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2017 Clan MacRae Society of Canada Gathering

Tuesday, June 13th to Sunday, June 18th, 2017



Bluenose famous fishing and racing schooner built in 1921 in Nova Scotia



Victoria Park 1,000-acre natural woodland urban park in the town of Truro



Lady's Slipper adopted as the provincial flower of PEI in 1947

In 2017 we will welcome Clan MacRae members from around the world as Canada celebrates the 150th Anniversary of Confederation. Events are being planned for Halifax & Truro, Nova Scotia; and, for those who wish to continue touring we will be going to Prince Edward Island which has been called the birthplace of confederation.

Tentative Plan:

Tuesday, June 13:

Arrive in Halifax for an evening Welcome Reception

Wednesday, June 14:

Tour of Citadel Hill - History of Halifax explosion of 1917 & Canon Firing at noon.
Evening Dinner

Thursday, June 15:

Maritime Museum – History and artifacts of the Titanic. Evening Dinner

Friday, June 16:

On the way to Truro, we stop at Fairview Cemetery where many of the Titanic victims are buried; including Arthur McCrae who was one of the passengers on the Titanic. We will continue on to the town of Truro and meet at the Herbert F. MacRae Library at the Dalhousie University Campus for Lunch; and a Tour of the Alumni Gardens. In the evening we will enjoy a Buffet Dinner at the Library.

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Saturday, June 17:

2016 AGM at the Riverview Room on the University Campus, with Luncheon to follow. Banquet in the evening.

Sunday, June 18:

Church service and Kirkin`o` the Tartan followed by gathering for a light Lunch.

* For those who wish to continue the tour we will be going to Prince Edward Island. On the way we can stop in the town of Pictou; and, visit the replica of the historic ship **Hector** on which many of the early settlers arrived from Scotland. Then take the ferry at Pictou across Northumberland Strait to PEI. Accommodations are available at **Century Farm Cottages**, 1178 Point Prim Rd., RR#1 Belfast, PEI with hosts Stewart & Barbara MacRae. <http://www.centuryfarmoceanfrontcottages.com/>

Monday, June 19:

World Famous **New Glasgow Lobster Supper**, hosted by Sterling & Jean MacRae. <http://peilobstersuppers.com/>

Tuesday, June 20:

Visit Charlottetown the birthplace of Confederation. Also Anne of Green Gables Historic site **Green Gables Heritage Place**. Many other activities are available on Prince Edward Island. We can leave The Island via **Confederation Bridge** which links PEI with mainland New Brunswick; then continue back to Halifax, NS.

Full details including accommodations, transportation information and registration form will be published in our next KINTAIL.



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Confederation Bridge viewed from PEI- <https://en.wikipedia.org>

Orillia Scottish Festival – July 15-17, 2016

Article and Photos – Barbara & John Duff

The Clan MacRae Society of Canada tent was hosted by John & Barb Duff at the 39th annual Orillia Scottish Festival, held from July 15th to 17th 2016. Orillia is a relatively small city in Ontario, Canada about one hour north of Toronto and is located in Simcoe County between Lake Simcoe and Lake Couchiching. The city is part of the Huronia region of Central Ontario. The festival was held in Couchiching Beach Park right beside the lake and on the edge of the city. A spacious and truly fantastic setting for this gathering.

Known as the “Sunshine City”, the city’s large waterfront attracts many tourists to the area and is a summer resort to many, so tourism is very visible in the area. The city was originally incorporated as a village in 1867, so it shares the same birth year as Canada. A monument to Samuel de Champlain (known as “The Father of New France”) can also be found in the park where Champlain once landed and this is also a National Historic Site of Canada.



Photos: Monument to Samuel de Champlain - Lake Couchiching Park.

The Orillia festival opened with a Scottish Ceilidh on Friday evening in the Orillia Legion. Orillia Legion Pipe Band performed along with Highland Dancers followed by the group “Pagan’s Folly”. If you have never listened to a pipe band inside a closed

room, you can really “feel” the music during their performance. Pagan’s Folly entertained everyone with their stories and “Paganized Celtic music”. Not to be outdone, “The Medicine Show” a duo with Murf and Kevin kept everyone laughing with their comedy performance which revolved around the idea, “What other games or events should be included at a Scottish Highland Game”? Eager to please, they accepted any ideas offered by the audience, plus added some of their own while endeavouring to show those watching how the competition might actually unfold.



Barb Duff & John Duff doing the Clan MacFarlane Worldwide Tent and the Clan MacRae tent together. If you look closely you can see the MacRae Crest on the right side of the tent hanging down. The teddy bears have Clan MacRae tartan on.



On Saturday, the “Parade of Pipes and Drums” started at approximately noon. This parade is lengthy and goes for about an hour down Mississauga Street then along Centennial Drive into Couchiching Beach Park.



(left) Orillia Pipe Band



*(right) Uxbridge
Legion Pipes & Drums*



*(above) Clans of Tecumseth
Pipes & Drums*



No explanation required.....



*(above & right)
North Hastings Highlanders*





The opening ceremonies started right after the parade while everyone gathered in the park area. The field of massed bands with all their tartans was truly a colourful spectacle! The honoured Clan this year was the Clan MacKay.





What a great location by the lake that the Scottish Country Dancers had!

The Children's Village had many things for the wee one's to explore. Pinning the Kilt on the Scotsman, a turtle exhibit, and face painting.



(below) Sheep Herding Demonstrations



The afternoon was filled with Scottish entertainment, Scottish dancers, Pipe Bands performances, and of course the Pagan's Folly. As evening came the Massed Pipes and Drums attended their award presentations. The entertainment was carried on into the evening at the Legion Hall.

Sunday completed the festival with Kirkin' O' the Tartan at St. Andrew's Church in the morning, followed by the Highland Dancers and entertainment at the Legion in the afternoon. The weather was great and we will certainly attend this festival next year.



This hooked rug was made by
Marie Helen Camus
on Cape Breton Island, NS.
In Gaelic it reads:
"A Hundred Thousand Welcomes"

The Clan MacRae Society of
Canada says,

*A Hundred Thousand Welcomes
To New Members of
Clan MacRae*

William & Helene McRae
James S. & Darla MacRae
Kathryn McLellan

Terrace, BC
Hamilton, ON
Detroit, MI, USA

Glengarry Highland Games, Maxville, ON – July 29-30, 2016
Article & Photos – Barbara & John Duff

Clan MacRae Society of Canada hosted a booth at the 69th edition of the Glengarry Highland Games in Maxville, Ontario, Canada on July 29th and 30th 2016. The honoured guest was Jody Mitic, a 20 year Canadian Armed Forces veteran and Sniper Team Leader who lost both his legs when he stepped on a landmine in Afghanistan on his third tour of duty overseas. The North American Pipe Band Championships are part of these festivities with the 78th Fraser Highlanders successfully defending their title in this year's competition. This year the first annual kilt run was introduced and it is expected to return next year. There was something for everyone with vendors, a British vintage car show, 78th Fraser Highlanders 18th century Musket drills, Scottish entertainment, a Tartan Ball; and heavyweight, dancing and piping competitions. Maxville is a small town near Ottawa, Ontario (the nation's capital) with a population of about 500, yet it hosts one of the largest Highland Games in North America. During the weekend around 30,000 people continued a tradition started in 1948 that "all roads lead to Maxville" for one weekend every August. The weather started out cloudy but stayed dry on Friday and Saturday turned out to be an almost ideal wonderful summer day for the games. This year 56 pipe bands competed and took part in the massed bands on the Friday night during the Concert and Tattoo, plus Saturday evening during the closing performance. The whole infield was filled during their performances with over 1,500 massed pipers and drummers that were ringed with over 200 Highland dancers. The sound and spectacle was an absolutely amazing experience for anyone who enjoys Scottish entertainment, no matter if they claim to be part of the Scottish Diaspora or not.

Opening ceremonies on Friday evening



The grandstand seats were sold out by noon for Friday night's tattoo which began with almost 100 massed fiddlers.



Photo left: Massed fiddlers on stage

It continued with the national anthems for Scotland, USA and Canada playing in that order while a skydiver glided downward from an airplane circling above. The anthems each ended with a precision landing in the infield by a member of GO Skydive who trailed the flag from each

respective country. It was no coincidence that after the last national anthem, the last skydiver trailing the Canadian Flag enjoyed the loudest and longest applause with many of the appreciative spectators giving a standing ovation! The only complaints were from some of the women spectators who mentioned that they would prefer to see kilts worn in the future instead of jump suits.

Photo right: Skydiving into the infield after O` Canada completed



There could be no complaints from those aforementioned women on Saturday when more than 150 soldiers from 12 out of the 16 total Canadian Highland Militia Detachments competed in the "Highland Regiments Tug O` War". This is after all, a Highland Games Sporting Event. Therefore the mandatory outfit is a Kilt with their unit T-shirt and combat boots for all of the competitors on the field. These soldiers traveled at their own expense with some coming from as far away as Manitoba and even British Columbia to battle for the challenge cup plus bragging rights for a whole year. The crowd cheered loudly when the semi-finals finally came down to two local detachments. The Stormont Dundas and Glengarry Highlanders from nearby Cornwall (the crowd favourites) were finally beaten by the Cameron Highlanders from nearby Ottawa. The Cameron Highlanders produced a convenient bottle of Scotch and proudly shared it from their recently won "Challenge Cup."



Tug O` War Teams & Competition





Scottish Two step dancing instruction in Clan Area

There were a record number of dancers competing in the Open Championship with competitors from across Canada, Florida, and Scotland. The Scottish fiddling was a two day competition of youth fiddlers, finishing with "The Fiddlers Ceilidh" including guest fiddler Kelli Trotier. The spectators tapped their feet and clapped their hands to the traditional music of Glengarry including strathspeys, jigs and reels.

We had a number of visitors at the clan booth on Friday and Saturday. As the clan tents were not out on the grounds as at most Highland Games, the clan director brought some entertainment into the clan shed or barn. Two young brothers, one twelve years old fiddled while the older fifteen year old sang and accompanied him with a guitar. The Whisky Tasting venue kept busy with 3 young ladies serving. Everyone wanted to sample a wee dram.



***Isabel & Bruce MacRae and Family
all walked in the Clan Parade***



Photos below and next page: Closing ceremonies



Bob Burnie and The Brigadoons
Entertainment in Metcalfe Center
Saturday evening



It is with sadness we announce the passing of Roderick J. McRae. Roderick & Myrna joined Clan MacRae Society of Canada in 2001, one of the first 20 members.



MCRAE, Roderick James (1934 — 2016)

Passed away at his home on Thursday, July 14, 2016 at the age of 81. He was born in St. Boniface, Manitoba on October 29, 1934 to John Lawrance and Margaret Westwater (Turnbull) McRae and grew up in East Kildonan. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Myrna, and his sons Kirby (Joy Viberg) and Curtis (Jodie) and grandchildren Alexandra and Cameron.

Rod met Myrna in 1952. They were married in 1959 and raised their family in East Kildonan. The family built a cottage at Spruce Bay, Manitoba in 1971, which Rod and Myrna continued to enjoy every year during their summer road trips back to Winnipeg. Rod loved to build things, from model airplanes, to radio and hi-fi equipment, and especially working on his home and cottage, and later with helping his sons with their own home and yard projects.

Rod graduated from the University of Manitoba with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering in 1957 and began his career with the City of East Kildonan the same year. In 1976, he was promoted to City of Winnipeg Director of Operations as part of the Unicity amalgamation, and promoted to Commissioner of Works and Operations in 1983. Some of his proudest achievements included the development of Kilcona Park following closure of a landfill, the “Take Pride Winnipeg” initiative, and the 1994 Winnipeg Charleswood Bridge Project, the first true municipal design, build, operate Public/Private Partnership project in Canada. Rod took early retirement in 1994 after 37 years of service to Winnipeg, and he and Myrna moved to Kelowna where he took the position of City Engineer. He retired from the City of Kelowna in 1997 and consulted privately for a few years. He was a life member of the American Public Works Association, Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Manitoba, and Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of British Columbia.

Rod had a lifelong interest in flying model aircraft. In 1951, he won the overall Manitoba flying model championship and was sponsored by Plymouth to participate in the Plymouth 5th International Model Plane Contest in Detroit, forcing his dad to buy a car for the trip. Rod joined the Model Aircraft Association of Canada (MAAC) in 1951, and was one of five MAAC members who founded the Winnipeg Radio Control Club in 1963. Rod entered the worlds of model gliders in the 1970’s and electric models in 1974. Following retirement, Rod reconnected with his love of model aircraft and electronics and began flying electric models exclusively, treating his hobby like a full time job and soon filling a large basement with aircraft. He was a member of the Kelowna Ogopogo Radio Controllers’ Association and was one of the four founders of the Okanagan Electric Quiet Flyers Club in 2011 and a judge and participant at local flying meets. He also looked forward to participating in contests in Winnipeg and Gimli every summer. Rod’s other interest was Scottish music and culture. Spurred on by his sons’ interest in highland bagpipes, accordion and pipe band drumming, he was an active member of the parent’s committee of the Lord Selkirk Boy Scout Pipe Band, helped plan band trips to Scotland in 1981 and 1985, and developed lifelong friendships with the other parents. Rod and Myrna started Scottish Country Dancing with RSCDS in 1979, enjoyed performing with the “Scottish Entertainers” at senior’s centres and variety shows, and enjoyed several years of dancing with the Kelowna Scottish Country Dancers. Rod and Myrna were long time members of Winnipeg Robert Burns Club, with Rod serving as president in 1992. Both Rod and Myrna were heavily involved with coordinating, planning, and entertaining at the British “Mug Pub” Pavilion as part of Winnipeg’s Folklorama festival, with Rod being Pavilion Mayor in 1988. Rod joined the St. Andrew’s Society of Winnipeg in 1982, was an active board member and served as President in 1992. Rod was a remote founding member of Winnipeg’s Scottish Gentlemen’s Club in 2015.

A memorial service was held at 1:00pm Friday July 22 at Springfield Funeral Home, 2020 Springfield Road, Kelowna. In lieu of flowers, friends may make a donation in Rod’s memory to First United Church, 721 Bernard Avenue, Kelowna V1Y 6P6, or to a charity of their choice.

Fergus Scottish Festival and Highland Games

Article and Photos – Barbara Duff

John and Barb Duff hosted the “Clan MacRae Canada” tent at Fergus Scottish Festival and Highland Games from August 12th to 14th 2016. This is the 71st year this small Scottish town has hosted one of the largest three day Highland Games in North America. The “Avenue of the Clans” is known for having more Clan Societies in attendance than most other

Highland Games in Ontario and perhaps Canada. There were 43 clans registered at the Fergus Festival plus many others in attendance taking part in the “Clan Parade” on Saturday. There was such a huge line-up of entertainment that I couldn’t possibly write about them all. We were kept busy at the clan tent so we didn’t have much time to enjoy it but I will try to write a few words on what I did experience.

Clan Leslie was the “Featured Clan” for 2016 with their Clan Chief in attendance. The Honourable Alexander John Leslie (**right**), heir presumptive to the Earldom of Rothes was named festival “Honoured Chieftain” for the weekend. He is a dynamic, brilliant orator who gave a presentation on 1,000 years of Clan Leslie history. Clan Leslie also held their Clan Gathering on the weekend.



Thursday evening’s festivities began in downtown Fergus among scattered showers with the Pipes, Plaids and Pageantry Parade. Entertainment continued throughout the evening in a number of venues, the legion, and pubs downtown.

Pipes, Plaid & Pageantry Parade in downtown with views of old stone buildings that illustrate the work of Scottish Stone Masons during past centuries.

A four-legged participant in the parade, but not sure which Clan it belongs to. It kept right up to the pace of the rest of the parade.



Albannach (from Glasgow) “Outlawed tunes on Outlawed Pipes” gave us a sample of their music just below main street near the banks of the Grand River. Albannach has piping, high energy drumming, and the unique sound of a didgeridoo. This group is very impressive and described by others as “Aggressive, like a Celtic punch to the face!”



Albannach – brings “Fire and Thunder” from Scotland



Fergus Pipe Band



Part of the vendor's area



Friday evening, the games opened at the field with an evening show “Tattooed in Tradition” including a “Gathering of the Clans and the Lighting ceremony”. The fireworks followed at dusk with more entertainment in the Highland Pub on the grounds continuing into the evening.





Saturday, the games went on in uncertain weather with the Clan Avenue opening at 9:00 am, followed by more opening ceremonies at noon with the "Clan Parade." Unfortunately, the skies opened up then with most of the Clans bravely parading in formation wearing their tartans during a heavy downpour. Thunder and lightning followed not very long after and many headed quickly for shelter while others stayed and braved it. Sadly, mid-afternoon saw many of the clans literally pull up stakes and head home defeated by the inclement weather. Clan MacRae endured for the day and returned Sunday for Family Day with much improved weather and increased attendance.

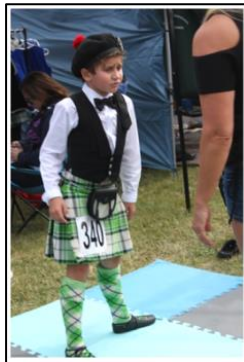
Family Day on Sunday can be very busy with many children and adults collecting stamps for their passports from each Clan. It is a great way to get the children interested and bring their parents following them along to each tent.



Dr. James Fraser lectured on "Diaspora in Education". Fraser, originally from Scotland's University of Edinburgh's Dept. of History where he was a senior lecturer in Early Scottish History is now the current Scottish Studies Foundation Chair at the University of Guelph, Ontario. He is the author of many books such as "From Caledonia to Pictland; The Roman Conquest of Scotland" and others.

John Duff helping out a visitor

The festival had over 200 dance contestants with the dancer's village the largest I have seen. The Heavy Weights were a hit as usual and the Jacobite encampment with their cannon firing intermittently and many marches in formation throughout the weekend.



Jacobite marching in formation and encampment above

Other educational activities included sheep shearing, blacksmithing and rope making. The “McKiddies Centre” which ran all weekend kept the children and their parents busy with “Fight the Knight”, archery, music workshops, a Kitchen Ceilidh, clogging and face painting. Programming in the “Scottish @ Heart Workshop Series” with Gillebride MacMillan a Gaelic language workshop author, singer-songwriter and actor in the highly popular “Outlander” series had him lead an interactive Gaelic Song workshop, one not to be missed.



McKiddies Centre



Throughout the weekend, the featured author “Diana Gabaldon” (*right*) award winning #1 New York Times best-selling author of the Outlander book series had four speaking engagements and book signings.

This festival is full of entertainment, educational lectures, clan history, and activities for everyone and is such a busy weekend whether tending a clan tent, attending a workshop, or learning about your own history. There is something for everyone.

Check it out at www.fergusscottishfestival



excerpt from letter dated July 29, 2016

Dear Clan MacRae Canada,

Thank you for your most recent gift to the MacRae Choral Scholarship fund at St. John’s Church, Victoria in memory of my husband and your Founding President Robert MacRae. This extra gift to the fund in memory of Bob was quite a surprise and a very pleasant one. Bob would be so happy that you wanted to remember and give thanks for his life and his contribution to establishing a Clan MacRae society in Canada. Judging by the attendance at the AGM in Vancouver, the Clan MacRae Canada is flourishing. Thank you again for your gift – the young people will keep on singing and the traditions will be handed on to subsequent generations, in part, thanks to your gift.

in gratitude, Susan MacRae



Balmorals Off!

As we express our thanks to **Carl & Carolyn MacRae, Furry Creek, BC** for generously sponsoring this issue of Kintail.



Dieppe Raid WWII - Linda York

I was reminded of my Dad when reading Bruce McRae's article about his Grandfather Jock which appeared in the Winter 2015/16 issue of KINTAIL – partially his sentence "Like many men who had served in the First and Second World War, he was very reluctant to talk about his experiences."

My Dad also never talked too much about the war. When he did, to my brother and I when we were young, it sounded like a great adventure. It was only when I was older and talking to Mom one day that she told me how badly Dad was affected by it all.

Mom and Dad were married February 17, 1940; and, on July 22, 1940 Dad left for England with the RHLI (Royal Hamilton Light Infantry).

Dad was the "old guy" as he called himself (age 31); the rest of the men were young - late teens early twenties. After spending time in England training and waiting; he was sent to the Dieppe Raid, Operation Jubilee 1st Battalion on August 19, 1942. History tells us the Dieppe Raid was a disaster; however, there was great heroism also. Dad was wounded in the back and heel with shrapnel, captured there and spent the rest of the war in a German Prisoner of War camp – well except for the times he and comrades escaped and were recaptured. The first time he escaped he was recaptured the first day – bread and water was their reward. The next time they managed to be free for several days. The third time he remained free for several weeks – only getting caught because he tied his shoe laces the opposite way to the German people. Each time they escaped they became more adept at avoiding capture.

Many times Mom did not know whether he was alive or dead; but, she would continue sending care parcels through the Red Cross; and, eventually he would receive them in the camp. Near the end of the war POWs were forced to march westward across Poland, Czechoslovakia and Germany in extreme winter conditions. When they were liberated at

the end of the war, they had to walk all the way back; finally reaching the English Channel where they returned to England; and, for Dad - home to Hamilton, ON. Dad carried that shrapnel in his back for many years where it formed a lump the size of a fist - he finally had it removed. My mother wrote a poem about their life together, which she only showed me after Dad died in 1988.....

It was on an autumn evening
When to the National I went,
And there at nearly midnight
He asked me for a dance.
I politely accepted
And looked up to see,
A lad in Khaki uniform
As handsome as you please.

We danced a few times together
And when the Home Waltz was o'er,
He promised to dance with me again
If I came back next week.
Next week I went back again
And we danced a lot together,
Before the night was over
We had plans to go out together.

As the days went by
Our love did grow,
And in a few short months
We walked down the aisle together.
For five long years
We were separated by war,
But the happy day came
When we were together once more.

Our home was blessed
With two beautiful children,
This whirlwind romance
Did it last? You may ask.
Yes for forty-eight years
Five months and two days
Till death did us part.



My Mom was **Dorothy Bertice MacRae**, (1922-2009) born Mt. Buchanan (Point Prim), Prince Edward Island - daughter of **Roderick Malcolm MacRae** (12 Sep 1880 Heatherdale, PEI – Feb 24, 1946 Hamilton, ON) and **Mary Ellen Bishop** (21 Jan 1895 White Sands, PEI – 11 Sep 1988 Whitby, ON).

My Dad was **Cpl. William “Blake” Brown** (1911-1988) Regimental Number B-37281 PoW WWII - camp unknown.

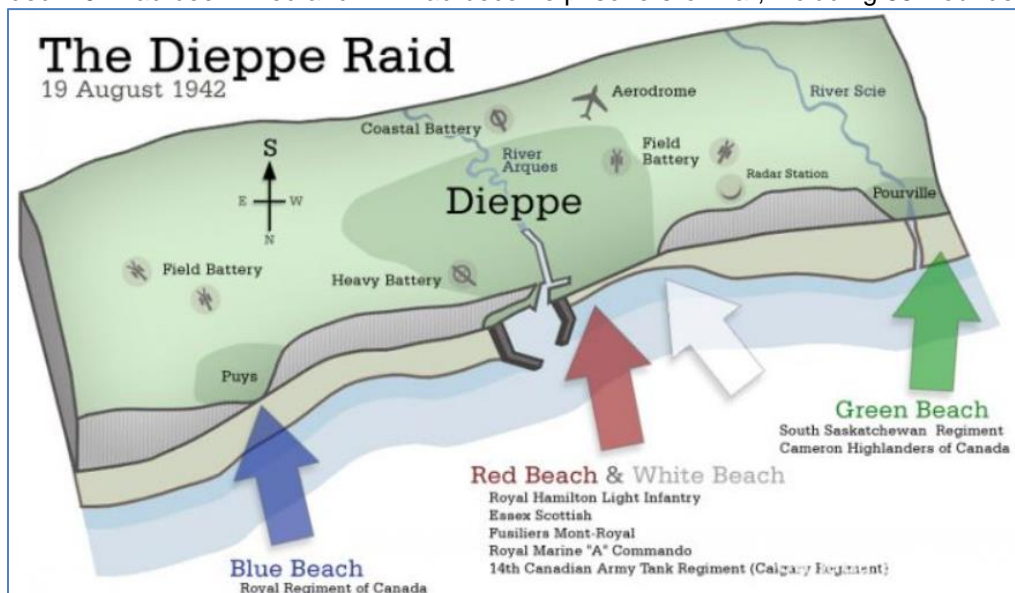
This was Mom's favorite picture of them. Mom wrote on the back “*Spring 1940, Last day Blake was home before he went overseas. Blake took picture*”. If you look closely you will see the string Dad held and attached to the camera to snap the picture. Last year at the MacRae Gathering in Ottawa, my cousin Linda MacRae read Dad's name along with the names of her father and mother, Atwood & Anna MacRae, at the Remembrance Ceremony in front of the Peace Tower. Uncle Atwood and my mother were brother and sister.

Dieppe Raid - Part of the North West Europe Campaign of World War II

Date: 19 August 1942 - Location: Dieppe, France

The Dieppe Raid, also known as the Battle of Dieppe, Operation Rutter during planning stages, and by its final official code-name Operation Jubilee, was an Allied attack on the German-occupied port of Dieppe during the Second World War. The raid took place on the northern coast of France on 19 August 1942. The assault began at 5:00 a.m., and by 10:50 a.m. the Allied commanders were forced to call a retreat. Over 6,000 infantrymen, predominantly Canadian, were supported by The Calgary Regiment of the 1st Canadian Tank Brigade and a strong force of Royal Navy and smaller Royal Air Force landing contingents. Of the 6,086 men who made it ashore, 3,367 (almost 60%) were either killed, wounded or captured.

The Royal Hamilton Light Infantry landed 582 soldiers that morning. Only 211 returned to England that afternoon, 109 of them wounded. 197 had been killed and 174 had become prisoners-of-war, including 85 wounded.



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103rd Calgary Highland Games ~ September 3, 2016

Article and Photos Doreen Powell

As I headed out to Springbank to meet Darrell MacRae I drove through a windy, heavy rainstorm. At one point it turned to hail and I thought I would be very late getting there. Further up the highway, I got beyond the storm and arrived at one minute to 4:00. We dropped off the van and filled it with our stuff (tent, hide, bunting, tartan, food, books, forms etc.) to be ready for the Saturday Highland Games.

My thoughts were that the games might be a cold and rainy mess like last year. I went home and checked the weather forecast ~ for the most part they were gloomy and predicting rain with lower temperatures. After a while I found a weather report that suited me ~ sunny with a chance of rain in the afternoon. I chose that and it is the one we experienced.

On Saturday morning I got Miss Kate (my granddaughter) buckled in and headed off to fetch Darrell. When we arrived we found a rascally clan had usurped our designated spot (I won't tell which one) so we had to scramble to get a spot, set up, and have tables and chairs dropped off. At last that was accomplished so the rest of the day went well. The McFies were so impressed with the help Miss Kate provided they asked if they could hire her for next year!

We had many interesting and interested people drop by with 3 people taking an application for membership. Let's hope they send them in.

Allan MacRae dropped by with his daughter Amira who is the same age as Miss Kate (8) so they were able to enjoy a couple of hours together. Later Ken and Simone MacRae arrived with Simone's sister and husband. They were able to take in several events before they headed home.

Darrell had to leave before the finish since his daughter Annabelle was taking part in a production of Grease back in the city. Miss Kate and I stayed to watch and listen to the mass band finale. All in all it was a successful Highland Games day at the Clan MacRae tent.



Allan & Amira MacRae,
Miss Kate & Doreen, Ken MacRae



Miss Kate, Doreen Powell and
Darrell MacRae



Doreen with
Leela Sharon Aheer MLA

Remembering 9/11 - 2,996 people were killed during the September 11, 2001 attacks;

Catherine Fairfax MacRae was one of them.



Catherine Fairfax MacRae, granddaughter of a founding partner of the law firm LeBoeuf, Lamb, Greene & MacRae, won the math prize at the Brearley School, was editor of its newspaper, and was a ferocious field hockey player. At Princeton she made varsity squash and graduated magna cum laude in economics, with concentrations in math and finance. She never pulled an all-nighter and usually finished her work a week ahead, said Channing Barnett, a friend. Cat was never late and expected the same when you met her for dinner.

She was inexhaustibly thoughtful, always checking in, sending small gifts, and fretting that she was not being a good enough friend, seemingly to hundreds. She was beautiful and funny and charmingly self-deprecating and talked on the phone to her mother at least three times a day. People always wanted her at their parties. She was 23, and a stock analyst at Fred Alger Management on the 93rd floor of the World Trade Center.

Source: <http://www.legacy.com/sept11/story.aspx?personid=109332>



Source: beforeitsnews.com



Special thanks to Barbara & John Duff for representing Clan MacRae Society of Canada at the Scottish Festivals and Highland Games this year. Also for their work on making available materials for members Hosting Clan MacRae Tents at Festivals and Games. Banner (above) Badge (left) and Pamphlet (attachment with Kintail email)

Our appreciation and thanks to Doreen Powell and Ken & Darrell MacRae for promoting Clan MacRae at the Calgary Highland Games in Alberta.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have sent in your membership dues so promptly. The reminder notice that has just recently gone out has helped many of us to keep our membership dues up to date. Your continued support is much appreciated as we count on all of us to keep the Clan MacRae strong and informed. This year at our AGM the membership approved life membership in the Society. To date we have 17 new life time members. Many thanks!



Your Membership Secretary
Gail McRae



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IF YOU ARE NOT SURE WHEN YOUR MEMBERSHIP EXPIRES CONTACT GAIL MCRAE.

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(One household + minor children)

Life Time 70 Plus: \$100

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