

## HELP WANTED! – Mar. 31, 2008

A number of you have commented on the difficulty I must be experiencing in putting together the Gathering; 8000 miles away from Taynuilt and communicating with MacIntyre from all over the world in various time zones. Many have offered assistance and I will need all the help I can get, both before and during the Gathering.

A most important early volunteer was Alastair McIntyre, owner and manager of [www.electricscotland.com](http://www.electricscotland.com). I would be a chicken with its head cut off if it weren't for his free web site and amazingly quick updates.

Pipers stepped forwards before I had a chance to ask. We have 6 pipers including a master piper, four original pipe compositions. We have five singers and two original song compositions!!!. Fortunately, there is one Highland dancer. Let's hope one or two more come out of the Scottish woodwork

Volunteers have prepared a large handmade banner and have already displayed it at the top of Ben Cruachan. It will be proudly carried in our parades. Another attendee prepared the tartan banner on the website Newsletter and will assist in preparing a daily Newsletter at the Gathering. A few attendees have offered to help with registration and checking in people at each event. We have two accomplished hikers familiar with Ben Cruachan and the surround areas. I have the Treasurer of the Taynuilt Golf Club to head the Golf Tournament Committee and a senior MacIntyre golf professional who has offered to give advice., at least four singers, a Gaelic storyteller/singer, writer/actor who by coincidence has the same name as me. All of these individuals have offered to perform at various events.

That said, there are many areas where it wasn't convenient or necessary for me to ask for help until now. Many of them required someone who lives in Scotland and especially Oban/Taynuilt. As the first day of the Gathering is quickly approaching, it is time to take stock of who might help and in what capacity. The more help we have, the less anyone person will need to do. I want everyone to enjoy the event so I've tentatively engaged a resident of Taynuilt to manage the activities for the four days – from registration the morning of Thursday the 17<sup>th</sup> through the pig roast on Sunday the 20<sup>th</sup>. It will take the pressure off all of us to have someone who isn't a MacIntyre answering questions or solving problems.

Here is a list of activities that require assistance. Let me know you if you can help, no matter how small it may be. Each activity if followed by the name of the Chairperson/ Wherever the name Martin L. MacIntyre is listed is where another name is needed. You can offer your help without being a chairperson.

1. **Transportation Chairperson: Duncan MacIntyre, Councillor Argyll & Bute; Douglas Blades,**
  - A. **Government transportation scheduling officer. A responsible leader is needed for each bus.**
  - B. **Train to and from MacIntyre Country: Duncan MacIntyre**
  - C. **Bus to and from events: Responsible leaders are needed for each bus.**
  - D. **Tour of MacIntyre Country: Responsible leaders are needed for each bus. Handout will be provided with information on each stop and the sights along the way but someone needs to be in charge to get people on and off the bus. The bus driver is only responsible for driving, not for keeping on the time schedule.**
2. **Finances Chairperson: Stuart MacIntire, Massachusetts**
3. **Hiking Co-Chairpersons: Colin McIntyre, Edinburgh and Ian Simpson, Helensburgh**
  - A. **To Stone of the Fatted Calf**
  - B. **General**
4. **Local Arrangements Chairperson: Murray Sim, Taynuilt Coordinator, John Gray, Taynuilt**
6. **Grant Application Co-Chairpersons: Murray SIm, Taynuilt and Lorn Macintyre, St. Andrews**
7. **Registration Chairperson: Katie and Rob McLuckie. Oban**
8. **Ceilidh Co-Chairpersons: Fear an Taighe, Lorn Macintyre, St. Andrews  
Ceilidh Dance Leader, Mary Macintyre, St. Andrews**
9. **Piping Chairperson: John Sinclair McIntyre, Master Piper, Archie McIntyre**
10. **Plaques Chairperson: Colin McIntyre, Edinburgh**

New all-weather plaques for the Cairn and the Stone of the Fatted Calf are needed  
A. preparing the brief statements, Colin McIntyre, Edinburgh  
B. designing and preparing the specifications (material, size, type face, etc.)  
C. having the plaques prepared.

11. **Golf Tournament**. Chairperson: Murray Sim, Treasurer Taynuilt Golf Club.  
Golf professional: Gordon MacIntyre, Aberdeen.  
Help needed in:  
A. Tracking balls  
B. Tracking points for competitors
12. **Galley Aileach** Chairperson: Gordon McIntyre, Galley Master
13. **Dart Tournament** Chairperson: Murray Sim, Taynuilt
14. **Ecumenical Service** Chairperson: Lorn Macintyre, Taynuilt
15. **Eilean Munde/Glencoe Trip** Chairperson: Ian MacIntyre, Camus-na-h-Erie chieftain
16. **Pig Roast** Chairperson: Ian MacIntyre
15. **Glen Noe Gathering** Chairperson: Archie McIntyre
17. **Exhibits** Chairperson: Martin L. MacIntyre
  - A. Taynuilt Field Tent
    - 1) Genealogy
    - 2) Books
    - 3) History
    - 4) Memorabilia
    - 5) Art work
    6. Schedule of Activities
  - B. Banquet
  - C. Ceilidh
18. **Highland Games Competitions** Chairperson: Martin L. MacIntyre, San Francisco
19. **Boat to Glen Noe** Chairperson: Martin L. MacIntyre, San Francisco
20. **Fly Casting Tournament** Chairperson: Martin L. MacIntyre, San Francisco
21. **Time Capsule** covered within the cairn by new stones are added at the Sunday Gathering.  
Chairperson: Martin L. MacIntyre, San Francisco
22. **MacIntyre Exhibits** memorabilia, genealogy, books that you can safely transported and displayed.  
Safe storage facilities are being arranged. Chairperson: Martin L. MacIntyre, San Francisco
23. **Medical Assistance** Chairperson: Martin L. MacIntyre, San Francisco
24. **Communication and Public address system** Chairperson: Martin L. MacIntyre, San Francisco
23. **Parades** Chairperson: Martin L. MacIntyre, San Francisco
24. **Historical Recording of the Gathering** Chairperson: Martin L. MacIntyre, San Francisco
  - A. Diary – P K Murphy
  - B. Video Recording -
  - C. Still Pictures -
  - D. Complilation of A, B, and C above -
  - E. Distribution of DVD-

Whatever your particular skill, let me know so I can see where you can assist. We will not insist on your helping or burden you if you do offer. Our primary goal is for you to thoroughly enjoy the Gathering but I

want to enjoy it too and many hands make light work. If you see an area I've left out, let me know.  
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