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Seaside Highland Games

Oct. 13th, 14th & 15th, 2006

At Seaside Park in Ventura, California



Featured Entertainers Include:

Alex Beaton
 Men of Worth
 The Wicked Tinkers
 Celtic Spring
 Eric Rigler & Bad Haggis
 The Browne Sisters &
 George Cavanaugh
 Bydand Forever,
 The Gordon Highlanders 1882-85
 The LA Scots Pipe Band

The new games on the Pacific Ocean!

Don't miss these Entertainment Events!
**WHISKY TASTING AND
 "A SCOTTISH EVENING"**
 AND FASHION SHOW
 Friday Evening, Oct 13th at the Four Points Sheraton Hotel

Event Schedule		
Friday	5:00pm	Whisky Tasting
	6:30pm	"A Scottish Evening"
Saturday	9:00am	Gates Open
	Noon	Grand Parade & Opening Ceremonies
	8:00pm	Men of Worth Concert at the Pierpont Inn
Sunday	9:30am	Kirkin' o' the Tartans
	4:30pm	Closing Ceremonies

Scottish Heavy Athletics, Pipe Band Competition, Solo Piping Competition, Highland & Irish Step Dancing, Scottish Country Dancing, Gathering of the Clans, Vendors, Children's Glen, British Classic Car Exhibition, Genealogy, Drummond Ranch Dogs, Arts and Crafts...And Haggis!

Classes on: **Genealogy** Beth Gay of Moultrie, GA **Speaking Gaelic** Margaret MacKinnon of Scotland



TICKETS

Adult:
 1 Day Gate Price \$14
 2 Day Gate Price \$20
 Advance: 1 Day, \$12 - 2 Day \$18
 Senior (62+) & Military:
 1 Day Gate Price \$12
 2 Day Gate Price \$18
 Advance: 1 Day, \$10 - 2 Day \$15
 Children:
 1 Day Gate Price \$3
 Children 5 & under Free

Sorry, NO PET DOGS Allowed In Seaside Park

Whisky Tasting: \$25
Scottish Evening: \$30

Sponsor Packages Available



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For More Information:

www.seaside-games.com

Host Hotel Reservations:

The Pierpont Inn (805) 843-8144
 Clocktower Inn (805) 652-8141
 Country Inn & Suites (805) 653-1434
 Four Points Sheraton (805) 658-1212
 Ventura Beach Marriott (805) 843-8000

AMTRAK STOPS AT OUR FRONT GATE

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The Clan will be there!!

Annual dues (June 1—May 31) are due now. If you have not done so this year, will you please sit down and write your check for \$20 today? We depend on these assessments to continue to do the Clan's work. Remember, \$6.00 of this goes to help fund the Clan Centre's activities in Scotland. Membership can be downloaded from our website (www.macmillanclan.org) or you can send a check made out to Clan MacMillan to Judy Young, Membership, 245 I Geyer Ln., Alpine, CA 91901 and a membership card will be sent back to you. Thank you!

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

A note from Papa Smurf: Greetings Clansmen and women! I hope you are coping with the heat. As you know by now we filled all the offices at the AGM. As most of you may recall in my last note I had not found anyone to be Vice-Pres. But at the last minute Linda Harlow came forward. We could not have hoped for a more qualified person. Linda is an extremely organized and very talented person and dedicated to any task she takes on. She always has a full plate but never says no when asked to do even more. I have often told her she needs to learn how to say "No". I'm sure she has not learned how yet.

I have some ideas to run by all of you and would really like you to let me know what you think.

1. Would you be more likely to attend the AGM if it were not at the games? Perhaps at a sit-down dinner or some other social event.
2. I have appointed Heather and Kevin Bergerson to form and chair a committee to find and organize some off-season clan activities. Perhaps picnics, campouts or maybe even caravans to places of interest with a meal along the way. Please give us your ideas. I know they would appreciate volunteers to help with this.
3. I would like to find some ongoing fund raiser to start a memorial scholarship in the name of our Chief's late wife, our beloved Jane MacMillan.
4. I would like to know if the membership thinks mail-in ballots for those that cannot attend the AGM is a good idea.

I would appreciate your input on these 4 ideas!

In my effort to get more members involved and lighten the load on some of us, I have appointed David Eddy as convener of Bakersfield and all games in the central part of California he would like to do. I have also appointed Joan and Jane McMillin as roving conveners. They will do games of their choosing in Northern California. They have already been doing this unselfishly for some time. They will co-ordinate with David on this planning. I would like to thank David, Joan and Jane for stepping forward. Volunteers such as they are is the only way this organization will survive.

As I said in my last note, there is a small core of volunteers that have been working hard for a long time. We need to get more members involved and start with a newer group with fresh and new ideas. If we don't, this wonderful organization will not survive. I know there are future leaders out there. We have a great membership and we will get more. So, look in your heart and see if there isn't some way you can become more involved.

As I write this letter, Judy and I are getting ready to go to our place in Idaho. We will be visited by Kathy Nohe and her parents, plus Linda and Charlie Cooke will also be visiting us and going to the games in Jackson Hole, Wyoming with us. We love company. Judy is taking her laptop (and hoping to find some hotspots) and we can be reached on our cell phones. We head north on Aug 2 and start for home Sep 13.

Thank you for the trust you have put in me. I will do my best to serve you.

Papa Smurf, aka Fred Young.

Editor's note: An idea for Fred's note #4 above, I could set up a method for voting on line if that is not against the Clan charter. Anonymity would have be taken care in order to protect 'the vote' and also to prevent inadvertent voting more than once for any officer's position. That could be worked out later if this idea "flies". If not, how about voting via Pony Express.

AMONG OUR OWN

It is with deep sadness we report the death of Robin McMullan (member and proprietor of the Celtic Marketplace along with his wife, Mary). Robin passed away June 19th. A beautiful memorial was held June 22nd at his daughter's in Oceanside. We will miss his cheerfulness and his wonderful Irish brogue! Mary, the trouper that she is, insisted on setting up their vendor display at the San Diego Games the day after the memorial. Several clan members helped with the set up and tear down.

Hold Heather McMillan Bergerson in your prayers. Her father passed away July 19th after a long 5 year battle with cancer. Our sincerest condolences to Heather, Kevin, and the family.

Linda and Charlie Cooke are grandparents again. Newest addition to the Cooke family, Brooklynn Cale was born June 3rd. And according to Grandma Linda, she is just beautiful. How could she not?

Speaking of proud grandparents, Fred and Judy Young's 15 year old granddaughter, Allie, was named Miss Wisconsin's Outstanding Teen. She goes on to Florida to compete for the U.S. Teen title.

David Eddy drove down to Merced to attend the San Diego Games. He arrived during intermission at the Friday night concert and promptly purchased some 50/50 tickets that were being sold to benefit the games. Guess who won the drawing? Over \$400 cash. Nice way to start his weekend.

For those of you who have missed our Ambassador, Connall Bell, at the last couple of games it's because he was in the show ring with his Irish Wolf Hound, Strongbow. Good luck in your competitions.

Linda Harlow and Kathy Nohe are the proud owners of a new Allegro motor home. We expect to see it at several of the games. Since they traded in their travel trailer, they did not need their '04 pick-up so Fred bought it and is happily adding his touches to it. Now does anyone want to buy a great 2000 Dodge pick-up?



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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

Aug: Mike McMillin, Steve Guertin, Linda Cooke, Janet McMillan, Linda McMillan, Linda Haken, Morgan Mullins, David Eddy.

Sep: Fred Bandel, Jack Baxter, Michelle Mullins, John McMillan, Richard Steusloff, Anthony Jeske, Rochelle Weatheral, Debra Moore, Vicki Contente, Laura Tippet, Margery Gilbert.

Oct: Charlie Cooke, Bob Hall, Antoinette Bertolas, Kenneth Walker, Kevin Bergerson, Larry McMillan, Theresa Rivas, Martin Pack, Barbara Trumbull.

Nov: Linda Harlow, Judy Young, Allison Lee, Karen Pilkington, Connall Bell, Amanda Mullins.

Dec: Beverly McMillan, Paula Hall, Viola Bandel, Walter Trumbull, Ralph McMillan, Brendan McMillin, Bea McMillan.

If I missed anybody this year, you are not a year older—just better looking!

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?

If 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.

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Highland Games/Events for 2006

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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/2006_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!"