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PLEASANTON GAMES



1st Vice President Mel McDougall and Victor Kottinger surrounded by a few of the MacDougalls at the 1997 Pleasanton Games.

The Pleasanton Games attracted a reported 50,000 people to the Alameda County (Ca.) Fairgrounds over Labor Day weekend. We were surprised and pleased by the visit of the British Consul-General and Mrs. Malcolm Dougal. Sporting a clan tartan tie and a clan badge on his bonnet, the Consul-General was every inch the perfect specimen of MacDougall. In January 1998 he will retire from the diplomatic service and return to the United Kingdom. They are a gracious couple and we were honored to have them with us at the clan tent.

Located in the San Francisco Bay area, these games brought in an astonishing number of MacDougalls and MacDowells. In Saturday's clan parade there were more than twenty adults and many children marching behind our banners. Old friendships were renewed and new ones cemented. The children enjoyed the playground located just a few feet from our tent. Measuring thirty feet in frontage, the tent was bedecked with a colorful variety of banners and flags, and was the largest tent ever erected in the region. So many people were present that an even larger tent could have been used.

Mel McDougall, 1st Vice President and Pacific Crescent Region Commissioner, viewed the strong showing at this event as a sign

that the Clan Society is healthy and growing on the west coast. Mel thanks those who staffed the tent: Diane & Dave McDowell, Nyla McDougall, Don & Anna Northcutt, Darleen Weisz, and Victor MacDowell Kottinger. Everyone agreed that our participation reflected a job well done by Northern California Coordinator Victor Kottinger. ☺

OTHER NEWS:

The Pacific Crescent Region now has its own regional newsletter, announced Mel McDougall, Commissioner and 1st Vic President. Dunollie West will inform MacDougalls in California, Nevada and Arizona of upcoming events, report on what has happened and will be published five times annually (January, March, May, August and October). The editor is Don Northcutt, 31921 Camino Capistrano #312, San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675, 714-380-8560 phone & fax, NorthDB@aol.com.



British Consul-General and Mrs. Malcolm Dougal



The Editor's Desk

by Pat McDougal

The Games season is slowing down, and now is the time to make plans for the next year of MacDougall attendance at the games. If you did not get to see any MacDougall's at a clan tent

this year, please make an effort to do so in 1998. If you were at a Highland game somewhere and a Clan MacDougall tent was not there, maybe you would like to do that task yourself. If so, get with your Regional Commissioner or State Representative and volunteer. I'm certain he'd be very happy to welcome you to the job. That person can instruct you on what you will need, also how to set up the tent and take care of the new members.

D. Todd and Renita McDougal have just returned from Scotland and at my request they have asked Hope MacDougall and Jean Hadfield for the pronunciation of Gylen Castle. This was the report given: "Gylen is pronounced Ger Lin, (as in girl in). Thought



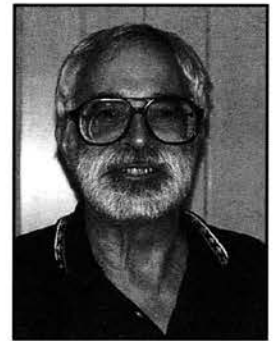
you might like to know. Funds are still needed to fix the problems with this MacDougall castle. Should you wish to make a donation to this fund you may send this to Richard T. MacDougall, see the back of the Tartan for his address.

Thank you to all the dancers, pipers, drummers, and athletes for your achievements and participation at the games this year. We love to see you with your talent and your performance of excellence. These people and the bands give the games a great Scottish Flavor. Thank you to the people who work in the clan tents. This has been a wonderful gift to the Society and you are greatly appreciated.

A personal note: Jim is doing much better after cancer surgery and chemo. We appreciate your kind words and your love to us all. ☺

Genealogy

by William C. Ermtinger



Last month I suggested, as a first step to those interested in genealogy, to contact older members of their family to get any data possible before that information is gone forever. It is so important that maybe I should repeat it in each column.

I think today for anyone interested in doing any research one must be connected to the internet. I have only just begun to scratch the surface of this resource - it seems limitless.

The following are just two sites for you to start with: 1. "Treasure Maps" that can be found at:

<http://www.firstct.com/fv/tmapmenu.html>

and 2. "Cyndi's List of Genealogy Sites on the Internet" at:

<http://www.oz.net/~cyndihow/sites.htm>.

Our new President has charged me to bring to the Board a proposal as to what genealogical services the Clan ought to provide our members and to non-members. My first step has been to contact some of the other clan genealogists as to what their clans provide. I would be most interested in feedback from the members as to what genealogical services you would like to have. Please remember that everything costs money except for volunteer time (which is usually limited and ranges between "unbelievably dedicated" and "disappointing"). Many clans have genealogical committees. Is this something of interest to you?

At the present time we have about 1100 individuals in our database and so it is very limited as to what we can provide as help. I will be happy to search it anytime for members at no cost (please include your membership number with your request).

Please write me with your ideas and questions. My address is 7 Owl Branch Lane, Parkton MD 21120. e-mail is william@qis.net. ☺



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Additional contributions to Clan MacDougall Foundation are always welcome.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

by Richard T. MacDougall

Greetings to all the good people of the Clan MacDougall Society of North America. For my first President's column message to you, I am going to repeat many of the remarks I made in my speech to the members in attendance at the annual

meeting in July.

I begin my term of office as President with very mixed feelings. I am awed by the responsibilities you have given me. But, at the same time I am exhilarated by the vision of the possibilities of where the Clan Society can go in the next few years. I am also encouraged by the loyalty and confidence that you have already shown to me.

Let me share with you my priorities as we begin administration with what I feel is a very strong set of Clan Society offices and leaders.

1. My first priority will be more efficient and effective communication. We are almost ready to go to press with a new Clan brochure. We have started the process of revising and expanding our ads in scottish publications. I am trying to be as helpful as I can to Pat McDougall, our *Tartan* Editor, so that she will have all the "MacDougall news that is fit to print". I hope you will do the same. I'm trying to get your electronically deprived Pres. on the internet. I have temporarily run into some technical problems that may require a whole new computer.

2. My second priority comes to mind as I look at a map of North America. In many areas of the continent, Clan MacDougall is an easily recognized and highly respected member of the Scottish community and this is primarily along the two coasts. In many other areas they may hardly know we exist. This is primarily up through the middle of the two coasts. There are many states and provinces where we do not have State Representatives and several entire regions where we do not have Commissioners. I am hereby issuing an appeal to the membership to let me know of your willingness to step up your involvement by being our Clan MacDougall representative at Scottish activities in your area. As with highland games and festivals, Robert Burns dinners, and membership in Scottish societies as St. Andrews. We are at this time looking for Commissioners in the Atlantic Provinces, British Columbia, and the

Southwest. We also have no representatives in the following states: Ct., downstate NY, NH, Del., Miss., Ark., LA, TX, OK, NM, Mich., Wisc., the entire mid-west region, and the Rocky Mtn. region except Colo. We obviously have much room to grow and share the fun. I am pleased to say we have already started the process. Please welcome our new Mid-Atlantic Regional Commissioners, Don and Sandra MacDougall, and our new Representative in upstate New York, Fred Macdougall, of Willisboro.

We also need someone to be Chairman of our now dormant Youth Committee, and to work with our 2nd. Vice President to revive our work with our youth. Everyone agrees that it is important to our future.

3. A third priority is to maintain at a raised level everyone's interest in soliciting monies for the Gylan Castle Repair Fund. I was pleased to report to the annual meeting that we had been able to send a total of \$1500 to Oban after one year of activity. Several of us have recently discovered that we can be much more successful raising money through raffles than through direct appeal. Currently Alan and Jean MacDougall, in Virginia, are raffling a very nice picture of Dunollie Castle which they purchased in Oban. In Main they raised \$75. on the first day of a raffle of a beautiful quilt made by Anne MacDougall. All it takes is creativity and maintaining interest.

Those are some of my priorities. Now I would like to request that you (clan leaders and members alike) let me know of your needs, desires and priorities. Many of you have already had some very good suggestions.

One last item. I have been given permission by Doug MacDougall, in New Hampshire, to invite you to attend our next Area Meeting, which will be held in conjunction with the New Hampshire H.G. in September, 1998. These are the biggest and best games in the Northeast with great band music and entertainment.

Slainte Mhor,

Dick

A CREED by Edwin Markham

There is a destiny that makes us brothers;
None goes his way alone;
All that we send into the lives of others
Comes back into our own.

I care not what his temples or his creeds,
One thing holds firm and fast -
That into his fateful heap of days and deeds
The soul of man is cast.



FROM HIGHLAND

HEARTLAND REGION REPORT OF THE GAMES by Mary Wolf, Regional Commissioner

THE INDIANA HIGHLAND GAMES

Fort Wayne, Indiana - Zollner Stadium

Our 10th Indiana Highland Games were off to a bright sunny start - despite the fact the temperature soared to 97 degrees, heat index of 117, the attendance was no doubt our best, but bravehearts began to wither in the afternoon. The main events, pipe bands, dancers, and athletes were able to thrill the crowds still present. The competition with the bands was the largest present to date with a thrilling massed band parade, including the Tartan Parade, before the crowded grandstand.

Chuck Dimit with his Border Collie demonstration added a new touch this year with sheep shearing both morning and afternoon. Along with this, spinning the wool from the shearing was accomplished by a professional giving everyone a true picture of just what it takes place to make the beautiful tartan plaids.

Our Highland Games at Fort Wayne have become a well recognized Scottish Festival Summer event in Fort Wayne. Venders continue to call long after the event asking to be placed on our mailing list in an effort to be welcomed to our Games, speaking well of the various chairpersons handling this part of the Festival. We continue to enjoy the Boy Scout Troop from Aboite Township whose parents and Boy Scout members handle the food and refreshments under the direction of Rick Longworth from the group and Boy Scout Council.

All those of Clan MacDougall wish DeWitt Patterson a happy 80th birthday and hope Charlotte and he will again come to the Fort Wayne Games. We learned of the celebration from Bill Leroy!

The date of the 1998 Indiana Highland Games will be July 25. Mark your calendar and we look forward again to greeting those coming in checking their MacDougall heritage as we had many newcomers signing our register at the Clan MacDougall tent. The Clan MacDougall banner carried in the parade by Bill Leroy and Brian Wolf (my grandson) always draws great attention during the day at our tent. 🍀



Clan MacDougall Society of North America Midwest Region

by Claud H. Baker, Midwest Regional Commissioner

Your Midwest Regional Commissioner had a Clan tent at the Kansas City Highland Games on June 14, 1997 on the grounds of the Barstow School on State Line Road. The Road is just what its name implies; I believe that it is the only Highland Games in the country where you can park in an adjacent state and walk in to the field! The festival had a very good turnout; paid gate (over 12 years of age) was more than 4000 people.

A number of Society Members stopped by the tent to visit, including Janet Wimer of Fremont, Nebraska, who came down for the festival. Her husband, Steve, took the enclosed photograph of her and me in the tent. Midwest members note that Janet is one of the "shakers and movers" for the Omaha, Nebraska Celtic Festival, to be held in April, 1998. Let's all turn out and support this effort with a good Clan MacDougall presence - there are far too few festivals in our area.

In addition to visits from old friends, two new members joined the Society at the Kansas City Games.

My next stop, to wind down the season, is the McPherson, Kansas Scottish Festival and Highland Games held September 26-28. This festival is now in its fourth year. They have a good attendance and a lot of fun. See you at the Clan tent there! 🍀

GAMES & GATHERINGS

MAINE *by Jean Macdougall-Horr*

At the fifth annual Clan MacDougall Day held in July, we planned two activities for the youngsters present. The goal was to help them meet and interact with MacDougalls of their age and to learn a new skill

Ann McDougall gave instruction in the carding and spinning of wool and demonstrated weaving. Here we have Ian Macdougall learning how to spin wool yard, a task often done by children in days gone by.

Jean Macdougall-Horr did a cooking class with all ten of the children present. They made oatmeal cookies and here are Ian and his sister, Jessica getting the cookies ready to bake. Assisting is Susanah Hall. Another helper, not in the picture, was Nicole Decesere.



The Youngsters really enjoyed having their own thing to do and making new friends. ☺



KALAMAZOO SCOTTISH FESTIVAL River Oaks Park, Kalamazoo, Michigan, August 23, 1997

This is the second year we have hosted a Clan MacDougall tent at this Scottish Festival. You will recall we won Best Clan Tent Award in 1996, however Clan MacNaughton was the recipient for 1997. (You may not win the consecutive year, until two years pass.)

You can readily tell how well organized and well received the Kalamazoo Festival has become. Competition is only with the athletics and children's games. The bands were enjoyed by everyone with their demonstrations and of course, with the massed band parade along with the country dancers. Kalamazoo must be congratulated as their Scottish Cultural Society has a very large membership with everyone participating. The River Oaks Park is a great place to host the festival. The clan tents are placed in an L-shape, enabling the clans to look across at the clan participants making it a pleasant way to enjoy the day. Food and vendors, highland cattle and sheep for the Border Collie demonstrations, everything to make it a most enjoyable day with plans to return in 1998.

You must know the sunshine was there with the highest temperature of the day reaching 75 degrees! Of course, Janet Miller (Clan MacPherson and the Fort Wayne Games Clan Tent Chairperson) and I visualized what that would have accomplished for Fort Wayne had we enjoyed even 85 degrees! ☺

Capital District Scottish Games A Success!



Hats off to Kathy Shaw and her children, Fred MacDougall, his brother, and his children for running another successful tent at the Capital District Scottish Games in Altamont, NH. Altamont is just west of Albany, NY and celebrated its 43rd year on this Labor Day weekend.

An added bonus was having our President Dick MacDougal attend for all to meet. Such commitment was really appreciated and many were happy to meet him and the others at the tent. If you missed it this year mark it on your calendar for next year. ☺

Loch Prado Games in Chino, California

Don Northcutt reports the gathering of clans at this site where the MacDougall Tent was first raised in 1996. The MacDougalls will be at this game again this year. For information contact Jim McDonald at (310) 376-3453 Note: These games are held at Prado Regional Park in Chino on October 18-19. ☺

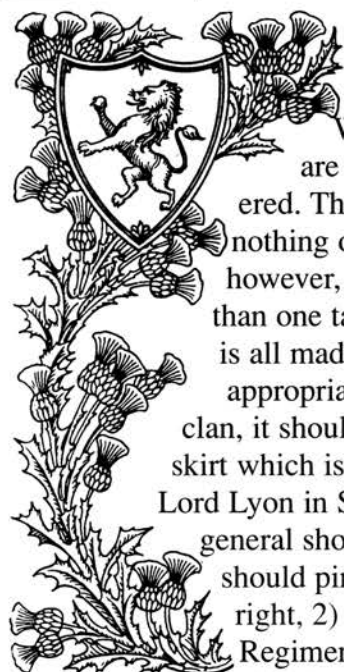


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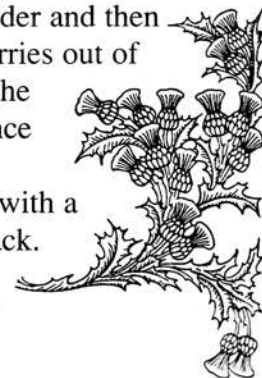
by W. Troy McDougal

Is there any sort of tartan "etiquette" – such as proper ways to wear tartan, what not to do with tartan, and what is acceptable tartan fashion for women?

Cindy Zett, Keene, New Hampshire



The answer to your question will vary with the situation and degree of formality of the occasion, and the person you happen to be talking to at the time. Generally speaking one only wears tartan material for which they have a family connection. Wearing more than one tartan at the same time is discouraged, especially if the colors are not suitable with each other, or one tartan is modern and the other ancient or weathered. This is a matter of taste and color coordination more than tradition, and I have found nothing official to prevent a woman from wearing as many different tartans as she can fit, however, you might get a strange look from a "purist" or two who still believes wearing more than one tartan at a time is next to calling yourself English. I have also heard "tartan material is all made from the same colors, tartans will never clash with each other," and "not only is it appropriate for a woman to wear the tartans of her own clan and the tartan of her husband's clan, it should be encouraged." Due to the difference in anatomy, a woman generally wears a kilt-skirt which is quite different from the man's kilt, and a tartan sash with or without a rosette. The Lord Lyon in Scotland has approved the following instructions for the woman's sash: "Ladies in general should wear the sash pinned at the right shoulder. There are three exceptions, and these should pin the sash at the left shoulder: 1) Ladies who are chiefs or chieftans in their own right, 2) Wives for chiefs and chieftains, and 3) Wives of colonels of the Highland Regiments." The lady who is still within her own clan should drape the sash in such a way that the length of the sash runs from under the opposite arm to the shoulder and then crossing so as to leave a long tail in back and a short tail in the front. The woman who marries out of her clan begins with the mid point at the shoulder and ends with the sash tied in a bow at the opposite hip. The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society, in an effort to unify the appearance of the dancing couples on the dance floor, and to free the strain of the sash crossing the bodice, has developed the rule that Scottish country dancing women should wear the sash with a rosette beginning at the left shoulder, and the remainder of the sash cascading down the back. One text I read ended by saying, "Other applications of the tartan in connection with ladies' costume must be left largely to personal taste." The only absolute rule is wear your tartan proudly and often. 🍀



Sources: J. Charles Thompson, *So You're Going to Wear the Kilt*; Loudon Douglas, *The Kilt - A Manual of Scottish National Dress*

To have your question answered in a future issue, mail it to: **Scot's Wha Hae?, 8415 Biggs Road, Ooltewah, TN 37363**



MAINE HIGHLAND GAMES

At the Maine Highland Games held at Thomas Point in Brunswick, Maine, this unique Scottish thistle quilt was raffled to earn money to send to Scotland for the Gylen Castle Preservation Fund. Here we have Dr. Pauleena MacDougall showing a pillow of the same design. The quilt was made by Ann McDougall, VerDonna McDougall, Jean Macdougall-Horr and Melinda Doel.

Jean Macdougall-Horr, Maine Representative

Dedication of New Cairn in Fort Ticonderoga, NY

On July 5, 1997 Clan MacDougall was proud to take part in the dedication of a new cairn at Ft. Ticonderoga, NY, in honor of the Scots Highlanders of the Black Watch Regiment who died in the assault on the Heights of Carillon against French forces on July 8, 1758.

Shown in the picture in front of the cairn are our new state representative in Upstate NY, Fred MacDougall, Society President Dick MacDougal, and a MacDougall friend. Also shown in the picture, above the doorway and built right into the cairn, are the stones donated by the various participating clans. ☘



The MacDougalls, Five Brothers

The following account tells of the remarkable adventures of the five brothers who came to Indianapolis, Indiana with their mother in 1826-1828. Margaret Stockton McDougall was the widow of John McDougall of Chillicothe, Ohio. these sons were: William, Charles, John, David and George. All were of adventurous spirit, some of them daring to the point of recklessness; proud, and with a high sense of honor, speaking of their Highland Scottish Ancestry.

William, the eldest, bought in 1828 a tract of land over which much of the eastern part of the city now extends. At the time of the great gold excitement in California he went to Eldorado, where he remained for the rest of his life and died at the age of ninety. He made a great deal of money in mining and speculation, which passed through his fingers, leaving him in poverty in his old age. He was influential in California politics, and was a member of the State Legislature.

Charles studied medicine and was for a time a partner with his brother-in-law, the late Dr. Livingston Dunlap. They had the first drug store opened in Indianapolis. Assisted by an uncle of the late Thomas A. Hendricks, Charles obtained the appointment of Assistant surgeon at Ft. Dearborn in 1832. He was afterwards made assistant surgeon in the regular Army, later promoted to the rank of surgeon. Serving in the Florida and in the Mexican war. He was retired as surgeon-general of the United States Army and died at Berryville, VA in July 1885.

David, the third of these brothers, received an appointment at the Naval Academy at Annapolis in 1836, and served in the navy until age brought his retirement, with the rank of rear-admiral. As captain he commanded a vessel at the bombardment of Vera Cruz, in the war with Mexico. In 1862 he was in the harbor of Yokohama. The Mikado issued an order that all foreign vessels should move out of Japanese waters. Commodore McDougall showed no alacrity in obeying this order. His vessel was fired on from a Japanese fort. The McDougall blood was up. An unlucky Japanese warship, the best in the infant navy of that empire, sailed out to assist in destroying the barbarian. McDougall fired only one shot. It struck the boiler of the Japanese ship. There

was an explosion and an entire loss of the crew and ship. After this brief episode the Midado hastened to arrange amicable relations, which have ever since continued. During a considerable part of the war McDougall gave effective service to the cause of the Union.

John McDougall was made first-lieutenant of a company organized in Indianapolis for the Mexican war. He became captain of a company and in 1850 he went to California where he was elected Lieutenant Governor. On the election of the Governor to the United States Senate, McDougall became Governor of the State of California.

George, the youngest, had the strangest career of the five brothers. As a young man in Indianapolis he showed remarkable aptitude as a merchant, and before he was twenty-one was a partner with his brother-in-law, the late William H. Morrison. But he had a thirst for adventure and 'the curse of the wandering foot.' In 1849 he went to California, where he engaged in merchandising. He remained there four or five years and made a great amount of money. He had a warm heart for those of his home state and stakes many a broker miner. His son, Frank McDougall, had a paper yellowed by age, a bill of lading, showing one of these shipments by his father, dated February 28, 1850 - 75 pounds 8½ ounces of gold shipped by the steamer Oregon.

Nothing more is heard of from George until a Captain Jones, taking a war vessel around Cape Horn to the Japanese government, was hailed from the Patagonian coast. A boat came shore to find a lot of naked savages, a white man among them, whom they regarded as their chief. This white man was George McDougall, who had been in that country for seven years. He remained there some time longer until his brother David stopped while on a cruise around the Horn and took him off. The ship had been hailed from the shore and the naval officer was greatly surprised to find in the long-bearded, wild-looking white man his own brother.

(Editors note: John McDougall served California as the second governor, Democratic Party, 1851-52.)

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1997 Highland Games & Gatherings

OCTOBER

16-19	Stone Mountain Highland Games	Stone Mt., GA	Stone Mt. Park
18-19	Loch Prado Highland Games	Chino, CA	Prado Reg. Park
25-26	Richmond Highland Games	Richmond, VA	Strawberry Hill



*These listings are
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where Clan MacDougall is
present with a Clan Tent.
If you know of future games where
Clan MacDougall will be represented
with a Clan Tent, please send this
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