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Annual Scottish Highland Games, Vista, Ca

Jun 23-24, 2007

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. with a free concert on Friday night, Jun 22nd.
Location: Moonlight Amphitheater, Brengle Terrace Park, Vista, Ca.
(760)726-3691 / (619) 425-3454. Email: sdshgchief@sbcglobal.net

Website: <http://www.sdhighlandgames.org>

Adults 16 and over: 1 day-\$14.00, 2 day-\$22.00

Senior (60+ & military): 1 day-\$10.00, 2 day-\$15.00

Youth (6-16): 1 day-\$6.00, 2 day-\$10.00

5 and under: FREE

Virtual tour:

<http://www.sdhighlandgames.org/virtual/scottishgames.htm>

Men of Worth, Wicked Tinkers, Highland Way, Molly's Revenge,
Browne Sisters and George Cavanaugh

YES the Clan will be there!! Come join us!!

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International Gathering 2008

The 2008 Clan MacMillan International Gathering, Clan MacMillan International will be holding it's International Gathering in 2008 tentatively at Loyola College 7/25 to 7/31. Chief George will be in attendance. Volunteers needed: See Connall Bell (contact info below).

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A Note From Papa Smurf

Greetings fellow clansmen and women. I hope this finds you in good health and spirits.

I just returned home from the Pomona Games and our AGM. The games were well attended by our members and we had a good turnout at our Annual General Meeting.

There were very well done committee reports. Linda Harlow reported on the efforts of Clans of the Highlands to define its mission and define the purpose of COH since the demise of the Loch Prado games.

There is a strong push for them to return to their original purpose of representing the clans and have the clans treated more fairly by the various organizations that put on the games by making sure the clans are appreciated and respected for their important part of the success of the games.

Michelle Mullins gave us an update on the plans for the 2007 Samhain (Celtic New Year) celebration. Look for her information in this newsletter.

Connall Bell presented a rough draft of the agenda for the July 2008 International Gathering to be held in this area. Look for more information as the time nears.

Judy Young gave the membership report. We ended our calendar year with 50 member families. We have a packet each new member will receive that I forgot to pass around. I attempted to show as many people as I could over the weekend. All really liked it and thought it was well done. Many of you might be surprised to learn we had more paid up members from Northern Ca than from Southern Ca this year.

As you may recall, I had three changes I wanted to try. All were approved.

1. AGM will not be at the games. Final details will be worked out by the Executive Board.
2. Mail-in ballots will be available on request for those who are unable to attend the AGM.
3. A Memorial Scholarship in memory of Jane MacMillan will be forthcoming as I work out details and funding.

Election of officers was held. The slate was approved by the membership present.

The only change was the replacement of Jerry Pilkington by Linda Cooke as Treasurer since Jerry's three year term was up. The other committee chairs remained the same with the addition of Linda Harlow to Heather Bergerson's Social Committee.

We are sending this newsletter out earlier than usual as our Tonsured Times editor, Richard Jason, is having knee replacement surgery maybe in early June. It is probably better timing anyway. Please keep Richard in your prayers for a speedy recovery.

I have rambled on long enough so I will close by thanking you for giving me another year as your leader. I promise to do the best I can to live up to your support.

With love, hope and determination,

Fred Young, Pacific Branch President

AMONG OUR OWN

Barbara & Walter Trumbull's son, Jonathan Alexander Trumbull and Monita Sweatt were married on August 12, 2006 at St. Margaret of Scotland Episcopal Church, San Juan Capistrano, Ca. They have established their home in San Juan Capistrano. They will be vacationing in Scotland and will spend the first week of their trip with us in the border country, Turnbull/Trumbull areas.

AMONG OUR OWN

We had a goodly group of branch members at the Pomona Games this past Memorial Day weekend. It was so nice to see our young teens, Amanda, Hannah, and Katie, willingly jump in to entertain the Pilkington's 3 small granddaughters which gave Karen and Jerry a breather.

Megan McMillan made sure her mom, Linda and dad, Mac, will be at the upcoming San Diego games June 23-24 by selecting his name in the drawing the clan held in conjunction with our AGM for two free tickets. Very Interesting.

Heather Bergerson hosted our annual after-the-games potluck Sunday night in her home. Lots of good food as usual and a very nice crowd of at least 20 members enjoyed the evening. Thanks Heather!

Speaking of potlucks, V.P. Linda Harlow and Kathy Nohe are again inviting us all to their annual ceilidh at their home after the San Diego games Saturday night, June 23rd.

Master hamburger chef, Mac McMillan will again be at the grill. Linda will supply the meat and everyone else is asked to bring your favorite potluck dish. Information on how to get to their home will be at the tent. This is a very fun evening so do not miss it!

It must be the season for knee surgeries. Both Richard Jason and Charlie Cooke will be facing knee replacement within the month. Good luck to you both!!

Linda Cooke and Judy Young drove to Prescott May 17-20 for the Scottish games there. They had a wonderful time and had a chance to meet members Andy and Debbie Moore of Chino Valley for dinner at a new Celtic pub. While there Connall and Patricia Bell walked in to dine with friends. A nice representation of our Pacific Branch a few hundred miles from home.

While Linda and Judy are flying to Inverness for the mini-gathering in July, Bob and Paula Hall are taking a much more romantic route. They are boarding the new Queen Mary for a leisurely trip to the UK and then to Inverness. Way to go!

NEW MEMBERS

A hearty welcome to new members: Patty McMullen Martinez and Gerald Martinez of Long Beach and Ferne McMullen Hyerdahl, Erik Heyerdahl, and their children, Ruthie and John. We are looking forward to your active participation.

We also want to thank all those renewing members who have paid their dues. It really does help us budget for the coming year.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Jun: Scott Bumgardner, April Petray, Jane McMillin, Kelley Fried, Megan McMillan, Carole Lafferty, Belinda Floyd.

Jul: Fred Young, Richard MacMillan, Teresa Fried, Mike Haken, Russel Thorpe, Kathy Nohe.

If I missed anybody, let me know and will include in next issue.

NEWSLETTER DELIVERY METHOD

How would you like to get the Clan MacMillan Newsletter? Snail mail as it is now? Email? Or both? Or just view it on the website?

In you opt for snail mail, then no change will be necessary. If you should choose email only, it would save the clan a few pennies in postage. From the website you can view it, download it and view/print later. A handful of members have made the choice to receive the newsletter via email only. There have also been Increases in the cost of printing supplies as well as the printing itself and postage went up recently. We have eight members who have elected to have the newsletter emailed. Let's get that number a little higher and save the Clan a few dimes. Leave email or feedback if you wish to change.

Clan MacMillan Pacific Branch

A.G.M. Minutes May 26, 2007 – Pomona Games

Officers Present: Fred Young-President, Linda Harlow-Vice President, Jerry Pilkington-Treasurer, Michelle Mullins-Secretary, Connall Bell-Ambassador.

General Members Present: Kathleen Nohe, Heather Bergerson, Judy Young, Linda Cooke, Dan McMillan, Mac McMillan, Linda McMillan, John McMillan, Jane McMillan, Bill Kruger Sr., and Karen Pilkington.

Meeting began at 1:30 pm

Fred started the meeting off with a silent remembrance for members who had passed away this past year. The members took a few moments to remember their lives and contribution to the Clan.

Secretaries Report: Michelle Mullins read the Secretaries minutes for the last A.G.M. in May of 2006. The meeting minutes were voted on and accepted by the members.

The Board Meeting minutes from March 31st, 2007 were read as written by Judy Young Secretary, pro-tem. The meeting minutes were then voted on and accepted by the members.

Treasurers Report: Books are balanced for the year. The Clan sent 1000.00 to the Clan Centre in Scotland as our yearly contribution to the Clan Centre.

A Full treasurer's report will be added to the minutes by Jerry for the 2006-2007 year.

Committee Reports:

Clan of the Highlands

Linda Harlow brought up the issues pertaining to Clans of the Highlands. The organization was set up as a way for the Clans to have a voice with the various organizations that run the games. Unfortunately the Clans of the Highlands has been reduced to organizing a few picnics and parades. In the past they had financial difficulties, but are now solvent. The Clans would like to see them become more of a champion for the various Clans that attend the games around the state. Linda suggested the Clans boycott the Pomona Games due to various disputes with the Clans about what we can sell, and the banning the Clan Strachan and Clan Eniberated. No decision was made on whether to boycott the games as of yet, but it was pointed out that we pay dues to Clans of the Highlands and therefore we should expect them to advocate for us in matters related to the games.

Celtic New Year: The Celtic New Year will be held at the Grand Convention Center in Long Beach, Ca. The location was presented to the Clan at the A.G.M. by Michelle. The tickets will be \$40 a person. It was accepted by the group that we allow people to start paying now in installments. This way people have longer to pay and hopefully this will allow more people to attend. Further details will follow via our website and a flyer after the event is confirmed. Joan did offer that she has ties to the Hyatt if we should need an alternate venue.

International Gathering 2008: Connall presented his plans for the 2008 Clan MacMillan International Gathering. Clan MacMillan International will be holding its International gathering in 2008 tentatively at Loyola College from Jul 25 to Jul 31. Chief George will be in attendance at the gathering and the itinerary offers

something for everyone. As the time grows closer we will have more details on our website. Connall is also looking for volunteers to help out with the various events, and our Clan has stepped up to help any way we can. Hope to see everyone there.

Old Business: This is a friendly reminder to all our members that dues are now due for the 2008 Calendar year. So if you have not yet paid please do so soon. We currently have 50 members for the Northern and Southern region, but would like to see more people join and get involved.

New tents purchased are really nice and easy to use. The pop-up tents are easier for all the members to set up and take down easily. They are seen as a good investment for the Clan.

There is a Clan Gathering in Inverness in July. If anyone would like to attend, tickets are still available.

New Business: It was discussed that our A.G.M. be held somewhere other than the games. It is very noisy and distracting at the games to try and hold meetings. Fred suggested that we plan to have our A.G.M. two weeks prior to the games—maybe during a picnic or dinner. Jane graciously offered her house as a meeting place. The next idea was to hold it at the Queen Mary, possibly at the Reef Restaurant or the trailer park nearby where some of our members park their motor homes, but nothing was decided. Any other suggestions would be appreciated.

It was decided that an absentee ballot would be made available to all upon request. You can access them next year via email or snail mail, whatever works for you. The newsletter is also available this way.

Heather reported on off season socials for the year. There were none this past year, but she assures us that she will be looking into venues for this year, so stay tuned for some fun events coming soon.

Fred suggested we start a scholarship fund for children in the Clan. We have many up and coming youth that will be of college age very soon and we would like to offer a small scholarship to start them off. This is still in the planning state, but more information will be available as it develops.

Elections:

Ballot was as follows:

President-Fred Young

Vice President-Linda Harlow

Treasurer-Linda Cooke

Secretary-Michelle Mullins

The votes were cast and the officers voted in unanimously. Gifts and thank yous were presented by Fred for a job well done this year.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 pm.

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Highland Games/Events for 2007

San Diego Scottish Highland Games, Vista, Ca. 23-24 Jun 2007
Scottish Highland Gathering & Games, Pleasanton, Ca., 1-2 Sep 2007
Seaside Highland Games, Ventura, Ca., 13-14 Oct 2007

SCOTTISH HUMOUR

Noisy Neighbour: A student at an English university, by name of Donald Mac-Donald from the Isle of Sky, was living in the hall of residence in his 1st year. After he had been there for a month, his mother came to visit, no doubt carrying reinforcements of oatmeal.

“And how do you find the English students?” she asked.

“Mother, they are such noisy people! The one on that side keeps banging his head against the wall and won’t stop. The one on the other side, screams and screams and screams away into the night!”

“Oh, Donald! How ever do you manage away into the night!”

“Mother, I do nothing. I just ignore them. I just stay there quietly playing my bagpipes!”

Scottish Humour

There was understandable skepticism when it was suggested that Napoleon Bonaparte was the grandson of a Scot from Balloch. But now it has been pointed out that there is further proof that Napoleon was indeed Scots—his hand was always under his lapel to make sure no one had lifted his wallet.

Why are Scotsmen so good at golf? They realize the fewer times they hit the ball, the longer it will last.