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GREETINGS FROM OUR PRESIDENT



CWSW President Larry Slight poses with the latest Disney® heroine, Princess Merida (Caitlyn Boyd).

Well, "spring" has sprung! However, here in Florida, there have been a number of winter Festivals and Games. One of the more memorable one this year was held in mid-January at Winter Haven, just outside Orlando, Florida. This year's festival was graced by the presence of Caitlyn Boyd, who was the Disney real life representation of Merida, the heroine of the Disney animated movie, *Brave*. Caitlyn is from Brechin, Scotland and is 16 years old. She was at the Central Florida Festival and was a great delight to the children and parents of the visitors.

Along with signing autographs, Caitlyn was willing to have her picture taken with the various Clan conveners and guests, as is plainly evident in the accompanying photograph. My wife, Judy, along with Capt. John Wallace, Jim Wallace, from Maryland, and Russ and Marcia Harper had a very enjoyable weekend in the Orlando area.

Over the first weekend in February, Judy and I travelled to Sarasota, Fl. to attend the Southwest Florida Festival. While this was a relatively small festival, it was very enjoyable and we were well treated by the Festival organizers as we were the first conveners from Clan Wallace to attend.

The last weekend in February found us at the Northeast Florida Games and Festival in Green Cove Springs just south

of Jacksonville, Florida. Karen and Charlie Wallace are the conveners at this Festival and, along with Jim Wallace, Capt. John Wallace and Russ and Marcia Harper, Judy and I had a really great day meeting and greeting the Wallace's of our area. Next year Clan Wallace will be the honored Clan and we would like to see as many Society members attend as can. All should remember that the average temperature in the Jacksonville area of Florida at the end of February is 70F, much more agreeable than in the Northeast and North Central US.

Judy's and my travels continued for the first week in March as we attended the Southeast Florida Festival in Ft. Lauderdale, Fl. We were again the first Clan Wallace Conveners to these games and festival and found them to be nice. While they were small, there was a sizable turnout of area visitors and we were able to sign-up a couple of new members.

Our final winter excursion didn't force us to travel far. The Third Annual Celtic Festival in St. Augustine, Fl. was held the weekend of March 9-10. While this was the third annual event, it was really the first with serious Scottish Clan representation. The festival organizers were just beginning to understand the Scottish Clan Society participation in these events and treated us very well. Judy and I set up our tent and, along with Capt. John Wallace and Russ and Marcia Harper, had a very nice weekend. We look forward to doing this event again next year and will be working with the organizers to expand the Clan Society participation.

With winter now behind us, Judy and I are looking forward to attending other festivals and games over the next couple of months. We are planning to attend the Grandfather Mountain Games and Festival in July and hope to see everyone there. We hope everyone has a lovely spring and we send our best wishes to one and all.

Larry.

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WALLACES OF DISTINCTION

Editor's Note: The editorial staff with Andrew Wallace of that Ilk, son of our Chief, Ian Francis Wallace, decided it would be useful (and fun) to present a series on the lesser-known Wallaces in our family. We have decided to call this column "Wallaces of Distinction."

— Wayne and Tom.

Donald Charles Wallace

By Andrew Wallace of that Ilk

Donald Charles Wallace was the second son of Colonel Robert Francis Hurter Wallace of that Ilk, C.M.G. and Euphemia Hoskyns, eldest daughter of Colonel Sir Chandos Hoskyns, Baronet, and brother to Malcolm Robert Wallace and Ian Francis Wallace of that Ilk. He was born in Edinburgh on 25 October 1923.

He was educated at Stowe and was an undergraduate at New College, Oxford, for three semesters before being called up for national service.

Lieutenant Wallace was serving as a platoon commander with the 1st Battalion Tyneside Scottish, The Black Watch, Royal Highland Regiment, when the battalion landed in France six days after D Day with the 49th Division of the Allied Land Forces. By the 30 June the division had advanced to Rauray in the bocage of Normandy in the region of Caen. For an act of gallantry in leading his platoon to its objective against fierce

opposition Donald's Commanding Officer recommended him for the Military Cross. On the 1st July, 1944, Donald was killed whilst the battalion held its position against a determined counter-attack by a German panzer division.

On 6th September Lord Wavell, then Viceroy of India wrote to Donald's father who had been a fellow officer in the Black Watch - "He has fallen in the greatest victory possible which I hope will soon bring the end of the war."

The name Lieutenant D.C. Wallace - The Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment) was published in the London Gazette on 22 March 1945 as mentioned in a dispatch for distinguished services. At that time the Military Cross was not awarded posthumously so the recommendation was not confirmed.

He is buried at The Imperial War Graves Commission at Bayeux, France.



From 1940 to 1944, the Black Watch held the "Tyneside Scottish" honour.

D.C. Wallace was a member



Commonwealth War Cemetery, Bayeux, Resting place of LT D.C. Wallace (KIA, age 21).

NEWS FROM OUR CONVENERS

36th Annual Central Florida Scottish Highland Games

By John Wallace

A record crowd of approximately 23,000 people visited the Central Winds Park in Winter Springs this year for the January 19th opening day of this important Highland Games in Central Florida. As usual, the Wallaces were out in force enjoying the event's full selection of activities, sporting competitions, wonderful food, and spectacular entertainment.

Clan Convener Captain John Wallace, Society Past President and Board Member, was accompanied at the Tent by newly elected Society President Larry Slight, from St Augustine, FL, and his wife Judy, Board Members James L. Wallace, from Maryland, and Executive Vice President Russell Harper, from North Carolina. During this two day Festival and Games about 40 Wallaces visited the Clan Tent sharing stories and experiences from all over the region. The Tent Village teemed with the colors of 45 Clan Tents brandishing their banners and flags and tartans.

Clan MURRAY was the Honored Clan at this event. This year's Highland Games were dedicated to the "Brave Lasses, Flowers of Scotland." One of the special

guests for the weekend was Caitlyn Boyd, who won the "Merida", look-alike contest in Scotland during the premier of the Disney Pixar Movie "BRAVE".

The Highland Athletic Events featured two Challenge Matches; a North Male Team versus a South Male Team, and an East Female Team versus a West Female Team, represented by athletes from 20 US States of the Union. These teams participated in six Highland heavy athletic categories, a repeat of last year's competitions.

The World Renowned Drums of ALBAN-NACH led the list of excellent field entertainment again this year and Loch Jesup rocked the entire weekend while the participant enjoyed over 144 Kegs of beer on the Glen.

With good weather and great activities, all in all this was splendid Scottish weekend in Florida.

Comber Burns Dinner

By Dorothy Knight

The Annual Comber Burns Dinner was held on January 19, 2013. It was hosted by the Rev. Colin Swan at St. Andrew's United Church to a full house. The church hall was beautifully decorated with 43

clan tartans, 12 provincial tartans, and the tartan of Canada (the Maple Leaf) along with provincial crests. The tables featured tartans, thistles and tartan napkins.

Pipe Major Brian Knight piped in the haggis, and Rev. Kim Guilliland addressed the haggis followed by Grace. A traditional menu was enjoyed by all.

The programme was also enjoyed with Rev. Guilliland reciting an animated rendition of Burns poem "To a Mouse". Shamus Gunn was the guest speaker and his topic being a different rendition of Burns life, "Was He a Jacobite?" The consensus is that he was. The programme continued with Highland dancing and a rousing sing-a-long. The evening closed with "O' Flower of Scotland" and "Auld Lang Syne."

Inaugural Latta Plantation Celtic Festival

By Marcia Harper

The first Latta Plantation Celtic Festival (NC) was held on March 16-17, 2013. Sunshine and warm temperatures greeted the seven clan tents participating and Clan Wallace was among them.



Left: Past Pres. John R. Wallace convened at the Florida Highland Games. Right: John and President Larry Slight carry the banners.

MORE NEWS FROM THE CONVENERS...



EVP Russ and Marcia Harper at the first Latta Plantation Celtic Festival.

Russ and Marcia Harper hosted the Clan Wallace tent.

Latta Plantation located in Huntersville, North Carolina hosted the Celtic Event. Latta Plantation originally was the 742 acre cotton plantation of James Latta. Today it is a living history farm and museum.

The entertainment included the Scottish Country dancers and Celtic fairies. The festival included athletics demos. What a great weekend we had.

Thanks to all that came out to enjoy the day with us.

49th Annual Arizona Scottish Gathering and Highland Games

By Bob and Lois Wallace

The 49th Annual Arizona Scottish Gathering and Highland Games were held in Phoenix on 23-24 March 2013, sponsored by the Arizona Scots. The weather was great for both weekend days but nowhere near the crowds one might expect with that kind of weather. Temperatures were right around average for both days; not the extreme heat or unseasonable cool, no rain, sleet or snow, only mild breezes both days.

Saturday's attendance was reasonably good, but numbers went down for Sunday with the usual cast of entertainment headlining the event, including pipe bands, Highland Dancers, and heavy athletics for both men and women.

As part of this year's event, an education tent was included that had invitations out to a number of folks to talk about various topics. I led a discussion on latest developments surrounding the life and times of Sir William Wallace.

With new information coming forth over the past dozen years or so, we continue



L to R: Dick & Penny Wallace, Lois & Bob Wallace, Ben Howard and Sir William Wallace at Phoenix.

to learn more about a man who lived more than seven centuries ago.

2013 Las Vegas Games

By Bob Wallace

The Las Vegas Games were held at Floyd Lamb Park at Tule Springs on the northwest side of Las Vegas on April 20 – 21, 2013. "What happens in Vegas stays in Vegas." There may be good reason for that phrase, except when it comes to the Las Vegas Celtic Society's Vegas Games. Aside from unseasonably warm, Saturday attendance was quite good, Sunday's somewhat less. Lots of pipe bands competing, Heavy Athletics at the east end of the park, plenty of vendors and the usual assortment of peacocks. Several surprises were in store for us over the course of that Las Vegas weekend.

First, we were delighted to find one of our favorite pipe bands in Las Vegas all the way from Albuquerque, New Mexico, the High Desert Pipes and Drums with their new logo and slightly larger band than we'd seen several years ago. They competed both Saturday and Sunday, serenaded us in front of our Clan Wallace tent on Saturday, and marched past us at the tent on their way to the closing ceremonies on Sunday.

Second, Mat and Charlotte Chambers stopped by with their young son dressed in a Wallace kilt, allowing for a picture of the youngest Wallace at the Vegas Games, Sean Wallace Chambers, just six



Shamus Gunn (story teller), Pipe Major Brian Knight, Norm and Dorothy Knight, Murray Stewart and Rev. C. Swan at the Comber (ON) Burns Night

MORE CONVENER'S NEWS...



Bob and Lois Wallace and Rick Pawlowski at the Las Vegas Games

months of age, with the oldest Wallace, me, also in my Wallace kilt. His grandmother was a Wallace. Talking with them on Sunday, we have no doubt they'll tell him about the history of that name in a few years.

Third, despite having turned 39 again last summer, which was for the 33rd time, the Scotch tasting at the Vegas Games insisted – no, demanded – that I show my driver's license to assure them that, indeed, I was 39, or better.

Parkersburg Scottish and Celtic Heritage Festival

By Glen Wolfe

The Scottish and Celtic Heritage Festival were held on 20 April 2013 at the Parkersburg (WV) City Park Pavilion. The Festival began in 2005 as The Belpre



Glen Wolfe and Jeanie Rouse have a very colorful display as they welcome visitors at Parkersburg.

(Ohio) Tartan Day, which was inspired by the Tartan Day exhibition at New York Grand Central Station that included William Wallace's sword. This, our second year, found us being the only clan tent representing, so we were busy answering questions about all the clans and Scotland.

Entertainers included the Akron Celili Band; the Appalachian Celtic Consort Band; Granny Sue & Lorna McDonald Czarnota, Celtic/Appalachian story tellers and singers; and the Scottish Highland Dancers.

There were lots of activities for the children and, of course, the bonnie knees contest. We had a great day with old and new friends celebrating our Scottish and Celtic Heritage.

National Tartan Day Ceremony at Washington, D.C.

By Ralph Wallace

The Clan Wallace Society – Worldwide was represented at the National Tartan Day celebrations on April 6th and 9th in the Washington D.C. area. Ralph Wallace organized the festival held on Saturday afternoon April 6th at the Alexandria, Virginia Old Town Market Square. Over 27 clans, associations and vendors

were in attendance, including our Society with Jim "Bowie" Wallace convening the Clan Wallace tent.

At the US Capitol reception held on 9 April 2013, Ralph, in his role as the Scottish-American Military Society Mid-Atlantic Regional Commander, addressed the gathering, and in so doing injected a little Wal-

lace into his presentation by having a Piper preface the comments by playing "Scots Wha Hae." Attending the reception were representatives from The Scottish Coalition, including the American Scottish Foundation and the Council of Scottish Clans and Associations. Members of the US Congress attending included Rep. Mike McIntyre, D-NC, the Congressman responsible for pushing the National Tartan Day resolution through the House of Representatives creating House Resolution 41 in 2005 as Senator Trent Lott did in the Senate with Senate Resolution 155 in 1998. Joining him was Rep. John Duncan R-TN. Rep. Duncan and McIntyre are the Co-Chairs of the "Friends of Scotland Caucus" within the US House of Representatives. Representatives from Scotland in attendance included the former First



(L-R) is Rep. Mike McIntyre; Ralph Wallace; First Minister of Scotland, Rt. Hon. Alex Salmond; and President of the Council of Scottish Clans and Associations (COSCA) Sue McIntosh, Esq.

Minister of Scotland, the Rt. Hon Henry MacLeish, and the current First Minister of Scotland, the Rt. Hon. Alex Salmond.

20th Annual Rural Hill Loch Norman Scottish Festival

By Marcia Harper

The Rural Hill Loch Norman Scottish Festival (NC) was held on 20-21 April 2013. Tornado warnings, rain and cool winds greeted the 71 clan tents participating and Clan Wallace was among them. Other participants included the SAMS (Scottish American Military Society),

MORE NEWS FROM THE CONVENERS...



Russ Harper, Jeff and Jean Reece, Arron Harper holding Bella Fragola, Kim Fragola, and Thersa and Craig Wallace

Council of Scottish Clans and Societies, Scottish Culture and St. Andrews Society of North Carolina, and the Scottish Society of Wilmington, North Carolina. Russ and Marcia Harper hosted the Clan Wallace tent.

These games are held at Rural Hill Farms in Huntersville, North Carolina. Rural Hill, the homestead of Revolutionary War patriots Major John and Violet Wilson David-

son is located in the Catawba River Valley in northwest Mecklenburg County, North Carolina. The Davidson family is representative of the thousands of Scots and Scots-Irish who contributed to the growth of the Carolinas and put a unique cultural stamp on the American South.

The parade of tartans was held at noon on Sunday. Clan Wallace waited patiently as 70 plus clans marched before us. Jeffrey and Jean Reese, Aaron Harper, Kim and Bella Fragola joined us this weekend. Craig and Theresa Wallace joined us on Sunday.



Linda Tyrell and her grandson Aiden Rankins holding the Wallace banner and Maddie Starrett holding a Unicorn Shield at the Triad Highland Games in Greensboro, NC.

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The entertainment included the Celtic bands Tannahil Weavers, Stirling Bridge, Rathkeltair, and John Taylor. Sixteen pipe bands took the field in piping completion. The Games included heavy athletics, Border Collies, and Children events. Saturday events included a Flag Retirement Ceremony which SAMS (Scottish American Military Society) performed.

We would like to welcome Bill Atwell as an annual member to Clan Wallace. Our thanks to all those who came out and enjoy the weekend with us.

14th Annual Triad Highland Games in North Carolina

By Marcia Harper

The Triad Highland Games (NC) was held on 26-27 April 2013. Cold and overcast weather greeted the 25 clan tents participating, including Clan Wallace. Other participants included the SAMS (Scottish American Military Society), Council of Scottish Clans and Societies and the Greensboro Historical Museum. Russ and Marcia Harper hosted the Clan Wallace tent.

These games are held at Bryon Park in Greensboro, North Carolina. Friday night there was a reception, a calling of the clan and a Cairn ceremony. The parade of tartans was held at 10 am on Saturday. We also had a salute to the Military. The entertainment included the Celtic band, Barley Juice. Three pipe bands played for us at the games. The Games included heavy athletics, Border Collies, Lassie Games, Irish, Highland and Scottish dancing, Battle Ax Competition, European Medieval Arts and Arms and Children events which included a Celtic Fairy.

We would like to welcome two members to Clan Wallace, Linda Tyrell and her grandson Christian Matson. Our thanks goes out to all that came out and enjoy the weekend with us.

Tartan Day, Greensboro NC

By Marcia Harper

April 6th was National Tartan Day. Russ and I, along with a small group from The

CWSW REWARDS PROGRAM

By John Wallace

This past period between newsletters has been quite busy in the Rewards Program with the receipt of seven donations totaling \$3,614.65.

The Society has a new **Circle of the Knight** with a donation of \$450.00 from **Life Member Thomas H. Wallace, of Brevard, North Carolina**. Our congratulations go out to Thomas for attaining this second highest Reward level, demonstrating his loyalty and dedication to the Society.

New donor, **Council Member Ben R. Howard of Chandler, Arizona**, has entered the system with a \$100.00 donation making him the newest **Circle of the Thistle**.

The Rewards Program's first Group Reward Donation of \$2,000.00 was received from **The Saint Andrews-Caledonian Society of Calgary, Alberta, Canada**. Funds from this Society were utilized by CWSW at the 2012 Clan Wallace International Gathering held in Calgary in late summer 2012, to provide transportation for the attendees between the two venues of the Gathering. A **Circle of the Knight Certificate** was presented to the President of this Canadian society at ceremonies in Calgary.

Circle of the Knight, Council, and Board Member Russell Harper from Lewisville, North Carolina, donated twice during the period using his employer's payroll savings program in the total amount of \$249.98, bringing his total contributions to \$2,099.92.

Circle of the Knight, Council, and Former Board Member Robert Wayne Jones of Ranson, West Virginia was credited with an additional donation to the Society of \$755.27, bringing his total contributions to \$3,175.69 in his rise toward the **Circle of Sir William Wallace**.

Circle of the Knight, Council, and Board Member James L. Wallace of Bowie, Maryland, donated an additional \$59.40 to the program. His new total is \$1,961.14.

These loyal supporters of the Rewards Program and loyal members of the Clan Wallace are assisting The Society with our missions and goals.

For this continued dedication, the Society President and the Board of Directors of Clan Wallace Society Worldwide extend their highest praise and thanks for their contributions.

All members of the Society are encouraged to join these members and the many others who contribute to this cause. All donations are tax deductible, as we are a 501(c)3 organization. Donations of any size are entered into the program and are accumulated to give donors an opportunity to gain the unique certificates, pins, and medals associated with the Program at any rate they desire.

Send your donation checks with your full name, address, phone contact numbers, email address, along with your CWSW member number to:

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Pro Libertate,

Captain John Wallace
CWSW Rewards Chairman

**Remember to submit your articles and events to us at
editor@clanwallace.org**

Triad Highland Games celebrated Tartan Day at the David Caldwell Historical House (pictured right) in Greensboro, North Carolina. Russ and I hosted the Clan Wallace tent.

There were also tents containing Scottish Weapons, Tartan information, how the Scots invented the modern world, children activities, and Shortbread for folks to sample.

A piper played for us and ended his session with Amazing Grace. We had an 86 year old Cherokee Indian come up and started singing the song in Cherokee. He shared how the Scots married into his tribe and how well respected the Scots were to his people. At the beginning of any tribal gathering, bagpipes are played. You don't have to be Scottish to appreciate Tartan Day.



Marcia Harper at the Greensboro, NC, celebration of Tartan Day.

BRAVE-HEARTH: RECIPES FROM CELTIC KITCHENS



By Lisa Donant

Touch o' the Irish Pound Cake

1 cup Butter
1 8 oz. package Cream Cheese, softened
6 large Eggs, at room temperature
2 cups Sugar
2 Tbsp. Flour
2 cups Self-Rising Flour

1/8 tsp. Ground Mace
1 tsp. Vanilla Extract
1 (1.5 fluid oz.) jigger Irish Whisky

Preheat oven 350. Grease & Flour Tube Pan

In a large bowl, beat the butter and cream cheese with a mixer until light & fluffy. Beat in the sugar until well blended. Add the eggs in one at a time, mixing well with each addition. Beat in the 2 Tbsp of flour with the last egg. Stir in the 2 cups of self-rising flour & mace until just combined. Stir in the vanilla and whisky until blended with batter. Pour batter into prepared tube pan.

Bake in preheated oven until cake tests clean from the center, about 1 hour. Cool in pan for 10 minutes before removing to cool completely on wire rack.

Cake can be iced with favorite frosting or served plain with favorite ice cream and or fresh fruit.

Irish Cream Fudge

2 (12 oz.) packages Milk Chocolate Chips
1 (12 oz.) package Semi-Sweet Chocolate Chips
1 (14 oz.) jar Marshmallow Cream
2 tsp. Vanilla Extract
2/3 cup Bailey's Irish Cream
4 1/2 cups Sugar
1 (12 oz.) can Evaporated Milk
1/2 lb (2 sticks) Un-Salted Butter

In a large bowl, combine chocolate chips, marshmallow cream and Bailey's. Set aside.

Line a 10x15" baking pan with foil. Lightly spray with cooking spray. In a medium saucepan, combine sugar, evaporate milk and butter. Bring to a gentle boil over medium heat. Cook slowly and stir constantly for 10 minutes. Pour the hot mixture into the bowl with the chips. Stir slowly by hand to combine, do not use a mixer. Stir until smooth, approx. 2-3 minutes. Pour fudge into prepared pan and chill to set. Remove fudge from pan and cut into small serving pieces. Store fudge in sealed container in refrigerator until ready to serve.



\$32,000 BOTTLE OF SCOTCH

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Two important events took place at the Scottish firm William Grant & Sons in 1962. David Stewart was hired as an apprentice, and cask #5576 was filled with newly distilled whisky from The Balvenie Distillery. Although Scotland and its namesake spirit have a long and glorious history, the country hadn't even begun exporting single malt Scotch at the time. Stewart rose through the ranks and became a Malt Master for the company (which owns distilleries including The Balvenie and Glenfiddich), nosing more than 400,000 casks of whisky through the years, while that single barrel matured.

Many of Stewart's techniques working with single malt whisky, such as aging the spirit in two different types of barrels, became industry standards, and he earned numerous accolades while that oh-so-special European oak sherry hogshead continued to age, mellow and evaporate.

Fifty years later, Stewart has become a consultant to the company, and that cask was finally bottled. We were lucky enough to attend an event at Mastro's Steakhouse

in Beverly Hills honoring Stewart's fifty years of contributions to the Scotch whisky industry as well as taste the whisky that was five decades in the making.

Before tasting the aptly named The Balvenie Fifty, we savored The Balvenie 12-year-old DoubleWood and 17-year-old DoubleWood. We found the former, which spent twelve years in a used American oak bourbon barrel before mellowing for a few months in a European oak sherry barrel, to be playful and honeyed, with hints of vanilla from its first home and cinnamon spice from its second. The 17-year had a



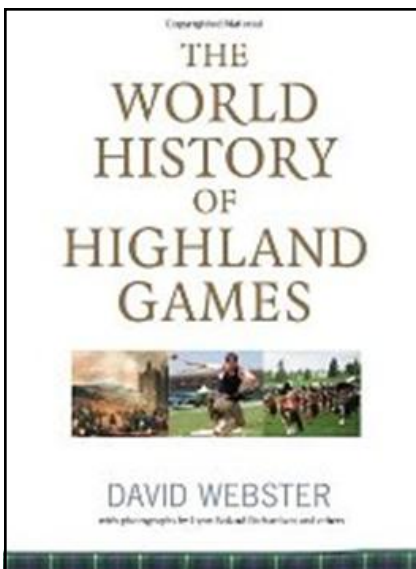
Balvenie Fifty: a scotch worth its weight in gold

deeper color, with more wood on the nose and more honey on the palate. We were impressed with the special packaging of The Balvenie Aged 50 Years which included layers of seven different Scottish woods to make the box, but the contents were the star of the show. On the nose, lemons and other citrus fruits showed along with the aromas of its younger siblings. We hesitated before bringing the half-ounce pour to our lips; with bottles retailing in the \$32,000 range, this was not a shot to be downed thoughtlessly. We found it to be ultra-complex with the oak of the barrel balanced well against the honey sweetness.

Only 88 bottles of The Balvenie Fifty are available for sale, with ten in the U.S. You can try it at Mastro's, or at The Cosmopolitan of Las Vegas for \$3,400 a shot. About 400 bottles of whisky filled the original cask, but most of it evaporated over the last fifty years as the liquid and barrel interacted. This lost portion is known as the "angel's share." Dame Barbara Hay, the British Consul-General currently based in Los Angeles, may have put it best as she honored David Stewart and The Balvenie Fifty: "I thought about the angels; they must be really happy!"

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EXCITING NEW BOOK ANALYZES THE GAMES



Highland Games expert David Webster charts the history of the events at the heart of US and Canada sporting and cultural life. Uncovering the true origins behind today's traditions, Webster details the development of the gatherings from ancient Celtic roots to current international status.

He examines the tradition's influence in the global sporting arena, and how Highland Games attracted mass appeal and participation long before the advent of the modern Olympics.

Complemented by archival prints, lavish illustrations and beautiful photographs, the book will delight anyone interested in the history and development of Highland Games around the world.

Webster is a leading authority on Highland Games after being involved in the sport for over fifty years. A champion in his own right, he organizes and commentates at Highland gatherings in every continent. Webster is the author of over forty books and hundreds of articles on sports history.

He is the most travelled commentator, attending various Highland games in America and Canada every year. He also worked as a Health & Fitness consultant for the University of Texas in Austin, USA. He lives in Irvine and compares at over 20 festivals every year in Scotland and overseas. The book can be purchased in paperback for \$22.00 on the Internet from either Amazon or Barnes and Noble.

THE LIFE & TIMES OF SIR WILLIAM WALLACE

By Bob Wallace

The 49th Annual Arizona Scottish Gathering and Highland Games were held in Phoenix over the weekend of March 23rd and 24th included an education tent with sessions scheduled for Saturday and Sunday. I was asked to present the latest information available on Scotland's Great Patriot, Sir William Wallace. This piece is based on that presentation.

It has been more than 500 years since The Acts and Deeds of Sir William Wallace was written by Blind Harry. It was based on what he said was the diary of John Blair (personal chaplain and friend of Scotland's Patriot), and promoted by Thomas Wallace of Craigie. One might think those pages would have revealed everything to know about Sir William Wallace. Not even close!

What do we know about Wallace? Clearly, he was born at some point in time, but notions of that date span generally from 1270 to 1274. Many writers give his date of birth as 1272, obviously splitting the difference. For many years Wallace's father was named as Malcolm, but even that detail has now been changed by reviewing the seal on the letter sent to Lubeck by Wallace and Sir Andrew Murray one month after the Battle of Stirling Bridge. Written from Haddington, 45 miles east of Stirling, Wallace's seal clearly states that he is "William filial Aleyn" ("William, son of Alan"). Researching the Ragman Roll data found on the Internet, one can easily locate an Aleyn Waleys (as spelled in 1296), a crown tenant in Ayr, not the Malcolm holding lands of the Steward in Ayr and Renfrew.

What of Wallace's young adult life? Whether he was the "William le Waleys, outlaw," as found in some books is not clear. If it was Sir William, he was an outlaw based on his having killed the young son of Selby, governor of Dundee Castle in the early 1290s,

and at another time near Riccarton for having killed several English soldiers who are said to have demanded his fish catch near what is traditionally referred to as "the bickering bush."

A skirmish at Loudoun Hill in 1297(?); This story gets little credence from historians despite some tales of how Wallace killed Sir John Fenwick, said by some to have been the English soldier who killed Wallace's father. Fenwick, however, is said to have killed a Malcolm Wallace. Now that it's known that Wallace's father's name was Alan, if such an event did occur between Fenwick and a Wallace, which Wallace was it that Fenwick killed?

The locals in Ayr traditionally thought the Barns of Ayr took place on 18 June 1297, that being based on the sign placed on Mill Vennel near the Wallace Tower. Would this event have preceded or followed the Loudoun Hill story? While these events were said to be taking place, a Scottish force was not all that far up the road, negotiating with the English at later known as the Capitulation of Irvine in the summer of 1297. These events were taking place a short time after Wallace took his vengeance on the sheriff of Lanark in early May of 1297. And shortly after that event, Wallace teamed up with Sir William Douglas to attack Scone, running off the English judge dispensing English law from Scotland's historic location for the crowning of Scots kings!

We quickly get to the period of time for which there is no dispute about in what Wallace was involved. The Battle of Stirling Bridge took place in September of 1297. Days after Wallace learned the English were marching on Stirling while Wallace was surrounding Dundee Castle in late August or early September, with plans to hold out long enough to get the English to withdrawal from Dundee. Learning of the English army's movements, Wallace left a small force in place at Dundee,

marched off to Abbey Craig, and sent a messenger off to Sir Andrew Murray asking that Murray and his force meet Wallace at Abbey Craig.

Within a month following the Scots victory at Stirling, Murray and Wallace wrote letters to the Hanseatic League cities of Hamburg and Lubeck, advising that Scotland was once more open for trade. Whether the letters being written from Haddington (about 45 miles east of Stirling) had anything to do with Murray's subsequent death due to injuries sustained at Stirling may be subject to debate. At some point in the winter months of that year, Wallace was knighted at the Forest Kirk near Selkirk by one of three men, perhaps Robert the Bruce, and made Guardian of the Realm.

On 22 July 1298, less than a year after a Scots victory at Stirling, Wallace and the Scots army were looking at the English army again, this time at Falkirk. Several writers have suggested Wallace had a good battle plan going into Falkirk, but one element of that army rode off the field leaving the Scots archers and schiltrons to defend themselves from the English heavy horse and Welsh archers. Scots by the thousands died at Falkirk, including Sir John Graham, Wallace's number two in command. Graham's body was carried from the field by Wallace. (In 2011, we happened across a monument on the Isle of Bute honoring the men from that island who served with Wallace at Falkirk. None of them came home alive.)

Within days or weeks of the Battle of Falkirk, Wallace resigned as Guardian and may have left Scotland about that same time. Several stories persist at this point including that Wallace went to France to ask about French support against the English, and may have traveled to visit the Pope, again looking for support for the Scots cause. There seems to be a five-year period

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TAE SCOTLAND IN SUMMER 2014!

Planning for the Bannockburn 700 historic events in 2014 continues. Since November 2012 the Gathering plans in Scotland for both dates have already changed several times.

The first notice for 2014 stated that Bannockburn would be the last eight days of June, followed by the International Clan Gathering July 11–13, 2014. Unfortunately, those plans were dashed as quickly as announced! Shortly after that came the Scots Chiefs meeting at Stone Mountain GA where they were to announce the schedule for the 2014 event, but even that session did not produce definitive plans.

Those of us attempting to listen in via the Internet lost out completely when neither the video nor audio was received computers. Clearly, this is going to be one of those events that will require close monitoring over the coming months until plans in Scotland are set in stone. Lois Wallace is chairing the committee for that 2014 event in Scotland, assisted by Lisa Donant and Marcia Harper. Lois has already found a very energetic tour packager in Scotland who seems to be on top of the changes being made and what will take place. The dates are now set at the end of June in 2014. Every part of that event will be tied directly to the Bannockburn 700 celebration.

It's now only a question as to **who** will be part of this most historic event. Surely, the gathering of Clan Wallace in 2014 is something not to be missed!



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when Wallace is not to be found in Scotland. By 1303, however, stories can be found suggesting that Wallace had returned that he may have been part of a Scots group who took on the English near Roslin, and may have been involved in other actions between that time and his capture near Robroston in 1305.

What conclusions can we reach today? Based on Craufuird C. Loudoun's book, "In Pursuit of Sir William Wallace," his birth date is claimed to be August 5, 1270. Loudoun also details the three brothers known of for many years, Malcolm, William and John, but adds

two sisters and yet another brother to that generation. Loudoun also gives us Malcolm as their father, but notes in his 1999 publication that recent information suggests the father of these young men is Alan, not Malcolm.

Dr. Fiona Watson, in her "Under the Hammer" publication, notes that 3 May 1297 may signal the very start of Scotland's rebellion against the English; that Wallace's killing of the English sheriff signals the start of that rising or came almost immediately after several incidents were taking place in southwest Scotland and in the northeast, placing beginning of the uprising in late April or early May of 1297, now

that the date of Heselrig's slaying is known. There is yet more to come.

While looking for information on Sir William Wallace several months ago, a conference to be held in Ayr on June 1 of this year was discovered. One of the speakers will be Professor Dauvit Broun from Glasgow University, a medieval history specialist. He is set to speak about the latest details on Wallace and reveal information of a previously unknown letter written by King Robert the Bruce that was discovered just prior to Christmas of this past year at the British Library. Every effort will be made to learn what Professor Broun discusses at that lecture.

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