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## 2002 GAMES SEASON OPENS AT SOUTHERN MARYLAND FESTIVAL

On a dewy spring morning along the banks of the southern Potomac River, the 2002 Scottish Games season was opened to the screech of pipes and graceful leaps of dancing maidens. While the Southern Maryland Festival is Celtic in nature, a goodly number of Scottish Clans set up their tents along a broad avenue adjacent to the main stage. The many vendors displayed their wares along another corridor where bargains and newly discovered treasure could be quickly purchased. The COS tent was centrally located halfway up the walkway toward the Barn.

**Chief** Eric Bartock and his wife, Becki, arrived early with a full car ready to feed and educate the multitudes. **Scribe** Martha Walls and Randy Gregory brought the tool kit in time to finish nailing everything to the ground in case of inclement weather. Soon joined by other COS stalwarts, the tent was fully ready for business by the 10 a.m. opening. The usual discussion about the placement of the American flag was an expected highlight of the early morning. The sunny weather held through the morning and into the afternoon. COS was constantly visited by many clan seekers and curious Celts.

The tent was full of workers and visitors throughout the day. Dick and Iris Hyson, Jim and Iris Nimmo, Jim

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## INTERNET SCOTTISH TRAVEL BARGAINS GALORE

Travel opportunities to Scotland have become a real internet bargain for those looking to visit the country of their ancestors. The onset of Mad Cow Disease in early 2001 created havoc on tourism inside Scotland as a result of travel restrictions on many rural areas. Although the disease was never detected in Scotland, authorities were properly cautious and limited possible exposure and spread. The tragedy of September 11th in New York, Washington and Pennsylvania severely contracted the ease of air travel and increased the fearful aspect of travel to the public.

The restoration of confidence in travel management and improved security at airports worldwide has provided an opportunity for the public to take advantage of travel cost savings, lowered air fares and lodging promotions in Scotland. IcelandAir offers exceptionally low fares between Washington and Glasgow. By becoming a member of the Netclub (a free service) at [www.icelandair.com](http://www.icelandair.com), travelers can receive additional savings of hundreds of dollars on short term member-only promotions. As an example, a Lucky Fare of \$269 roundtrip from BWI to Glasgow was offered to Netclub members in May. In the height of the season, June travel fares for members are \$399 and August costs \$529. Add the mandatory taxes, fees and September 11th Security Fee of \$105 to any ticket.

Even online auto rentals, normally an expensive item, are considerably reduced at [www.orbitz.com](http://www.orbitz.com). Alamo offers a \$220 weekly rate from Glasgow airport. In country rental agencies have rates as low as \$22 per day. Of course, extremely favorable foreign exchange rates contribute to travel savings.

Lodgings are always a prime consideration. The Dunalastair Hotel in Perthshire offers a nightly rate of \$49 per night. The Rowan Tree Country Hotel in Aviemore

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## THE CHIEF'S CORNER

The 2002 festival season began with the Southern Maryland Celtic Festival (SMCF) and the Frederick Celtic Festival (FCF). Both festivals were fun and well-attended, especially the SMCF which is the oldest Celtic festival in Maryland. However, the FCF is growing. As you know, these were not exclusively Scottish festivals but Celtic festivals encompassing all of the various Celtic heritages: Scots, Irish, Welsh, Manx, Breton, Cornish, and British. Personally, I prefer the Celtic festivals to the exclusively Scottish because of the fact that all of the Celtic heritages are represented which adds more flavor to the festivals. I also prefer them because I am also Irish, hence the County Cavan tartan kilt that I wear.

Although we had good weather for the SMCF, bad weather came to that area immediately following the festival culminating in a devastating tornado. I would ask you to keep the people of that area in your thoughts and prayers. If anyone is so inclined, monetary donations can be sent to: Charles County Disaster Relief Fund, P.O. Box 2150, La Plata, MD 20646, attn: Fiscal Services Department.

The Potomac Celtic Festival in Leesburg, VA will soon be upon us (June 8th and 9th). This is yet another festival encompassing all of the Celtic heritages. The weather for this festival is usually hot and humid, so please remember to drink a lot of water. I also recommend that the men bring a change of Summer clothes because a kilt made from eight or nine yards of 13 (or more) ounce wool can become unbearable in such weather. No one will be upset with you should you decide to change from your kilt to a pair of shorts. I don't want anyone passing out simply because he is too proud to wear anything but his kilt at a Scottish/Celtic festival. Weather aside, is usually a fun festival. There are several good bands that will be playing including IONA and Téada. Most of you have heard IONA, which is a very good band, but I would venture to say that many of you have not heard Téada. This is a traditional band of four Irishmen in their twenties, and they are very good. My wife and I heard them last June at Pat Troy's Irish Restaurant & Pub in Old Town Alexandria. I highly recommend seeing both bands.

The Virginia Scottish Games in Alexandria, VA (at Episcopal High School) will be on July 26-28th. From what I have been told, this is the largest Scottish festival on the East Coast. It, too, is a lot of fun, especially watching the Highland athletics. However, like the Potomac Celtic Festival, the weather for this festival is also very hot and humid (although I thought it was actually pleasant in 2001). So, again, please drink a lot of water and bring a change of Summer clothes.

I hope to see all of you at these festivals and at the July meeting.

Yours Aye,

*Eric*



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# GENEALOGY

## MORE DEATH RECORDS

by Robert McLaren  
Clan McLaren



Last month I wrote about probate records and how they are useful in genealogical research.

Last year I wrote about one type of vital statistics — death records. However, what records can help us if neither probate records nor death records are available? This article will cover some possible alternatives.

One little known source of information that gives as much information as the death certificate, if not more, is the funeral home record. Funeral homes maintain records on all people that they bury or cremate. These records are often quite complete. For example, my father's record gave the following information:

- Name of deceased
- Date of Death, Place of death, Last place of residence
- Birth place, Birth date, Age
- Length of residence in city
- Wife's maiden name, Father's name, Mother's maiden name
- Social Security No., If veteran, what was Cause of death
- Physician, Informant, Address of informant
- Date of interment, Cemetery

As you can see, quite a lot of information!

Funeral homes are quite easy to track down. I gave several talks on beginning genealogy and in each talk I mention ten basic books that constitute a genealogy library for beginners. The tenth book is *National Yellow Book of Funeral Directors & Suppliers*, published by Nomis Publications, Inc., Youngstown, Ohio. While I use this as an attention getter, this book is quite useful. It lists every funeral home in the U.S. with addresses and phone numbers. Nomis updates this book yearly and it should be available in most libraries. If not, a local funeral director will have a copy.

Another useful source of information is at the cemetery — the gravestone. Gravestones can give birth and death dates. Additionally, gravestones can imply relationships by their location. If I came across several Lenz gravestones side by side, I would suspect a close relationship — perhaps a family. If the cemetery was a small one, and there were other Lenz gravestones in that cemetery, I would suspect that they

were also related. While visiting the cemetery is the best way to go, this is often not possible. A next best substitute is a published cemetery record. Many local genealogical or historical societies have published books that contain the gravestone inscriptions. For example, the Mercer County, Pennsylvania, Genealogical Society has published a 16-volume set that contains all cemeteries in Mercer County. By the way, one of my pet peeves is the alphabetical cemetery book. All the names are arranged in alphabetical order, thereby denying the researcher the benefit of knowing the relative locations of the gravestones and establishing possible relationships.

Other possible records that you should not overlook are cemetery burial records and church records. The cemetery maintains records on burials and these records can provide birth, death, and address information. Normally you should try to get these records at large cemeteries. Church records or sexton's records can also provide useful data, but unfortunately are often hard to locate.

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## BEATTY CRAMER: A QUIET PLACE

*as reported by Iris Hyson and Vernon Gardener*

Yes, it was a perfect Saturday morning in May for a Celtic Festival. On this rural highway east of Frederick, Maryland, the tents and vendors were set up for a day of music, dancing and socializing. Access, parking and staff assistance were to the best that could be expected at any public function. The COS tent joined several others in a large box around the center stage at this historic farm.

Chief Eric Bartock and Aaron Kidwell set up and were ready for business well in advance of the opening. Joined by Chieftain Vernon Gardener, Jim Wallace, and Jim and Iris Hyson, the tent was staffed for a quiet, pleasant day. Visits to the few vendors and food purveyors were a quick, easy walk from the tent. Because attendance was light, the clans and associations were able to socialize throughout the festival.

A strong gust of wind in mid-afternoon telegraphed its way across the corn fields in time for Vernon to yell for everyone to grab their tents and hang on. Those who didn't heed his warning saw everything at their site upended and scattered. After Vernon nearly became airborne, the COS tent once again sustained damage to the expansion struts. Visions of Dorothy in Kansas passed through Iris Hyson's mind.

Beatty Cramer is a nice event for those who like their Celtic fix in small doses and want to avoid crowds. From a very small beginning in 1998, the Frederick Celtic Festival is a pleasant interlude on the way to the mobs at the Potomac Festival and Alexandria Games in mid-season.

## PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGES

The following recommended changes to the Clans of Scotland's Bylaws are being submitted to the Membership by the Council for approval at the next regularly scheduled membership meeting (**Note: Italicized, bolded text indicates additions to the Bylaws.**)

### ARTICLE II, MEMBERSHIP

(Change summary: reinstate the Associate Membership classification)

**Amend:**

**Classes:** There shall be **four** classes of Members: Regular Members, Life Members, Honorary Members, **and Associate Members**

**Add:**

**Associates:** *In addition to members, the Clans of Scotland, U.S.A., Inc. reserves the right to associate itself with persons – or with organizations not qualified for Regular Membership, but espousing its purposes or having interests or talents that contribute to its program. Such persons or organizations shall be called Associates or Associate Members and shall be eligible to participate in the activities of the Corporation other than business meetings and voting. Where the Associate is an organization, firm or corporation, that Associate may appoint one natural person as its representative. Such representatives so appointed shall be the only person entitled to participate in activities.*

### ARTICLE VIII, STANDING COMMITTEES

(Change summary: amend the Membership Committee charter, expand the Program Committee to include entertainment functions, eliminate the Refreshment Committee, and add the Communications Committee)

**Amend:**

**General:** Each standing committee will consist of the Chairman and at least one other member, appointed by the Chief, and approved by a majority vote of the members present and voting at a regular meeting. Their membership in the committee will extend to the next succeeding annual meeting or until such time as their membership in the committee is otherwise terminated. Nothing in this Article shall prohibit the Chief from appointing ad hoc committees as appropriate from time to time. *Members may provide any recommendations or suggestions to the Committee Chairmen for inclusion in the next Committee meeting. Each Committee Chairman reports his or her Committee's activities to the Council for approval prior to reporting to the general membership.*

**Membership Committee:** It shall be the function of the Membership Committee to assume the initiative in establishing programs and ways and means to attract new members **and** to contact prospective members, ~~evaluate their qualifications, and advise the membership concerning their eligibility.~~

**Program/Entertainment Committee:** It shall be the function of the Program/**Entertainment** Committee to arrange for the program that is conducted pursuant to the objectives of the Corporation during the non-business portion of all regular meetings at which there is an opportunity to conduct such a program, ~~except to the extent that the Refreshment Committee provides for such a program.~~ *The Program/Entertainment Committee will also give guidance and assistance in preparing the Annual Calendar of Events and help to coordinate these activities once they become official sponsored activities.*

**Delete:**

~~Refreshment Committee:~~ It shall be the function of the Refreshment Committee to determine the need for refreshments to be served at any regular meeting and to provide for the serving of refreshments when appropriate.

**Add:**

**Communications Committee:** *It shall be the function of the Communications Committee to develop, promulgate and maintain communication media for both the general membership and the public at large. Such media may include, but are not limited to, brochures, advertisements, Internet web sites, telephone trees, and email broadcasts. The purpose for these media shall be used to inform the membership of special activities, issues and events not contained in the newsletter, and to educate the general public with the goals and objectives of the Clans of Scotland.*

## MEMBERSHIP DUES

March 31st marked the deadline for getting your dues in to the *Clans of Scotland* and remain a member in good standing. It is important that you renew your membership promptly, as this tells us where we stand financially. The Council is constantly looking at the budget, deciding how much we can afford to do this year.

Membership rates are \$20.00 for single or \$30 for family memberships. Please send your checks to the *Clans of Scotland* mailing address:

Clans of Scotland  
P.O. Box 411  
Alexandria, VA 22313

You may use the form at the back of the *Piper* for convenience, or send your check with a note stating that it is for dues, either single or family. If you have any changes in address, telephone or e-mail info, please include these with your check so we can keep our records current and you don't miss out on any of the news. You may also pay in person at the meetings and Games tent.

Donations, along with your dues, are also always appreciated. Our expenses keep rising, and we're trying to provide the best in Scottish events for all members.

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## Membership News

### *Ceud Mile Failte (100,000 Welcomes)*

The *Clans of Scotland* offers a rousing welcome to all our new and returning members. We hope to see you at many of the events we have scheduled for this year.

Deborah Wilkes

Jenna Davis

#### Membership Boxescore

| Counts                   | Memberships |
|--------------------------|-------------|
| Paid through 2001        | 98          |
| Renewed to date          | 41          |
| New in 2002              | 7           |
| Total current            | 48          |
| Yet to renew             | 69          |
| Total active memberships | 105         |

## GENERAL EMAIL POLICY

It was voted by the Council that the Chief should send a general message out to the membership stating that “COS email addresses,” which have been obtained through the COS organization, should not be used for personal e-mails, and that any abuse of this policy will be reviewed by the Council and appropriate action will be administered at the discretion of the Council. Also, all future e-mails will not be given out to the membership, and only the Council and Communication Chairman will have access to this information.

We also hope that in the near future we will have a COS listserve through which all e-mails from COS members will go before reaching the membership recipients. This will give the Communications Committee Chairman, and the Chief when need be, the ability to edit all e-mails before they reach the membership thus preventing spamming, and it will keep members' e-mail addresses private. The editing of e-mails will make sure that no COS information which is not authorized by the Chief and/or the Council will go out to the COS membership.

## OUR FEATURED CLAN

*Submitted by Martha Walls*

### Clan Donald

*“Per Mare, Per Terras” (By sea, By Land)*

*“Ni h-éibhneas gan Chlainn Domhnaill ...” “It is no joy without Clan Donald ...”*

*Plant Badge: Heather*

*Slogan: Fraoch Eilean (Gaelic: The Heather Isle)*

The **Clan Donald** is one of the most numerous and widespread of the Scottish clans, and includes several families, who, while using different surnames and/or methods of writing the same surname, have an identical genealogical derivation. Of these, the families of MacDonald or McDonald, and MacDonnell or McDonnell, are the most common names.

The important position occupied by the **Clan Donald** and its branches, which refer with pride to their noble descent from the independent rulers of the island principality, is as the Kings of the Isles. The history of **Clan Donald** goes back over 800 years and the **Clan Donald** was involved in the triumphs and defeats in the fight for independence; and, its origin is connected with many of the most interesting questions of Scottish ethnology.

**Clan Donald** began its recorded history with Somerled, a descendant of Conn of the Hundred Battles and Clan Colla. Somerled's defeat of the Norse King of Man in 1156 gained independence for southwestern Scotland that survived for over four centuries.

The clan takes its name from Donald, the 3rd Lord of the Isles and grandson of Somerled, who lived until 1269. Donald's son was the original “Mac” (meaning “son of”). It was Donald's great-grandson, Angus Og, the 6th Lord of the Isles who sheltered Robert the Bruce at the lowest ebb of his career. Later, leading a small band of men for the Isles, Angus Og was instrumental in Bruce's victory over the English at Bannockburn, the battle that won independence for Scotland. In recognition of Clan Donald's part in the victory, Robert the Bruce proclaimed that Clan Donald would forever occupy the honored position on the right wing of the Scottish Army.

Today **Clan Donald-USA** is the largest Clan organization in America. Unlike Clan societies in Scotland and the societies of several other clans in the U.S., **Clan Donald-USA** has always considered itself an extension of the Clan across the sea.

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# REPORT FROM THE SCRIBE

*Summary of the Minutes*  
COS Meeting - May 14 2002

\*The COS membership would like to thank Mr. Robert Cameron and Pam McFarland for scheduling Elaine Brunken to teach Scottish Country Dancing at the COS program portion of the Tuesday, May 14, 2002 Members' Meeting.

Report from the Council Officers:

Future COS minutes and budgets will be handed out in hardcopy and there would be no reading of the either the minutes or budget at future COS meetings;

COS Financial Report:

COS Income = \$3,776.00,

Expenses = \$3,125.13,

Net Income=\$650.87, and

Current Membership=105

Report from the Committee Chairmen

The Membership Chairman:

- (1) Associate Membership dues at \$15.00 for the first year and \$10.00 for each subsequent year thereafter;
- (2) Associate Membership would entitle a person to a COS pin, mailings of "The Piper," and participation in COS activities;
- (3) New COS business cards available for members; and,
- (4) Postcards will be sent to potential members selected from the COS Guest Book

Report from the Communications Chairman:

- (1) ListServ is being developed to information via mails to the membership;
- (2) Chat Page will be set-up on a voluntary basis only and will be monitored by the Communications Chairman; and,
- (3) new COS email policy.

The Scribe led the discussion on the Programs/Entertainment Committee since the Chief announced that a Chairman of this Committee had not yet been appointed. The Committee's focus is to develop Scottish programs for the meetings and notify COS membership of upcoming Celtic events in the Washington, DC Metropolitan area. The guest for tonight's program, Elaine Brunken, will be teaching Scottish Country dancing after the business meeting.

Mr. James Morrison gave a background brief on National Tartan Day 2003 events. It was stated that Johnny Harris

would be the COS contact for the upcoming NTD.

Old Business

One person was approved by the members present for a Lifetime Membership and another person was approved by the Council for an Honorary Membership.

The Chieftain stated that future Council meetings are to be closed to the general membership.

New Business:

Kathy Snyder's Memorial Fund was established to collect voluntary contributions for future pipers.

A kitty will be established to purchase food for the COS tents at the upcoming Scottish Games and Festivals. If you do not contribute cash or food/drink, you will not be able to consume any of the COS food or beverages.

Submitted by

***Martha J. Walls***  
Scribe

*"The Scotland I Remember"*

*As I look to the East,  
Far across a vast Sea.  
I remember a past,  
A smile lingers last.*

*Highlands seem to whisper,  
A need to return there.  
I see heather in bloom,  
Beginning in June.*

*I will not forget thee,  
Warm thoughts come to calm me.*

*Etched forever in stone,  
Standing proud alone.*

*In this land which we're free,  
Praising down on bent knee.  
As I turn to the West,  
I still love thee best.*

*MJW*

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Wallace, Aaron Kidwell, and a host of COS members worked the front of the tent throughout the day. A volunteer food table was overflowing with abundant snacks and luncheon items. The beverage coolers were filled and readily accessible to workers and visitors alike.



*Jim & Iris Hyson are serenaded by a piper at the COS tent for their 39th Wedding Anniversary.*

COS gained a new member and several renewals for the 2002 season. That, in itself, made it a worthwhile day. However, the dance competitions, folk dance demonstrations and reenactment village added considerably to the worthwhile sights. Even the reenactment of Culloden on the hillside above the clan and vendor area was a memorable and noisy event.

This first event is always relaxed and successful. If you didn't make it this year, plan to attend in 2003. You won't regret it!



*Rigby, the Wonder Dog*

**OATMEAL DATE PIE by Martha Turner**

|                                      |                        |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1/4 cup softened butter or margarine | 1 cup honey            |
| 3 eggs                               | 1/6 tsp salt           |
| 1 tsp vanilla                        | 1 1/4 cup oatmeal      |
| 3/4 cup snipped pitted dates         | 1 unbaked 9" pie shell |

Beat the butter and honey together until creamy. Add the eggs and beat until smooth. Stir in the salt, vanilla, rolled oats, and dates. Pour the date mixture into the prepared pie shell and bake in a 350 degree oven for 45 minutes or until the center is set when lightly touched. Let cool completely before cutting. Top each serving with ice cream, if you wish. Makes 6 servings.

For individual servings, pour the pie filling mixture into 6 greased custard cups, 6 oz. size. Pour about 1" of hot water into a 9" X 13" baking pan. Set custard cups in the water and bake uncovered in a 325 degree oven for 40 minutes or until set when touched lightly. Serve individually with cream poured over the top.

**CLAN DONALD, continued from page 6****References:**

*History of the Clan Donald, The Families of MacDonald*, McDonald and McDonnell, By Henry Lee, New York, R. L. Polk and Company, Inc. 1920.

*Clan Donald: The Highland Connection* ([www.highlandconnection.org/clandonaldmain.html](http://www.highlandconnection.org/clandonaldmain.html))

*World-Wide Web Home of Clan Donald-USA* ([www.clan-donald-usa.org](http://www.clan-donald-usa.org))

*The Clan Donald* ([www.tartans.com/clans/MacDonald/donald.html](http://www.tartans.com/clans/MacDonald/donald.html))

**TRAVEL, continued from page 1**

offer rooms for about \$38. Even the B&B's are reasonable. Arrochar Hotel near Loch Lomond offers a single occupancy rate of \$42 per night.

Purchases of Scottish goods are a great bargain because of the current exchange rate. As of this writing, the British Pound was quoted at \$1.45. It doesn't get much cheaper than that.

So, start your search at [www.scotland.com](http://www.scotland.com). It's time well spent if you are looking for that opportunity to get back to Burns' Highlands. With a little planning and shrewdly taking advantage of those unadvertised bargains, yesterday's long-planned visit to Scotland can become today's reality.

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## COS Classifieds

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*Do you have something to sell, a room to rent? Maybe you've been searching for a particular item — that book on Clans or a used set of bagpipes. Whatever it is that you're looking to buy or sell, look first here in the COS Classifieds. No charge for listing. Just send in a description of the item, price you wish for it (if selling), or a description of what you're looking for, and a contact point. COS accepts no responsibility for the condition of items sold.*

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## DEEPER DABBLES

by Michael Robertson, Clan Donnachaidh

What's that mean, "Deeper Dabbles?" Well, if you read my last column, I discussed shortcuts to finding your roots. None of it is approved by professional genealogists, but it makes for good small talk at cocktail parties and Scottish games.

A funny thing happened on the way to this column. Someone actually asked me for documentation showing that the VanDevours of Maryland are in my family tree. I had to fess up. Yep, it was the old follow the name trail from databases all over the internet and hope that someone has something documented somewhere. That kind of takes the wind out of your sails. But I only languished becalmed in the horse latitudes for an hour or so. By the way, do you know where the term "horse latitudes" comes from? Send me an email and I'll tell you. We don't want to get PETA mad at us.

After my humiliation (not!), I jumped back onto the net and proceeded to get some documentation. Not of the VanDevours, of course. They predated the United States by about 150 years or so. No, I was hot on the trail of the census data for my surname family.

Success! With just a bit more than a little help from the Caddo County GenWeb people, great-grandpa Robertson was living in Oklahoma in 1900, 1910 and 1920. Then he disappeared. Grandpa was a newly wed living in Washita County, Oklahoma in 1920, only a few miles from great-grandpa. My oldest uncle, now deceased, was 18 months old for that census, and Dad wasn't even a gleam. Without actually going to the National Archives and making copies of the ledger pages, I downloaded images from the journal pages. That makes the first time that I actually have primary documents to prove anything going backwards.

Nothing drives us like success. So, onto my mother's side of the family - for whom information is mighty sketchy. I found my great-grandfather working for the Market Street Railway Company in San Francisco (I knew they lived in San Fran since grandma told me all about the '06 earthquake - she was eight at the time). This info came through the San Francisco GenWeb site, the 1900 City Directory. I tried using the census to do some locating, page by tedious page, but there were more enumeration districts (ED) in San Fran in 1920 than there were people in Washita County, OK. Back to the 1930 City Directory. Yep, found my great-aunt living in a hotel. That must have been between selling the house in Burlingame and buying the house out in the Avenues (where my mother grew up).

In the process of rummaging around the California sites, I become ensnared in the USGenWeb. It turns out that there is a huge network of genealogists and researchers who

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## GAMES CALENDAR

*The Clans of Scotland cannot attend all the Games held within any one Games Season. However, we thought the members would like to know when some of these additional events will be held. They are close enough to our area to qualify for a simple, easy day trip. There will NOT be a COS tent at these events, but it would be helpful if you could let us know what you found there. If there is enough interest in a certain event, and our budget allows, it will be taken under consideration for addition to our schedule.*



**July 11-14 ~ Grandfather Mountain Scottish Games -**  
Linville, NC (for info: 1-828-733-1333)

**September 6-7 ~ 43rd Ligonier Scottish Festival -**  
Idlewild Park, Ligonier, PA  
(for info: 1-412-851-9900)

**September 22 ~ 24th Williamsburg Scottish Festival -**  
Williamsburg Winery, Williamsburg, VA (for info: PO Box 866, Williamsburg, VA 23187)

**October 4-6 ~ 5th Annual Tallahassee Scottish Highland Games and Celtic Festival -**  
Tallahassee, FL (for info: 1-850-894-6270)

**October 12 ~ 10th Annual Anne Arundel Scottish Festival -**  
Anne Arundel Fairgrounds, Crownsville, MD (for info: 1-410-849-2849)

**October 12 ~ Radford Highlanders Festival -** Radford University, Radford, VA (for info: 1-540-831-5324)

**October 26-27 ~ 7th Annual Richmond Scottish Festival -** State Fair Grounds (Strawberry Hill), Richmond, VA (for info: 1-804-228-3200x225)

## DUES! DUES! DUES!

Please check your mailing label on this issue of the *Piper*. If the year 2001 or earlier is adjacent to your membership number, your dues have not been recorded. If you have already paid, please contact Michael Robertson, *Membership Chairman*, at 703-780-2269, and he will adjust the records. If you have not paid, please see page 11 of this issue for information on how to bring your membership up to date.



# Clans of Scotland, USA

## 2002 Calendar



Revised June 2002

The Clans of Scotland is pleased to bring you our calendar of events for 2002. As we receive more information during the year, the *Piper* will update this listing. We encourage your input & participation. Call Eric Bartock at (703) 218-1280 for information or to find out how you can help out.

- ★ July 9 ~ *Regular Clans of Scotland Meeting* - Bistro Europa, 715 King St, Alexandria, 7:30 pm.
- July 26th-28th ~ *Virginia Scottish Games* - Episcopal High School, Alexandria, VA.
- ★ September 10th ~ *Regular Clans of Scotland Meeting* - Bistro Europa, 715 King St, Alexandria, 7:30 pm.
- September 21st-22nd ~ *Maryland Renaissance Faire Scottish Weekend* - Crownsville, MD.
- September 28th ~ *Alexandria Scottish Heritage Fair* - Fort Ward Park, Alexandria, VA 9am-5pm
- ★ November 12th ~ *Regular Clans of Scotland Meeting* - Bistro Europa, 715 King St, Alexandria, 7:30 pm..
- November 30th ~ *Kirkin' o' the Tartans* - Details to follow
- December 7th ~ *Scottish Christmas Walk Parade* - Old Town Alexandria, VA, 9:30 am.
- December 8th ~ *Clans of Scotland Christmas Party* - Vinson Hall, McLean, VA 5 - 8pm.

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- ★ January 7th ~ *Annual Clans of Scotland Meeting* - Bistro Europa, 715 King St, Alexandria, 7:30 pm

Please note: All dates for Year 2002 events are best available.  
This calendar will be updated as new information becomes available.

- January 18th ~ *Annual Burns Night Supper* -
- February 6th ~ *Organizational Council Meeting*
- March 8th ~ *St. Patricks Day Parade* - Old Town Alexandria
- ★ March 11th ~ *Clans of Scotland Meeting* - Bistro Europa, 715 King St, Alexandria, 7:30 pm.
- March 31st ~ *Deadline for Yearly Dues !!!*
- April 6th ~ *Tartan Day* - Wear your tartan today!
- April 26th ~ *Southern Maryland Celtic Festival & Highland Gathering* - Jefferson Patterson Park, St. Leonard, MD.
- May 10th ~ *Beatty-Cramer Celtic Festival* - Frederick, MD. Details to follow.
- ★ May 13th ~ *Regular Clans of Scotland Meeting* - Bistro Europa, 715 King St, Alexandria, 7:30 pm.
- June 7th-8th ~ *Potomac Celtic Festival* - Morven Park International Equestrian Center, Leesburg,VA.



The above graphic is the colorful, weatherproof COS bumper sticker. They are available for \$5 at every festival or meeting.

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are all on line and run gratuitous searches at request. One is called the NORCAL network (for Northern California). Yes, there is a SOCAL network, but any self-respecting Californian north of Monterey doesn't acknowledge anything south of Carmel. Something to do with the water....

I also found the CASAFRA net, which is the San Francisco cousin of NORCAL. Ever since enrolling on both lists, every day brings a ton of really great information. I know more about 1854 Millville in Shasta County than any man has a right to know. If the information on 1864 Sonoma County keeps coming, I might find I'm related to General Vallejo (but that would be a stretch). And, what would you like to know about every day events in 1874 San Benito County. Yes, folks, really dedicated people are transcribing the newspapers of those eras and putting the data on the net. Maybe I can't use the data yet, but it keeps me pumped enough to keep trying.

I think I last mentioned that I found that ggg-grandpa Robertson served with the Union in the Civil War. If not, I'm mentioning it now. Another great discovery - ggg-grandpa Cox served with the Confederacy during the War of Northern Aggression. How many Sanford Harold Cox's can there be in Atlanta in 1861? Pop Robertson was with the 122nd Ohio Infantry Regiment and Pop Cox was with the 4th Georgia Infantry Regiment. (Groundpounders - it's an agrarian thing) I know where the 122 OIR fought. Now, if I can just find out the history of the 4 GIR. Were they both at Appomattox Court House on April 9, 1865? At least one was.

***Do you know someone who is interested in joining the Clans of Scotland USA? Have you moved?***

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To wrap up a great couple of months, and a really sore wrist from clicking on all those census pages, I took all the information and posted it on my own website. Yeppers, I'm self-published. Check it out at [www.donnachaid.net](http://www.donnachaid.net). (What else would you expect for a domain name!?!)

Now I've got a year to that next family reunion. Somewhere I can get a battle pennant for the 122 OIR and another one for the 4 GIR. Should I have the Stars and Stripes with the Stars and Bars? Maybe I should bring applications for the Sons of the American Revolution and Sons of the Confederacy for the whole family. It's too soon to drag out the applications for Sons of the Golden West.

I can see it now. South a bit from Millville, at the foot of Mt. Shasta, by the shores of Lake Siskiyou, by the cold ice melt waters, stood the old Scot McGrumpus (in his Red Robertson kilt) with the 1890 census...

**Jim MacGregor**

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