most investible Scotch whisky brands, according to RW101's latest Investors' Index for 2015.

These are the most investible Scotch whisky brands in 2015, according to RW101

Last week, rare whisky index, valuation and brokerage firm Rare Whisky 101 (RW101) revealed that the [rare whisky market "significantly outperformed"](#) many other well established asset classes, including fine wine and gold.

While Japanese whisky brand Karuizawa reported a value increase of unprecedented rapidity, a number of Scotch whisky brands also saw their values skyrocket.

[Launched in 2014](#), RW101's Investors' Index tracks changes in the value of Scotch whisky brands, giving investors unique insight into the market.

In 2015, the Index demonstrated that silent stills "remain the most significant target-pool of stock", with seven of the 10 most investible Scotch whisky brands hailing from mothballed or closed sites.

RW101 also notes "continued demand for peated whiskies" as Ardbeg, Bowmore, and Lagavulin – while not in the top 10 – move up the top 30 league table. The firm also identifies Springbank and Glenfarclas as "emerging targets", however both fail to make the top 10 list.

Not all brands with rare bottlings proved to be a savvy choice for investors in 2015.

The Balvenie's secondary market "woes" continued as it slumped to 17th place in the Index due to what RW101 believes to be a "lack of collectible releases, price/volume increases for the Tun 1401 replacement and a damp reception for the 50-year-old casks". But fortunes could be turned around based on early auction results for the brand's new The DCS Compendium.

10. Ben Wyvis - Up 6 places

Now owned by Whyte & Mackay, Ben Wyvis has shifted six places up RW101's Investors' Index, driven by continuing demand from rare liquid from silent stills. Based in Invergordon, the distillery closed in 1976, just 11 years after it first opened, earning its title as one of the most short-lived distilleries in Scotland. The distillery, which released very few bottles of whisky in its lifetime, was eventually demolished in 1977 and its stills were shipped to the Glengyle Distillery. A previous incarnation of the Ben Wyvis distillery was built in Dingwall in 1879, closing in 1926.

9. Glenugie - Up 1 place

Based on the site of a derelict windmill in the Eastern Highlands, the Glenugie distillery was operational between 1831 and 1983, during which time it changed hands a number of different times and went through prolonged periods of closure. The distillery was built by Donald McLeod and Co. and was under the stewardship of Whitbread and Co. at the time of its final closure in 1983. It is thought the distillery bottled a single malt just once in its lifetime, but a select few independent bottlings have also been launched.

8. Convalmore - Same place

A non-mover in 8th position is Convalmore, a now demolished Victorian distillery built in 1893. Based near Dufftown in Speyside, the site has experienced a somewhat turbulent history. The distillery was rebuilt in 1909 after its mash house and malt barn were ravaged by a fire and soon after this time made a failed foray into "continuous distillation" with a Coffey Still. Convalmore closed its doors for good in 1985, after which time it was sold to United Distillers and later William Grant & Sons, which still uses the site for warehousing. The distillery's liquid was used for blending throughout its lifetime, but three official single malts have been released after its closure, along with a number of independent bottlings.

7. St Magdalene - Up 4 places

Established in the mid-18th century by Sebastian Henderson, this Lowlands distillery is also known as 'Linlithgow' after the town in which it was situated. The distillery moved to a new site in 1834, which previously housed a leper colony, hospital and convent at different points throughout history. St Magdalene eventually ceased operation in the 1980s after 200 years of production and was later

converted into apartments. Like Convalmore, St Magdalene did not release an official single malt in its lifetime, making its bottlings now all the more rare and coveted among investors.

6. The Macallan - Up 1 place

The Macallan has maintained its early 2015 one place ascent to sixth place. The brand's performance has been vastly mixed on the Investors' Index, losing first position in 2014 due to a "protracted downturn" in the prices of its limited editions. RW101 notes "significant polarisation" in the secondary market for the brand as the 18 Year Old and 25 Year Old showed much more rapid 13.4% and 16.1% growth respectively. Conversely, the Royal Trilogy set lost a further 6.48% in value. From 2013 to 2015, the collection's value fell from £3,190 to £2,455.

5. Port Ellen - Down 1 place

Closed in 1983 after 150 years of operation, Port Ellen, based on Islay's south coast, has become one of the world's most sought-after single malt Scotch whiskies. A number of independent bottlers, such as Douglas Laing & Co., continue to release Port Ellen variants, while ultra limited editions have featured in Diageo's annual Special Releases series since 2001. Despite their continuing popularity and renowned reputation among connoisseurs, Port Ellen whiskies continue to slip down the Investors' Index, with RW101 last year blaming its "rapid increase in retail prices on the primary market".

4. Mortlach - Up 5 places

Moving up a significant five places on the Investors' Index is Diageo's Mortlach whisky brand. "The premiumisation of the brand by owners Diageo looks to have encouraged a rush on secondary market stocks amid fear prices might disappear into the stratosphere," said RW101, adding that previous limited editions and independent bottles were "performing exceptionally". The 2004 Special Release Mortlach 32 Year Old was initially available on the open market for £160, a price it fetched as recently as 2013. The bottling now sells for £500 at auction. Diageo [revealed a series of single malt Mortlach whiskies](#) in 2014 after revealed plans for investment of £18 million at the distillery in Dufftown.

3. The Dalmore - Down 1 place

Whyte & Mackay's The Dalmore Scotch whisky brand lost its impressive second place in the Investors' Index to a fast moving "ultra-rare" brand. Frequently coveted at auction, The Dalmore is renowned for its pricy, exclusive launches, such as the Constellation Collection that contains only whisky distilled in the 1960s. Hugely investable, The Dalmore has been known to return up to 200% of its original value. The Alness-based distillery was built in 1839 by Alexander Matheson and is now Whyte & Mackay's largest Scotch facility. The Dalmore produces whisky in stills of varying sizes to create a "stronger, more complex character".

2. Killyloch - Up 3 places

Killyloch continues its ascent up the Investors' Index in 2015 with a leap of three places. The whisky was produced at the now defunct lowland distillery Glenflagler Malt Distillery, which was demolished by Inver House Distillers in 1985. A bottle of 36-year-old Killyloch 1967 Limited Edition recently sold at auction online for £1,850

1. Brora - Same place

Still dominating the top spot is Diageo's Brora, the world's most investible Scotch whisky brand in 2015, according to RW101. The distillery was built by the Marquess of Stafford in 1819 and was originally known as Clynelish. Brora was purchased in 1930 by Scottish Malt Distillers, which later became a subsidiary of Diageo. Along with many others, Brora was mothballed in 1983 after falling victim of a widespread slump in the industry. In 2014, Diageo [released just 160 bottles of a Brora 40 Year Old](#), which at £6,995 was the group's most expensive single malt whisky release to date.

GLENMORANGIE UNVEILS 'FIRST' WHISKY SUNGLASSES

1st March, 2016 by Melita Kiely - <http://www.thespiritsbusiness.com/>

Glenmorangie has partnered with British sunglasses company Finlay & Co. to create the "world's first" whisky sunglasses created from ex-casks.

Glenmorangie and Finlay & Co. have launched the “world’s first” whisky sunglasses made from ex-whisky casks.

The collaboration celebrates the Scotch whisky brand’s “pioneering approach” to cask and wood management with the wooden-framed sunglasses.

Finlay & Co. uses a 16-step system to create each pair of sunglasses by hand, fitting with Glenmorangie’s 16 Men of Tain – the highland whisky makers who have passed the secrets of Glenmorangie whisky-making from generation to generation.

Each pair of sunglasses has been made to display the



cask’s grain and natural finish, and will be individually numbered. Buyers will also have the option to personally engrave their pair of glasses when purchasing.

“This is a wonderful collaboration between two brands with a deep connection to wood and who share a similar ethos of being unnecessarily well made,” said Dr Bill Lumsden, Glenmorangie’s director of distilling and whisky creation.

“Time, care and respect for the wood used in our casks, as well as the fact that we only use our casks twice gives Glenmorangie Original its unique character.

“We are delighted to celebrate our own ethos of craftsmanship with a British company which thinks the same way we do by creating these memorable sunglasses.”

The Glenmorangie and Finlay & Co. Sunglasses go on sale from today, 1 March, and have an RRP of £300.

The Glenmorangie pop-up bar is returning to 15 Bateman Street, Soho, from 3-12 March

The partnership will be officially launched this evening at The Glenmorangie ‘Beyond the Cask’ Pop-up Bar at 15 Bateman Street, Soho, London, which will remain open from 3-12 March, between 5pm-11.30pm, excluding Sunday 6 March.

Guests will be able to enjoy some “unique and exclusive whiskies”, as well as a selection of cocktails.

David Lochhead, managing director of Finlay & Co., commented: “The appreciation of wood is really central both to Finlay & Co. and to Glenmorangie.

“For this collaboration we were excited to give each cask a new step in its story.

“There is a real beauty to the American oak that Glenmorangie use for their casks.

“It’s a thrill to strip this wood down and reveal the unique grain on every individual pair.”

Encased in a mountain-shaped wooden cradle with accompanying wooden stopper, the whisky is presented with an accompanying booklet recounting the mythical legend of the realm of the Ice Giants.

Jason R. Craig, brand director of Highland Park, said: “This 17-year-old single malt has a classic Highland Park flavour. The dynamic soft spicy notes complement and intertwine with creamy vanilla hues, providing a balanced, long finish – a truly harmonious whisky to savour.

“In blue tinted bespoke glass reflecting dazzling and glittering ice, the bottle shape has been designed to evoke the distinctive sharpness and coolness of the mythical and magical Ice Realm.”

Bottled at 53.9% abv, Highland Park Ice Edition is available from specialist whisky retailers for an RRP of £190.

INTRODUCING ICE EDITION: A SINGLE MALT WHISKY FROM A DIFFERENT REALM

February 25, 2016 - <http://highlandpark.co.uk/ice-single-malt-whisky/>

We are proud to announce the release of our new ICE Edition bottling, a whisky truly from a different realm, in a special release of 30,000 bottles. This stunning expression evokes the elemental power of ice and celebrates the Viking heritage of our home on Orkney, a place instilled with the magic of Norse mythology.

LEGEND HAS IT

According to legend, the ice realm, Niflheim, is the homeplace of darkness, cold, ice and frost. The first Ice Giant, Ymir, was born at the beginning of time when the edge of the realm melted from the heat of the neighbouring fire realm, Muspelheim, and he is the first creature mentioned in Norse creation mythology.

As Ymir slept, he gave birth to the Jotun family, a race of powerful Ice Giants standing at over 20 feet high and known as the Gods of Creation. When they shook, fought or sneezed, it caused earthquakes!

GLACIAL PACKAGING

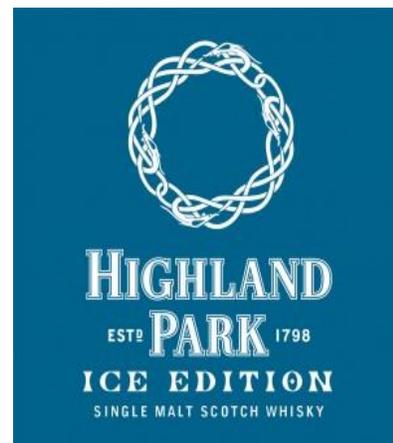
The bottle is designed to bring to life the dazzling ice realm, with blue-tinted glass and a sharp, faceted shape. The front of the bespoke bottle features a Norse symbol representing the creation of the world, which they believed was protected by a serpent, Jormungandr, biting his own tale. Encased in a mountain-shaped wooden cradle, the whole design reinforces the links to the Ice Realm and its mythology.

THE WHISKY – 53.9% ABV

This 17 year old single malt has the classic Highland Park flavour dynamic, similar to Freya in the Valhalla Series.

TASTING NOTES

A radiant whisky, natural in colour with mirror-like brightness. Up-front, vivid aromas of cool, fresh pineapple and mango sorbet give way to silvery shards of smoke and the frosty kick of root ginger. Like the Ice Giants themselves, the palate is powerful yet smooth, misty peat smoked inter-twined with vanilla seeds. A beautifully balanced finish, with lingering woodiness and spices.



HIGHLAND PARK HAILS VIKING ROOTS WITH ICE EDITION

11th March, 2016 by Annie Hayes - <http://www.thespiritsbusiness.com/>

Following on from its Norse-inspired Valhalla Collection, Highland Park has launched a new 17-year-old single malt Scotch whisky named Ice Edition to celebrate the Viking roots of the brand’s Orkney home.

Highland Park has launched Ice Edition in celebration of its Viking roots. Aged predominantly in ex-Bourbon casks, Highland Park Ice Edition is intended to celebrate “Norse myths, legends and [Highland Park’s] Viking roots” and will be followed by Fire Edition in 2017.

The expression is said to offer fresh pineapple, ripe mango sorbet, smoke, and root ginger on the nose, with peat smoke, vanilla seeds and orris root on the palate, followed by a “creamy, rich, oily” finish.



Whisky Recipe

Candied Whiskey Bacon Grilled Cheese Dippers
Source: Becky Hardin - The Cookie Rookie

Ingredients

- 8 strips of Wright Brand Bacon
- 1 cup whiskey or bourbon
- 1-1/4 cup dark brown sugar, divided
- 1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 8 slices of your favorite bread, with the crust cut off
- 2 tablespoons butter

- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 8 slices sharp cheddar cheese
- 4 slices mozzarella cheese
- 1/4 cup shredded cheddar cheese for garnish (optional)
- tomato soup for dipping

Instructions



- Preheat your oven to 350F
- While oven is heating, mix together your whiskey with 1 cup brown sugar and cayenne pepper in a small saucepan over medium/high heat. Stir to combine. Bring to a boil and then reduce to a simmer for 10 minutes. Remove from heat and set aside.

- Place each strip of bacon directly on a baking sheet, allowing a bit of space

between strips. [HERE](#) is an AWESOME video about oven baking bacon + tips!

- Brush the bacon with the whiskey reduction and then sprinkle with remaining 1/4 cup brown sugar.
- Place bacon in the oven and cook for 20 minutes, checking after 12 minutes. Ovens vary, so you want to make sure they don't burn. Mine took the full 20 minutes.
- Take bacon out of the oven and allow to sit on a paper towel to cool/drain.
- When ready to make your grilled cheese, heat a large skillet over medium high heat.
- Butter the outside of each slice of bread. Sprinkle each buttered side with a pinch of garlic powder.
- Place each slice of bread onto the hot skillet, butter side down. Add one slice of cheddar and one slice of mozzarella to each slice of bread and allow to melt while bread toasts. Cook each slice of bread for approximately 2 minutes, or until the outside is fully toasted and browned to your liking.
- Place two slices of bacon onto 4 pieces of the bread, side by side. Top with the remaining for slices of bread, 4 cheesy sandwiches. Sprinkle each hot sandwich with a little shredded cheddar (optional)
- Cut each sandwich in half, between the bacon, to create 8 dippers.
- Enjoy!

the first week of the respective month in which the dinner will be held. To accommodate the Kitchen's needs and meet our contractual obligation with them; our members are requested to respond to the emailed invitation seven (7) business days prior to the respective dinner to guarantee a seat at the dinner. After that members will be placed on a waitlist.

- For these individuals the process will be as follows, using the Monday September 21st, 2015 dinner date as an example:

- Dinner invitations will be sent out Friday August 21st, 2015. Please respond to me (rdifazio04@gmail.com). I will then acknowledge that you have a seat. Please understand that if you do not receive a response you are not guaranteed a seat at the respective dinner. In such circumstances (e.g., computer glitches) please e-mail me again or call me (613-634-0397).

- Accommodation at the dinner will be guaranteed for all members who respond by Friday September 4th, 2015 @ 6pm.

Cancellation policy

- Using the same example as above, anyone who cancels anytime prior to Friday September 4th, 2015 @ 6pm will be removed from the list.

- Anyone canceling between Friday September 4th, 2015 @ 6pm and Monday September 21st, 2015 will be expected to pay for the cost of the dinner and scotch (\$60). It is the responsibility of the member who cancels their (or their guest's) reservation to find a replacement. If I am asked to find a substitute and one is available, then the member will be asked to pay for 50% of their dinner cost.

- Anyone who fails to attend the Monday September 21st, 2015 dinner without having cancelled and been successfully replaced will be expected to pay the full cost (\$60). A member will be responsible for their guest's cancellation (\$70).

- If a member asks to be included at the dinner between Friday September 4th, 2015 @ 6pm and Monday September 21st, 2015, their name will be placed on a wait-list and be accommodated on a first-come first-serve basis.

Just a note because we care.

Please understand that for the purpose of each event you are advised to drink responsibly and refrain from excessive consumption. The dinners hosted by the Kingston Single Malt Society are sampling events. By agreeing to pay and thereby attend the dinner you agree to release from legal responsibility and hold harmless Kingston Single Malt Society, its President Roberto Di Fazio, and any other volunteers from liability or claims arising from these events.



Membership and Dinner prices for 2015-2016

Membership Fee:	\$40 (singles)
	\$60 (couples)
One Time Initiation Fee:	\$15
Standard Dinner Fee:	\$60 (member)
	\$70 (non-member)
Robbie Burns Dinner Fee:	\$70 (member)
	\$80 (non-member)
June BBQ Dinner Fee:	\$70 (member)
	\$80 (non-member)
Bourbon Dinner Fee:	\$65 (member)
	\$75 (non-member)
Christmas Dinner Fee:	\$65 (member)
	\$75 (non-member)

Reservation policy

- Our contract with the Officer's Mess Kitchen requires that we provide seven (7) business days notice for them to guarantee accommodation for our requested numbers. Each month an invitation will be sent out to all members of the Society in

If you have any questions or comments please free to contact me. Thank you for your understanding, Roberto



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