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The Raven

Monthly Newsletter of the
Clan MacDougall Society of North America



Planning for the next Clan Gathering

We are delighted to announce Dunollie Museum, Castle and Grounds will be hosting Clan MacDougall's next International Clan Gathering. Dates for the gathering have been confirmed: it will take place from 30th July - 4th August 2024 (all inclusive).

Our planning is underway but we need your help. Please fill in the questionnaire linked below to help us understand what your aspirations for this gathering are. We will use the data we collect from you and others we believe might like to attend to tailor our activities to your interests.

[Answer the Questionnaire](#)

We will be adding information to help you plan your trip should you join us in 2024 to our website: [Clan Gathering 2024 | dunollie](#). We will also email you any updates regarding tickets, activities, discounts and general recommendations for the clan gathering. If you would rather we didn't contact you, please let us know by emailing florence@dunollie.org.

Best wishes,

Florence and the Dunollie Team

Grandfather Games Family Dinner

This year at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, we have arranged a traditional North Carolina banquet at the historic Dan'l Boone Inn on Saturday, July 8, 2023. We will gather at 7pm with dinner service at 7:30pm. Several Society officers, both past and present, will be in attendance which promises stimulating conversation. This will be a family-friendly, casual dinner. We will

also “officially” pass the Society Presidency forward and present a few awards before dessert. Please note that the banquet room is located on the 2nd floor, accessible by stairs only, and no alcohol is allowed in this family-oriented business.

Reserve your place at the table today!



The form includes a header with a photo of the Dan'l Boone Inn and a list of dinner menu items. The menu items are: Southern Fried Chicken, Country Ham Steak, Country Ham Biscuits, Beef Market Potatoes with Gravy, Green Beans, Collards, Fresh Stewed Apples, and Old Fashioned Cinnamon. The form also includes a section for the reservation details, a section for the number of attendees, and a section for the payment information.

FOUNDERS DINNER RESERVATION FORM
SATURDAY, JULY 8, 2023. DINNER AT 7:30 P.M.
DAN'L BOONE INN
130 HARDIN ST., BOONE, NC 28607
SEATING IS LIMITED. PLEASE REGISTER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
THE BANQUET ROOM IS LOCATED ON THE 2ND FLOOR, ACCESSIBLE BY STAIRS ONLY.
THIS IS A FAMILY-ORIENTED BUSINESS. NO ALCOHOL IS ALLOWED.

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
PHONE NUMBER () _____ EMAIL _____
NUMBER ATTENDING DINNER (\$30.00 EACH) _____ TOTAL REMITTED _____
SEND YOUR COMPLETED FORM AND PAYMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO:
TREASURER BARRY MARLER
P.O. BOX 239
ROY, UT 84067
MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO "CLAN MACDOUGALL SOCIETY OF NORTH AMERICA"

Online Dinner Reservation

Printable Dinner Reservation

Fairhill Games Report



These popular, mid-sized Games in a huge recreational area near the Maryland-Delaware border had struggled since their Covid shutdown. The much-anticipated return of the Fair Hill Games didn't look promising on a dreary, misty morning as Malcolm MacDougall and Jon MacLucas joined 20 other clans setting up in the Clan Village. But within a short time, the sun broke through, spirited record crowds flowed into the old fairgrounds, and the Clan MacDougall tent was welcoming back some life members and enrolling enthusiastic new members and families.

Above: Life member Laurie Conner, a McDowell, shown with Jon MacLucas, stopped by the CMSNA tent from the Delaware shore town of Lewes. Laurie first joined CMSNA at a Fair Hill Games 10 years ago.

The CMSNA tent was visited by MacDougalls, MacDowalls, McHouls, and McCullochs. An emotional highlight was when the family of the late Joe McHoul, beloved by many fellow CMSNA life members, arrived en masse. The crowds were exceptionally raucous during athletic events and rollicking performances by Albannach and others. The Fair Hill Games date back to 1963, and Clan MacDougall has participated for many years at this 5,600-acre site.

Below: New member family Alan, Brenda, and Cameron McDougall joined CMSNA at Fair Hill. They were one of three new families to join the fold.



New at GMHG 2023: Hebridean Baker Ceilidh

Scotland's best-selling cookbook author, Coinneach MacLeod, will be serving up the best of the Hebrides this summer at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games! A Ceilidh will be held Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at 6PM in the Flora MacDonald Gammon Memorial Platform (otherwise known as the whisky tasting seminar platform). Each session is \$45 and will include his new book, a custom tote bag, his singing, his story telling, tasting a wee dram of Isle of Harris Gin, and enjoying a nibble of one of his 'bakes'.

"I was absolutely thrilled to see that The Hebridean Baker is hosting Ceilidhs at this year's GMHG!! I first came to know of Coinneach MacLeod as I made my initial foray onto TikTok. His incredible, soothing voice is enchanting as he talks viewers through recipes of familiar Scottish favorites and a few new twists on traditional standards.



When he's not baking, we can follow him as he explores his home in the Hebrides and visits other areas of Scotland, invites us along to buy kilts, whisky, or local gin, or explains traditional Gaelic singing competitions. I am beyond excited at the chance to see him in person! Don't miss the opportunity to meet this new national treasure of Scotland!"

Georgette Jones
Minnesota

[Buy Tickets](#)



Happy Father's Day

Happy Father's Day to all fathers of our Society! You are loved and appreciated!

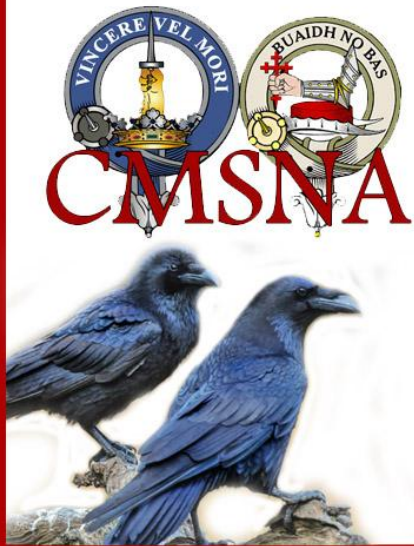


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Thank you for your continued support!



Hospitality Volunteers Needed:

- *Do you like chatting with new people?
- *Are you interested in administrative tasks?
- *Good Customer Service skills are a great asset to this volunteer area.
- *This is a committee position and will require monthly meetings with a group of hospitality volunteers like You.

Contact: Kyle Jones by email at:
president@macdougall.org

Flowers of the Forest



Carol Jean McDougall

Carol had just completed her 20th year as a breast cancer survivor on February 7, 2023. During the last nine months of her life Carol endured a number of health challenges with grace just as she lived her life.

She will be missed by friends, colleagues, former students, and the large extended family she married into.

She leaves her husband David, his six siblings and their spouses, two step children Noel (Christa), and Patti (Brent). Four grandchildren, Jorden (Shannon), Korey (Alyssa), Kira, and Ally. The next generation of McDougalls, great grandchildren Bennett and Quinn will be reminded of Nana Carol through her knitting. **Read more...**

James Robert 'Jim' McDougall

McDougall, James Robert "Jim" of Minnetonka, MN died peacefully on March 26, 2023, less than two months shy of celebrating his 100th birthday, surrounded by family. Jim was born in Le Mars, IA, on May 12, 1923, to Chester and Edith McDougall.

He served as a combat air crewman and bombardier with the Catalina PBY Black Cats for the 7th Fleet's Squadron VPB-52 in the South Pacific from 1942-

46, and was awarded the Navy's Air Medal and the Presidential Unit Citation. Upon discharge from the Navy in 1946, Jim married the love of his life, Yvonne Marie (Von) Welch.



Jim and Von enjoyed 68 years of marriage and raised six children--five daughters and one son in Minnetonka, MN. They loved traveling together and visited most states of the U.S. and many international destinations. Jim was a gifted speaker, and because of his experience in naval aerial

combat in WWII, he was a sought-after presenter at many military and aviation events. In his later years, Jim continued his love of learning and teaching through writing his memoirs. He felt that he had been very fortunate in life and was eager to pass on his many life lessons to his family and close friends. [Read more...](#)



Joseph Donald McHoul

On Tuesday March 1st 2022, Joseph Donald McHoul was called home by Our Lord while at his home in West Grove. He was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on July 25th, 1939, the son of Andrew Joseph and Josephine (Cieslak) McHoul; the older brother of sister Patricia (McHoul) Dougherty of Philadelphia.

Joe was a long time member of the Delaware County Camera Club, the Clan MacDougall Society, and a dedicated member of the Saint Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish in Avondale, where he served as Head Lector. He had the uncanny ability to fix or repair almost anything he put his hands on; but derived the most pleasure from spending time with his family and being “Dado” to his nine grandchildren, with whom he especially enjoyed family vacations at his favorite spot in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. [Read more...](#)

New Members

Matthew MacDougall
San Francisco, CA

Shiloah Jusyne Laird
Salem, OR

Upcoming Games



Pike's Peak Celtic Festival

June 16-18, 2023

Western Museum of Mining & Industry
225 North Gate Blvd
Colorado Springs, CO 80921

Adult \$35

Child \$15



West Virginia Wild and Wonderful Celtic Festival and Highland Games

June 17, 2023

Camp Pioneer, Beverly, WV

Adult \$10 online, \$15 at gate

Kids (under 5), Adults (70+) free online



Kingsville Highland Games

June 24, 2023

Jack Miner Bird Sanctuary
332 Road 3

West Kingsville, Ontario N9Y 1Y8 Canada

Adult \$20, 14 and under Free



San Diego Scottish Highland Games

June 24-25, 2023

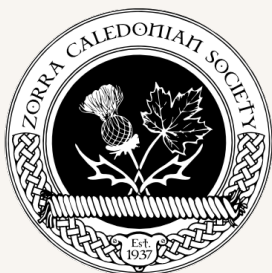
Brengle Terrace Park

1200 Vale Terrace Dr

Vista, CA 92084

Adult \$20, Kid (6-15) \$5, 5 and under free

9:00am-5:00pm



Embro Highland Games

July 1, 2023

9am-5pm

355644 35th Line

Zorra, Ontario N0J 1J0

Adult \$25

Youth (13-17) \$10, 12 and under Free



Grandfather Mountain Highland Games

July 6-9, 2023

MacRae Meadows

Blowing Rock Hwy

Linville, NC 28646

See website for pricing



Kincardine Scottish Festival and Highland Games

July 7-9, 2023

Victoria Park

310 Durham Market Street North

Kincardine, Ontario N2Z 1Z9

Adult \$75 for whole weekend

Youth (13-18) \$20, 12 and under Free



Cambridge Scottish Festival

July 14-15, 2023

Churchill Park

200 Christopher Dr

Cambridge, ON N1R 8K7

Adult \$45 for whole weekend

Youth (13-18) \$40, 12 and under Free

Elizabeth Celtic Festival

July 15-16, 2023

Casey Jones Park

4189 CO-86

Elizabeth, CO 80107



Adult \$15
Students (with ID) \$10, 10 and under Free



Portland Highland Games

July 15, 2023
Mt. Hood Community College
26000 SE Stark St
Gresham, OR 97030
Adult \$25
Youth \$10



Glasgow Lands Scottish Festival

July 15, 2023
Look Park
300 N Main St
Florence, MA 01062
Adult \$22
Youth (6-12) \$5, 6 and under Free

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