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We have just received the Summer copy of the Tartan today and thank you for all the space you have given to the Gylen event - it was good of you to put so much in.

The highlights of this year have been the re-opening of Gylen Castle, in its newly consolidated form - during May, making it much more available to visitors. We thank our American clansfolk for the support that they have given.

Our other highlights included a short visit to the beautiful little European country of Slovenia in June. I also enjoyed the Celebration of our Ruby Wedding in July, with friends and relatives, in Oban. I am so grateful for my dear husband, Richard, for all the help and support that he has given me during the last 40 years.

I would like to wish all Clans people a very Happy Christmas for 2006 and a fulfilling New Year for 2007.



With Very Best Wishes,



Mary MacDougall of
MacDougall.



The Editor's Desk

by Pat McDougal

'Tis the season to be jolly.' Christmas at our house has always been a big tree, a big bunch of gifts and a big meal. Here lately it's a little tree and a few gifts when Jim and I have Christmas at our house. We need to rotate now days with the in-laws and we like it this way. It's wonderful having the whole gang at home, four sons with wives and three grandsons.

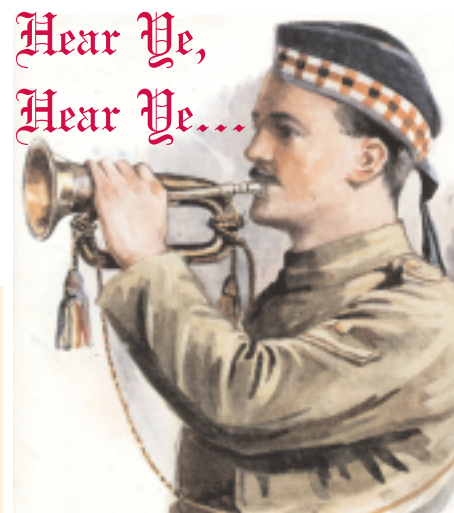
The year has been eventful with highland games to attend and new members to meet. So many of you have expressed your thoughts on paper to add columns to the newsletter and included pictures that are greatly appreciated.

As the New Year begins this McDougal family wishes your family all the joy life can bring with good health and much happiness.

Yours aye,
Pat

Notice :

The *Somerled Newsletter* of the Clan MacDougall Society UK can be viewed on macdougall.org and click on other resources for those interested in the happenings of what is going on in the Oban area. 🍷



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A new committee is being developed for the Clan MacDougall Society that involves our precious youth. Beacham McDougald, Youth Committee Chair, has created a **Scholarship Committee** and although it is in its infancy stage it is moving along quite rapidly. Recording Secretary and Archivist, William Ermatinger, is Chairman of this exciting group that will be awarding scholarships to worthy applicants on an annual basis. Criteria for awarding scholarships, budget proposals, and application processes are still on the drawing board. If you have an interest in joining this worthwhile project as a committee member, please contact William at william@qis.net. 🍷

President's Message

by Don MacDougall



Seasons Greetings

It has been a very busy year for the Clan Society. The Society has achieved many of the goals that we set. The establishment of our IRS nonprofit 501.C.3 status by William Ermatinger for the Society was a long awaited goal. William will be sending out information on how members can take advantage of this new benefit. Don Northcutt has assumed the duties of Membership Vice-president, formed a recruiting committee and is making recruiting plans supported by the Clan MacDougall Trust. President Elect Beacham McDougald is putting together his plans for youth outreach. There is so much going on to mention it all in this Holiday Column.

At Holiday time our thoughts turn from recruiting and the IRS to thoughts of family, friends and loved ones. Through the Clan Society activities here in the Mid-Atlantic Region and of course Grandfather Mountain we have met some wonderful people this year and have renewed some old and dear friendships. Attending games and being involved in the Clan Society's events is a wonderful part of our life. This Holiday Season we will be participating in the Alexandria Christmas Walk. Rain, snow, hail or sunshine there will be about 40-50 Clan members and over 170 marching groups walking around Old Towne Alexandria. At the end of the walk we get together and have a grand time with lots of food, talk and depending on how bad the weather was maybe a wee dram or two. I encourage you to be involved in a Scottish activity this holiday, as the MacDougalls have been doing since the time of Somerled.

As we look forward to the coming year I am optimistic that the Clan Society will continue to evolve and grow. With the new leadership team in the wings making plans about expanding our youth activities and membership, the New Year should be exciting, and bring us all the warm feelings of friendship and togetherness that is the hallmark of our Clan Society. I am hopeful that the core activity of our Clan Society "Tent Sitting" will continue to be the place where we come together to talk about our extraordinary heritage and share the stories that make us realize we are all connected in some way. I solicit your comments on how the Clan Society can better support the efforts of you, who do this vital work of "tent sitting," for the simple reason a large number of our new members are introduced to Clan MacDougall at the Clan tents.

I encourage everyone to get involved with the Clan Societies activities at games and festivals and enjoy the benefits of sharing our common heritage with those seeking connection and fraternity. It is my sincere wish that the New Year bring all of our members and their loved ones happiness and prosperity.

May God bless our nation and bring peace to the world and to all those suffering the pain of conflict.

Slante,
Don MacDougall
President

Merry Christmas and Happy



At Holiday time our thoughts turn to family and loved ones. It is our sincere wish that the new year will bring happiness and good health to all. May God bless our Nation and bring peace to our World.

Don & Sandra MacDougall
President Clan MacDougall 🍷



At this Christmas time, we will be thinking of all those in our Clan Society who have so greatly enriched our lives and wishing you peace and happiness.

Walter & Judith
Macdougall
Past President 🍷



*"May the best
ye hae ivver seen,
be the warst ye'll ivver see*

And may your hogmanay be one to remember.

William and Mary Jeanne
Ermatinger &
William's faithful
traveling companion
granddaughter
Kelly Wright. 🍷



As the Christmas season gets near, we hope that the Spirit of Christmas spreads to all mankind for peace on earth and goodwill to all.

John A. and Priscilla B. McDougall
Past President 🍷

New Year Clan MacDougall!



We wish all of you a happy Christmastime wherever you may be during this Holiday Season.

Scott and Marlene MacDougald
Vice President for Canada



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the mountains of Western North Carolina:
May the hill rise behind you,
And may the mountain be always over the crest;
And may the God that you believe in
Hold you in the palm of his hand. - Old Scottish Greeting

Sincerely,
Todd and Renita McDougal
Member, Board of Directors



Our wish for you all is a very Merry Holiday Season and Peace in your lives now and for the New Year!

Martin, Oliver,
Jennifer & Terry McDougal
McDougal Design



Once again, as the New Year begins this McDougal family wishes your family all the joy life can bring with good health and much happiness.

Pat & Jim McDougal
Tartan Editor



May the Grace of the Father, the Peace of the Son, and the Presence of the Holy Spirit be with you and your family during this special season.

Beacham and Lynn McDougald
First Vice-President, Laurinburg, NC



Calgary Highland Games

by George MacDougall

While at the Calgary Highland Games on Saturday, Sept. 2nd, we had the opportunity to meet a few MacDougalls living in the Province of Alberta. All the visitors showed their interest in learning more about the Clan and the Society, and getting involved.

One of them, Bonnie MacDougall, who is married to M. Kevin MacDougall descendant of Rev. George Millward MacDougall, a Methodist missionary who was involved and in part responsible for the orderly settlement of the Canadian prairies also one of the first settlers on the site that is now Edmonton. We learned from her that on Sunday September. 10, there was a Service at the MacDougall Church (built by Rev. George MacDougall in 1875 in Morley, about 70 Km. NorthWest of Calgary).

We also had the chance to talk to a couple of Members of the Chilliwack and District Pipe Band, from British Columbia. This band adopted the MacDougall tartan kilt in honor of Ian MacDougall, a long time Pipe Major of their sister Legion Band from Abbotsford, and a well respected pioneer of piping in the Fraser Valley.

We also attended the Canmore Highland Games Sunday, Sept. 3, and marched with the Clan's flag and other clan representatives, during the Official Opening Ceremonies. 🍷



Our new Western Regional Commissioner George MacDougall, wife Monica and son Ian at the first clan booth at the Calgary Highland Games in Alberta on September 2, 2006.



Triad Games - Greensboro, NC

Not sure who wants to keep track of official Games participation. But here's evidence that *The MacDougalls were here* at the 8th Annual Triad Games Aug 18-19 in Greensboro, NC. At any rate, Judy was evident while I lurked behind the camera.

Games were smaller than expected, almost as hot as rumored, but fun. Picked up a lot of ideas to enhance tent interest, information and hospitality.

Malcolm Macdougall



Once again, dancer **Erin McDougal** has made Clan MacDougall very proud! At the Charleston SC Games she won 1st place in her events and was honored as the dancer of the day. Congratulations, Erin, on dancing well-done! 🍷



Christmas Walk Notice

The annual Scottish Walk will be held in Alexandria Virginia, December 2. Clans and other organizations will gather sometime before the walk begins at 10:30 a.m. MacDougalls, septs, friends, and miscreants will gather after the walk at the American Legion Post 24, at 400 Cameron Street in Alexandria. This is near Gadsby's Tavern where George Washington bought his first term to the Virginia House of Delegates. 🍷

From a Hollow On The Hill

Here is a must for all those really interested in our Highland ancestry. I have on hand a dozen copies of Nancy Black's richly researched and beautifully illustrated "*From a Hollow on the Hill: History and Tales of Lorn and Frontingall Families*."

Here is truly an unusual collection. Genealogy, history and the business of human living are intertwined. Letters, accounts and insightful commentary show the relationships between MacDougall families and other Argyle surnames, the famous line of MacDougall pipers, the lore of plant medicines and dyes, ceremonies, domestic life, economic and climactic pressures, migrations and so much more. While written with a historian responsibility to fact, this book is not from an outsider, but from a person who knows with both mind and heart. Nancy Black grew up in the tradition of which she writes and her book has an authenticity which reaches beyond the facts with which it abounds. \$36.25 U.S. Walter Macdougall, 75 Sargent Hill Drive, Milo, Maine 04463. 🍷

Lorn Life

If you are interested in reading about events in the Oban area you can read about them online in pdf format in a new monthly publication of the *Oban Times* called "*Lorn Life*".

It has stories and features about the people who live in the West Highlands.

- The feature "Life through the Lens" shows photographs from the newspaper's archives.
- The feature "Scene Around" takes you to the area's social events.
- There are reviews of books and CDs with a Lorn flavour, and articles by Lorn Life's bird life enthusiast Stuart Gibson.

To view it you can visit their website at <http://www.lornlife.com/> 🍷



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