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Seaside Highland Games
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This year's astounding list of entertainers includes:

- ~ Scottish Balladeer Alex Beaton
- ~ Scottish Fiddler Extraordinaire Alasdair Fraser together with Champion Cellist Natalie Haas
- ~ Everyone's favorite wicked ones: The Wicked Tinkers
- ~ New and hot from San Diego: Highland Way
- ~ The Bay Area's Leif Sorbye and Tempest
- ~ They will steal your heart: Celtic Spring

and if that's not enough,

- Ventura's own British Brass Band
- The Scottish Fiddlers of Los Angeles
- Bydand Forever, The Gordon Highlanders
- The Highlander Warriors Kingdom of the Gael

www.seaside-games.com

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Special points of interest:

- Scottish Games, Ventura, Ca., at Seaside Park. (www.seaside-games.com)
- How do you wish to receive the Clan MacMillan newsletter?



Letter from the Clan President

Greeting fellow clansmen and clanswomen! I hope this finds you all in good health and well rested after a very hot summer. Judy and I spent part of July, all of August and most of September at our place in Idaho. Judy, her daughter, and Linda Cooke went to Scotland, then joined me in Idaho.

If you are among the vast number of people who have not been happy with the games in Pomona (L.A. Fairplex) you will be happy to hear the games will be back in Costa Mesa over Memorial Day weekend. Look for more information elsewhere in this newsletter.

Michelle Mullins is working hard on the Samhain (Celtic New Year) celebration set for Nov 3rd. She has been in a great deal of pain with some dental problems, working full time, and going to school, but she has done an outstanding job putting this together. Be sure you make your reservation early! See the details in this newsletter.

Linda Harlow and Kathleen Nohe are putting together a wine tasting fundraiser to kick start the Jane MacMillan Memorial Scholarship Fund.

As you may recall, there were 3 changes that were approved at the last AGM.

- 1) The AGMs will not be at the Costa Mesa games but at a different time and place. Final details to be worked out.
- 2) Mail-in ballots will be available on request for those who are unable to attend the AGM.
- 3) A memorial scholarship will be set up in memory of Jane MacMillan.

On #1, we have kicked around some different ideas for the AGM. Maybe a sit-down dinner or a picnic. It has to be before the Costa Mesa games. I would like to have some of your ideas on where or what type of setting you'd like. Call or e-mail me at 619-445-0850 or youngjxy@copper.net with your thoughts.

On #3, I'm looking for some volunteers to work out the details for the Scholarship Fund. We need to set criteria and other such details. If you have had experience in this area, let me know.

2008 is shaping up to be a challenging and exciting year. Lots of changes including the 50th anniversary of Clan MacMillan to be held in conjunction with the Clan MacMillan Society of North America's gathering next July in the Los Angeles area. Our Pacific Branch Ambassador, Connall Bell is the president of CMSNA and as such he is in charge of this gathering. We will need to give him as much help as possible as the date approaches.

On a personal note, I am having back surgery in late Oct or early Nov. I'll have several discs fused in my lower back. Consequently, I won't be at the Samhain celebration, but Judy will. I will need some help with setting up clan tents. I don't know how long I will be down. I'll need to wear a back brace for about 6 months. The first challenge will be the Queen Mary in Feb. Judy will need some help moving items on and off the ship. Set up is on Fri. and tear down is after the games on Sun. I feel confident the clan family will come through.

I look forward to 2008 and I know we can get all things done.

With love, hope and determination,

Fred Young

President Pacific Branch

AMONG OUR OWN

We're happy to report that Joan McMillin is much improved after her gall bladder surgery in early Aug., so much so that she, Jane and Bill, our roving conveners, set up the clan tent in Pleasanton along with our North Central convener David Eddy.

David also represented the clan at the Fresno games and is planning to be present at the Loch Lomond games as well. We really appreciate having our clan tent at these venues.

Glad to hear that our Tonsured Times editor and webmaster, Richard Jenson, is mending after his knee early this summer. We're hoping he and Ann will join us a Seaside.

While the Young's were vacationing in Idaho, their granddaughter presented them with a new great granddaughter, Hailee Michelle.

That's great grandchild number 5 for them.

VP Linda Harlow and Kathleen Nohe flew to Alaska last month to attend the Donald Clan AGM. According to reports, they had a wonderful time.

After Bob, Paula, and Janean Hall left the MacMillan mini-gathering in Inverness this July, they traveled on to Niederbronn, France where Bob served during WW2. Janean then left to do some worldwide touring. She has taken a year off from work to do this. We'll expect to hear some fabulous stories from her when she returns.

NEW MEMBERS: You can't say that our Pacific Branch isn't well represented along the western seaboard. We welcomed Morgan Blake and her teenage sons from Springfield, Oregon this June. Morgan competes in roller derby and her boys enjoy paintball sports. FYI Morgan sports a large Clan MacMillan crest tattoo on her back.

How's that for commitment?

Also joining in late June is the Kerry and Tim Howard family from Anchorage, Al. Kerry is a member of a pipe band and she has set up a MacMillan tent at the state games every year for the past 5 years. She also attended the Pleasanton games this past Labor Day weekend. Another dyed in the wool MacMillan!

Along with Kerry and family are Charles and Melissa Oakley of Anchorage. Among the talents in this family is professional sculpting. We feel honored to have such an active enthusiastic group of new members.

Welcome to you all

(Among Our Own is continued on page 4)



Birthdays have been listed through the end of the year. Will list more in the next 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?

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. Leave email or feedback if you wish to change.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR WANTED

I will be giving up the newsletter as of the AGM next year. I will need a replacement at that point in time. Interested? Let me or Fred Young know in plenty of time. I have been the newsletter editor for a few years. It is time for someone else to take the bull by the horns, step up to the plate and take on this responsibility. Besides, I will probably be having my "other" knee replaced next year and I don't know that I will be able to get all the newsletters out as needed.

AMONG OUR OWN (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3)

We're also very glad to receive some former members back to the fold. Barbara & Walter Trumbull, John Harrington, David Bell, and Morgan and Susan Mullins. We're so happy to have you back again.

WINE TASTING PARTY

As this is being written plans are being formulated for a wine tasting party either at a winery in Northern San Diego County or at a hosted home party. Our enterprising vice-president, Linda Harlow, is in charge of this venture. We're hoping it will follow the Seaside Games and our Celtic New Year celebration. This is a fund raiser to kick off our Jane MacMillan Memorial Scholarship. We'll keep you updated AND you will attend of course!

WHAT'S OLD IS NEW AGAIN!

For those of us who were lamenting the move from Costa Mesa to Pomona, GOOD NEWS!! We'll be back at the Orange County Fairgrounds in May of 2008! Same Memorial Day weekend. And if you are a camper we've been assured there will be camping on site. As the details come to us we'll keep you informed or you can go to the website of the United Scottish Society.

MINI GATHERING, INVERNESS

Linda Cooke, Judy Young, Judy's daughter, Ginger, Bob, Paula, and Janean Hall, Walter and Barbara Trumbull all traveled to Inverness for the mini-gathering of Clan MacMillan in mid July. It was a great gathering with lots of interesting activities and folks. The boat ride on Loch Ness to the Urquhart Castle, the canoe 'race' with the Frasers and Mackenzie's (our team on one leg included Linda, Ginger and Janean who discovered they'd have to portage their canoe over a slippery muddy hill), the Inverness Highland Games (unlike any we have in America—they had carnival rides), the ceilidh, the Clan AGM and banquet, plus many other memorable moments. Linda, Ginger and Judy will remember the number of times they got lost and how on one occasion a darling young man jumped in their car to lead them back to their B&B and then allowed them to photograph him. Talk to the Halls about the minivan we all (6) squeezed into and drove to the Glen Morange Distillery! We won't mention the airline fiasco on the return trip, however!

CONVENERS NEEDED FOR THE QUEEN MARY

Because President and convener Fred Young will be having back surgery in late October, he will be in no shape to wrestle the boxes etc. necessary to set up the clan tables on board the QM in Feb., so, the long and short of it is, if we want to be represented there we'll need someone to step up and act as the convener for this venue. You can e-mail: young-jyxy@copper.net or call 619-445-0850.

(a little more continued on page 5)

CORRECTION to the JUNE 2007 NEWSLETTER ARTICLE

This article replaces the incorrect and incomplete article in it's entirety:

The Clan MacMillan Society of North America (CMSNA) branch will celebrate it's 50th Anniversary, 1958-2008 by hosting an International Gathering of Clan MacMillan, tentatively at Loyola College, Pasadena (?), California, USA, 25 to 31 July 2008. The honoured guest will be George Gordon MacMillan of MacMillan and Knap, Chief of Clan MacMillan, of Finlaystone, Renfrewshire, Scotland. The CMSNA President, Connall Bell of Pasadena, Ca, will confirm this information in the fall and it will also appear in the next CMSNA Journal due in the fall. The year 2007 will be the 50th year of publication of the Journal. Clan MacMillan's "Community of the Tonsured Servant" (CTS) will meet in conjunction with the Gathering. For information on the Gathering contact the CMSNA President: J. Connall Bell, 2288 Casa Grande, Pasadena, CA, 91104, USA: 926-791-0930; email: connalb@sbcglobal.net. For information on CTS contact: Blanche McMillan, 5364 Salem Road, Burlington, Ontario, L7L 3X3 Canada; email: jbmcmillan@sympatico.ca.

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The Fresno games were held at Roeding Park (right off highway 99) this year. There was a nice turnout of people including some who just came to the park for the day and decided to see what this Scottish thing was about. Five people signed the guestbook but many more stopped by to talk and ask questions. Several people I talked to were interested in taking part in clan activities other than the games. Some even offered to help. David Eddy has his debit card stolen. The thief emptied his checking and savings accounts. Luckily he had a second account at another bank but it doesn't make up for his loss. He's hopeful the bank will make good the theft.

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Highland Games/Events for 2007

Seaside Highland Games, Seaside Park, Ventura, Ca. Oct 13, & 14 Oct 2007.

More information: www.seaside-games.com

Advanced tickets: www.seaside-games.com/eadvancedtickets.pdf

Site Layout: www.seaside-games.com/sitelayout.html

Directions: www.seaside-games.com/Directions.html

Event Schedule: www.seaside-games.com/2007_schedule.html

The clan will be in attendance. New faces invited to visit (old ones too).

NEW WEBSITE COMING

Have you tried to find Scottish ringtones but ending up getting nowhere? A new website is coming later this year that is just for the purpose of Scottish Ringtones for your cell phone. In 'BETA' version right now: www.scottishringtones.com

The editor of this newsletter, webmaster of www.macmillanclan.org, Clan MacMillan (Pacific Branch) are not affiliated with this ringtone website.

Yes, their website indicates they will have bagpipe ringtones.

Scottish Humour

Have you heard the rumour that the Grand Canyon was started by a Scotsman who lost a coin in a ditch?

Scotsmen hate to see waste, no matter where it is. So when Jock saw the Niagara Falls for the first time he said it was a waste of water - and a plumber in Dundee could fix them in half an hour.

A Scottish prayer - "Oh Lord, we do not ask you to give us wealth. But show us where it is!"