



The Tonsured Times

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The United Scottish Society of Southern California
Presents the 74th Annual

SCOTTISH FESTIVAL

Fairplex - Home of the Los Angeles County Fair!
1101 W. McKinley Ave, Pomona CA - Use BLUE GATE Entrance

May 27th & 28th, 2006

9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

At-The-Gate One Day Admission Adults: \$18.00 * Seniors (65 & Over): \$16.00 * Kids (5-12): \$2.00

At-The-Gate Two Day Admission Adults: \$22.00 * Seniors (65 & Over): \$18.00 * Kids (5-12): \$4.00

**** Discount Ticket Sales Order Form On Back! ****

FESTIVAL FEATURES:

- ☆ Opening & Closing Ceremonies with more than 250 pipers and drummers - over 20 competition bands
- ☆ Caber Toss and other Scottish Athletics
- ☆ Celtic Rock Bands Wicked Tinkers & Tempest
- ☆ Celtic Bands John Allan & Bad Haggis
- ☆ Scottish Folk singers Alex Beaton & Joann Gilmartin
- ☆ Scottish Fiddlers ☆ Royal Scottish Country Dancers
- ☆ Highland Dancers and Competition
- ☆ Over 60 Clans ☆ Harpists
- ☆ Large Vendor Areas ☆ Scottish Gifts
- ☆ Ethnic Scottish Foods

And much, much more!

CAMPING

Provided by the KOA Campground across the street from Fairplex.
Please call (888) KOA-4230. Must mention Scottish Festival.

HEADQUARTER HOTELS

Sheraton Suites - 601 W. McKinley Ave, Pomona (909) 622-5042
Must Mention United Scottish Society Scottish Festival.

FOR INFORMATION

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Special points of interest:

- Scottish Games, Pomona, Ca., at the Fairplex, AGM meeting.
- How do you wish to receive the Clan MacMillan newsletter?



Annual General Meeting (AGM) will occur on Saturday, May 27th. If you have never attended or it has been a long time, won't you please attend?

Letter from the Clan President

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for all of their help during my time as President of Clan MacMillan Pacific Branch. It has been my privilege to work along with all of you. I would like to make a special thanks to Michelle, my wife, for her endless support and advice. I would also like to thank all of the officers for their hard work that often goes on unseen for the success of Clan MacMillan, Pacific Branch. I would also like to point out the hard work of Judy Young in organizing the Celtic New Year for the past two years and her work as the Membership chairperson. Richard Jenson also deserves special thanks for being both our webmaster and Newsletter Editor.

I want to encourage each one of you in doing something for the clan. It is well and good to pay your dues and say that you belong to a Scottish clan. Your clan needs your help and ideas to stay alive and healthy. I am asking each one of you to do whatever you can to keep us strong. We need new members. We need active members. We need the guidance and leadership of our longtime members. We need to keep Clan MacMillan Pacific Branch strong for the future.

Yours aye,
Ron Mullins

Gaelic Proverb:

*Cha shoirbh
triubhas a chur
air cat.*

*It's not easy to put
trews on a cat.*

DUES REMINDER!

DUES ARE DUE AT
THE POMONA
GAMES. STILL
ONLY \$20 FOR
ONE YEAR!

If you want to help the Clan save a little bit of **money**, and I am sure you all do, see page 3 for one way you can help — by changing the method of receiving the “Tonsured Times” (Clan Newsletter).

Pomona Potluck

As we do every year after the games on the Saturday night of the Pomona Games (May 27th), Clan MacMillan will have a potluck at the KOA Clubhouse across the street from the Fairplex. Last year's was very well attended. Tons of food and plenty of spirits! There are even electronic game machines for the kids to play. Come to the games and plan to stay after for a wonderful way to wind down, visit, eat, and drink!

Clan Vice-President needed!

Do you want to help the Clan? One way you can is to volunteer for the position of Clan Vice-President for the upcoming year. It can be very rewarding, for you, and all clan members. The duties of the Vice-President are on the website at www.macmillanclan.org. To volunteer, click on the ‘Contacts’ link from the home page, and let one of the current officer's know. Contact information is on the page. The slate of officer's will be voted in at the AGM (Annual General Meeting) at the highland games in Pomona, on May 27th. There is still time to become an active member of Clan MacMillan, Pacific Branch. Come along—bring your Community

AMONG OUR OWN

We welcome our newest and youngest MacMillan to our branch. Justin McMillin joined the world on Jan 1, 2006. His parents are members, Sean and Kristy McMillin. Proud grandpa is member, Mike McMillin of Illinois who is flying to CA with his new bride of less than one year, Melody, and children to visit the family and join us at the Pomona Games. Two members have been having a rather rough year. Connie McMillin is battling a liver problem and Robin McMullan, a cancer. Keep them in your prayers and we wish them a full and speedy recovery!

Connie & Shannon had agreed to be conveners for the Central Valley. We'll look for them to be on board next year.

Robin and Mary traveled to Bakersfield to set up their "Celtic Marketplace" tent on April 1. Very happy to hear he was well enough for that.

Charlie Cooke had eye surgery April 17, and is recuperating nicely.

The McMillan sisters, Joan and Jane, along with Jane's friend, Bill, offered to convene the Woodland Games (Sacramento) this year on Apr. 29-30.

Thanks guys! It helps to keep our presence known in the north.

We were supposed to have a MacMillan tent at Bakersfield again this year but at the last moment we pulled out because of weather concerns. As it turned out, the day of the games was just fine but rain fell the night before. We had intended for member, David Eddy, of Modesto to pick up a tent and supplies there as he has also agreed to be a convener for the central and northern areas. Guess the supply handover will be in Pomona.

Fred and Judy are hoping to travel to Prescott for the 2nd Annual Prescott Highland Games on May 13. Members Andy and Debra Moore live close by in Chino Valley so they're hoping they can connect with them for the first time.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

May: Michelle Bumgardner, Bill Tippett, Paul Guertin, Jeff McMillan, Ruth M. McMillan, Ann Guertin, Scott Steusloff, Michael McMillan, Kristy McMillin.

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

WEE SCOTTISH JOKE

A Scots boy came home from school and told his mother he had been given a part in the school play. "Wonderful," says the mother, "What part is it?" The boy says "I play the part of the Scottish husband!" The mother scowls and says: "Go back and tell your teacher you want a speaking part."

Clan MacMillan Newsletter

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?

The choice is up to you, but you have to let me know how you wish to receive the newsletter. 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, as it would if you were to view it on the website. From the website you can view it, or download it and view and/or print it at your leisure. A handful of members have made the choice

to receive the newsletter via email only. Postage did go up in January of this year which adds to the clan expenses. Who knows when there will be another postage increase, or increases in the cost of printing supplies as well as the printing itself. Leave email or feedback if you wish to change.

Webmaster E-Mail Address

My email address will not always be the same. You should see the SPAM I get—so I am hoping to at least shake off a little bit. Either check the newsletter for the latest address (back page), or leave me mail via the website (feedback works too).

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Highland Games/Events for 2006

May 27-28, United
Scottish Society of
Southern California
Scottish Festival,
L.A. Fairgrounds,
Fairplex, Pomona,
Ca.

June 3, Modesto
Highland Games,
Tuolumne River Re-

gional Park, Mo-
desto, Ca.

June 24-25, San
Diego Scottish High-
land Games and
Gathering of the
Clans, Brengle Ter-
race Park, Vale Ter-
race Dr, Vista, Ca.

Aug 5-6, Monterey
Scottish Festival
and Highland
Games, Monterey
County Toro Park,
Salinas, Ca.

SIGNIFICANT SCOTS

Frances Wright, Woman's Advocate

Frances Wright was born in 1795 in Scotland but had an early interest in America. After educating herself from a college library, she visited the United States when she was 23. During her travels, she wrote Views of Society and Manners in America. This travelogue hails American life as progressive in contrast to the backwardness of the Old World.

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