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15th Feb 2012

To whom it may concern,

On behalf of St Andrews University Shinty Club, I would like to take this opportunity to warmly invite you to the St. Andrews Shinty Sixes on Sunday 6th May 2012.

A brief history of the Sixes

The Fingal Memorial Shield was originally intended to encourage the grassroots game in the south and has been contested since at least 1951. In the past, as the largest one-day shinty tournament, it attracted over twenty teams annually with marquees bands and beer tents. In the late 1970's after St. Andrews and Glasgow took turns to host the event, the competition ceased to run, with the shield slipping into obscurity in a pub in Kilmory, the last recorded winners.

In 1999 a new trophy was fashioned of African hardwood by a welsh violin maker for the recommencement of the tournament. The same year, the Fingal Shield was also recovered only to disappear a few years later.

Any information regarding the current whereabouts of the Fingal Memorial Shield would be much appreciated.

Since 1999 the event has been kept informal with around 6 teams in attendance including present winners the Exiles, Kilmory, Glasgow Mid-Argyle, Edinburgh East Lothian and London as well as teams from St. Andrews, Musselburgh, Edinburgh Uni, Glasgow Uni and a bogus England team.

The current trophy the Red Caman was fashioned from a mysterious Nepalese hardwood. Its counterpart hangs in a bar in Kathmandu- testament to an ambitious if short-lived Nepalese Camanachd.

With the sixes continued popularity it is now hoped to expand further afield whilst maintaining its grassroots emphasis. To this end you are warmly invited to play.

The 2012 Event

This event is an ideal opportunity for young or relatively new players to get experience in a match environment, consequently premiership players are requested to attend in a coaching, refereeing or social capacity only.

Female players are especially encouraged to participate in this mixed event.

Refreshments will be available throughout the day. Musicians will be made especially welcome.

With expressions of interest from teams from London, Cornwall, Kinguissie, Glasgow, Edinburgh, The Scots etc and players already coming from as far afield as Switzerland we are hopeful that the 2012 event will be the best yet- a great day for all the family.

Requirements

Squads of 6-10 male and female players are required to provide one referee, one match ball and £3 per registered player to be paid A.S.A.P to University of St. Andrews Women's Shinty Club. Teams will be registered on a first come first served basis. Designated referees may also play but may be required to referee games immediately before their own although this will be avoided as much as possible. Any registered first aiders would be of great help.

Finally

A big thank you to all of you who have been supportive to the event in the past, including Aikmans Bar and this year especially to Ronald and all at the Camanachd Association. Please bring as many supporters as possible, to make this years event the best yet. We would be extremely grateful for a rapid response and look forward to seeing you on the day. If you have any questions don't hesitate to get in contact with myself Matt Mossop Aka (Baffi), Rachael or Sindi,

Yours Sincerely



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Schedule

St Andrews Shinty Alumnii w/e

All welcome.

Fri 4 th May	Evening	Aikmans Bar Bistro for Drinks (Bell Street)
Sat 5 th May	10.00	St Andrews Mens, Womens and Alumnii Teams to assemble at St. Andrews University Athletic Union Shinty pitch. St Leonard Rd, St. Andrews.
	11.00	St Andrews Womens vs St Andrews Womens Alumnii (12-a-side)
	13.00	Please bring your own refreshments
	14.00	St Andrews Mens vs St Andrews Mens Alumnii (12-a-side)
	17.00	Drinks at The Victoria, 1 St Mary's Place.
	20.00	Drinks at Aikmans, Bell St.
	21.00	Drinks at Criterion, 99 South St.
	22.00	East Sands bonfire

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Sun 6 th May	10:30	Teams to assemble and Register under captains at St. Andrews University Athletic Union Shinty pitch. St Leonard Rd, St. Andrews.
	11.00	Throw up
	14.00	Quarter Finals
	15.15	Semi Finals
	16.00	Final
	17.00	Presentation of Fingal Memorial Shield and winners medals. Nominations for player of the tournament from each captain.
	18.00	Drinks in The Victoria, 1 St Mary's Place.
	19.00	Light Supper, Presentation of Player of the Tournament Trophy and Raffle in The Victoria, 1 St Mary's Place.
	21.00	Shinty Celidh/live music TBA
Mon 5 th May	11.00	Survivors Traditional Shinty on the West Sands
	13.00	Pub Lunch

Accommodation:

It is hoped that many players will stay over to make the most of the weekends festivities, all 42 beds are currently available at the St Andrews Tourist Hostel, St Mary's place (£8/9 per person per night). Keys are £10 deposit each which allows access to the dormitories, kitchen and common area 24hrs. Players/teams wishing to book beds/rooms should contact the hostel by e-mail info@standrewshostel.com /tel. 01334 479911 ASAP.

St Andrews players will endeavour to accommodate as many as possible in addition- please contact Rachael (see below) to check availability of bed/floor space.

Reply Sheet

Please Return ASAP to:
 Rachael Borthwick (Tweett)
 St Andrews Shinty Sixes Event Convenor
 preferably by e-mail to: rb438@st-andrews.ac.uk
 with **cheques of £30 full team or £3/player payable to University of St. Andrews Women's Shinty Club** and **paper copy** to Rachael c/o
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 University of St Andrews Athletic Union
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Contact E-mail			
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