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## THE LATEST NEWS

## LYNCH, LUNDERMAN & RAMSEY ASSUME NEW POSITIONS

Larry Lynch and Michael Ramsey have assumed new positions in *Clann Nan Con*. With the resignation of **Philip Boyd**, a void was created in our chain of command & these two men have graciously agreed to fill it. Each now holds the title of Clan Lieutenant & Tacksman.



Larry Lynch

Lynch will be the senior Lieutenant due to his longer tenure in the clan. He joined *Clann Nan Con* in 2003 and previously held the position of Henchman.



Michael Ramsey

Ramsey joined the clan in 2005. He has supported *Clann Nan Con* several time a year, despite having to travel from near Nashville, TN.

In addition to holding the position of 2<sup>nd</sup> Standard Bearer, Lunderman takes on the additional duties of the Henchman. He will function, essentially, as bodyguard to the Chief.

The clan chain of command now consists of Clan Chief **Britt Brinson**, Clan Captain & Tacksman **Mark Tippens**, Clan Lieutenant & Tacksman **Larry Lynch**, and Clan Lieutenant & Tacksman **Michael Ramsey**.

Tippens will be responsible for clansmen in the Atlanta area. Lynch will look after clansmen in coastal Georgia & Florida, while Ramsey's responsibility will be the clansmen in Tennessee.



Ed Lunderman

## **NEW RECRUIT JOINS CLAN**

Clann Nan Con has added its newest & youngest member to the roster. Caleb Geren, an 11 year old from Tampa, FL discovered our clan at the Northeast Florida Highland Games in February. Since then, his grandmother has brought him up to events here in Georgia.

Clansman Neil Fitzgibbons has helped Caleb along with his impression, giving him a pair of common shoes & loaning him a great kilt his arrives.

Caleb has ancestral links to Clan Anderson.



Caleb Geren

## JUNE EVENTS

This is just a reminder that *Clann Nan Con* has been invited to participate in two events during the month of June. The first is the **Blairsville Highland Games**. They will be held

in Blairsville, GA on June 9-10. This will be our fourth year at the event. It is one of the most beautiful sites we travel to & the people seem very grateful for our participation.

**A Taste of Scotland** will be held in Franklin, NC on Saturday, June 16. Franklin is the site of the Scottish Tartan museum & would make for a good chance to see it. This will be our first year to attend the event.

Please inform Britt Brinson as soon as possible whether or not you might be able to go. We will camp Friday & Saturday nights.

### LONE DOG LYNCH RETIRING FROM FLETC

**HEAR YE, HEAR YE!** On Saturday, June 30<sup>th</sup>, Larry "Lone Dog" Lynch will retire from federal service with 5 1/2 years active duty in the U.S. Navy Reserves where he served on the USS William C. Lawe (DD-763), USS Nimitz (CVN-68), and USS Canisteo (AO-99), and 20 years with the U.S. Customs Service, Office of Investigations (Tallahassee and El Paso), and with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement detailed to the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center for nearly seven years on a three year tour. commemorate this greatly anticipated occasion, Lone Dog, in conjunction with the Garrison of Fort King George, is sponsoring "Lone Dog Lynch's Retirementfest and Fundraiser" at Fort King George, Darien, Georgia. There will entertainment as provided by Jamie McKenna & Co., and Neil "Bard Dog" Fitzgibbons. There will be food in the way of a low country boil and Brunswick stew, and to wash it all down there will be a keg of God's grainy elixir and other refreshments. We will also have a raffle for sundry objects, including a print from the hands of William Whiteshanks, aka Dave Temple.

Admittance to this eye-blurring event is by safe-passage certifications only in the way of invitations and tickets. Those illustrious clansmen of *Clann Nan Con* are all invited, but you MUST notify Lone Dog of your intention to attend, either by mail (79 Burgess Cr., Brunswick, GA 31523), e-mail (Lonedog@bellsouth.net), or by phone (912-265-6756), and he will mail you a safe-passage certificate. Please respect this request; no pass, no admittance unless you buy a ticket, and the tickets will be sold for a mere \$20 each for not-as-special guests.

Fort King George will be available for the night, so those requiring over-night accommodations would best notify Lone Dog at 912-265-6756, or via e-mail at Lonedog@bellsouth.net for your reservation and he will coordinate lodging requirements; fartravelers get priority, of course, and rank does have it privileges. The festivities will begin about 5:00 o'clock PM and will officially end at 9:00 o'clock PM. Food will be served at 6ish, raffle at 8ish. If anyone wishes to come in earlier to assist in preparations, they will be most welcomed. Keep in mind that this is still a fund-raiser for Fort King George, so bring spending money for raffle tickets.

#### WEBSITE NEWS

The *Clann Nan Con* website received its 7000<sup>th</sup> hit April 15. It was created by Standard Bearer **Amos McCall** in 2002 and is currently maintained by Clan Chief **Britt Brinson**. The site has been updated again. A *Roster* page for **Caleb Geren** has been added. Also, pages for **Larry Lynch**, **Ed Lunderman** & **Michael Ramsey** have been updated to reflect their new positions within the clann. The website can be found on the worldwide web at <a href="https://www.geocities.com/clanamcu/homepage.html">www.geocities.com/clanamcu/homepage.html</a>.

## **COMMON GAELIC PHRASES**

<u>ENGLISH</u>	<u>GAELIC</u>	<b>PRONUNCIATION</b>
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Fall in.	Cruinnichibh.	Krayn-yih-kiv.
Shoulder your musket.	Gualainn bhor cuilethar.	Goo-ulin ur kool-ih-ver.
Load your musket.	Luchdaich ur cuilethar.	Loochaich ur kool-ih-ver.
Make Ready.	Dean ullamh.	Jee-un oo-love.
Present.	Thoir.	Hore.
Fire.	Loisg.	Loshg.
Recover.	Faigh air ais.	Feye er ash.
Forward.	Air adhart.	Er ursht.
Company halt.	Companoch stad.	Comp-an-ukh stad.
Order your musket.	Socraibh bhur cuilethar.	So-kriv orr kool-ih-ver.
Dismissed.	Fagibh.	Fah-kiv.
Attack.	Gabhaibh orra.	Gahv-iv or-uh.
Welcome.	Failte.	Fal-chuh.
How are y'all?	Ciamar a tha sibh?	Kimmer a hah shiv.
I am fine.	Tha gu math.	Hah goo mah.
Are they pulling my leg?	Bheil iad tarraing asam?	Vale aht tar-ing as-um?
No. They are English.	Chan eil. 'Se Sassanaich	Khan-yale. Shay Sass-
-	a th'annta.	un-eekh uh th' un-tah

# **AFTER ACTION REPORTS**

#### SAVANNAH HIGHLAND GAMES & GATHERING

Britt Brinson & Ed Lunderman arrived at the Bethesda Home for Boys about 4:30 pm on Friday, May 4. There they found clansman Neil Fitzgibbons patiently waiting, along with Nan Gorden. Brinson & Lunderman were followed by Rita Hawkins. The afternoon was overcast and breezy, keeping the sand gnats at bay. All quickly pitched in to set up camp. Once that chore was completed, we changed into our Highland Attire & headed into Savannah for some supper & entertainment at Kevin Barry's Irish Pub. Gabriel Donahue

was performing & put on quite a show. The most memorable part of the evening, though, was when Brinson & Lunderman placed ten gold coins on the bar to pay for their beers. The coins set there for about twenty minutes. When we asked another bartender whether our bartender intended to pick up our money, she told us she'd ask him. He replied that he hadn't picked it up yet because he didn't think it was real & that we were joking. We assured him that if he wished payment for the beers, he'd better pick up the coins. In the immortal words of Bugs Bunny, "What a maroon!" Returning to camp about 11:30, each clansman sought out his bed & was quickly asleep. It was a perfect night, with temperatures in the low 60's.



The Highland Independent Company of Darien charges out of the marsh. (L-R: Clifton Gorden, Neil Fitzgibbons, Britt Brinson, Ed Lunderman, & Caleb Geren)

We rolled out of our tents early Saturday to overcast skies, a steady breeze & very comfortable temperatures. The **Savannah Highland Games & Gathering** opened for business about 9 am. Starting around 10 am, we had a steady flow of visitors that hardly let up until the games closed about 5 pm. Throughout the day, we talked about the Highland Independent Company of Darien and conducted musket & blunderbuss demonstrations. Several people expressed interest in the clan. Eight membership applications were distributed along with a number of our business cards. The clan also received numerous compliments throughout the day, especially from the event organizers.

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Clan Bard Neil Fitzgibbons explains Highland tactics to two interested guests.

Once the event closed, we caught our breath, then loaded up for another trip into Savannah. This time, we trekked over to Molly MacPherson's Scottish Pub on Congress Street. We had met the owners earlier at the games and they invited us to come over and bring our blades. They even invited Ed's blunderbuss. From the time we walked in the door, we were treated like royalty. They set up a table for us near the front & brought our drinks. The food was great, along with the atmosphere. We are sending them a clan photograph, which they have promised to proudly display.

Returning to camp, we visited for a short while, then everyone turned in. The night started out very nicely, with temperatures in the low 60's again, but about sunup, rain began to fall. Blessed though it was, we had to pack up a lot of wet canvas in a steady rain. We started the long trek home about 10 am.

# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Battle of Culloden. May 18-20, 2007. Fort Louden, Pennsylvania.

Blairsville Highland Games. June 9-10, 2007. Blairsville, Georgia.

A Taste of Scotland. June 16, 2007. Franklin, North Carolina.

Folktales of the Rails. October 2007. Kennesaw, Georgia.

Foothills Highland Games. November 3, 2007. Hendersonville, North Carolina.

Cannons Across the Marsh. November 2007. Fort King George, Darien, Georgia.

Oglethorpe's Visit to Darien. February 2008. Fort King George, Darien, Georgia.

Frederica Festival. February 2008. Fort Frederica, St. Simons Island, Georgia.

Northeast Florida Highland Games. February 2008. Green Cove Springs, Florida.

Scottish Heritage Days. March 2008. Fort King George, Darien, Georgia.

Savannah Highland Games. May 2008. Savannah, Georgia.