

Mists of Moigh



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2007 Annual General Meeting Loon Mountain, Lincoln, NH

Save the date-reserve lodging! September 21, 22 & 23, 2007

Convener - Rob MacIntosh

In only about seven weeks from the time you read this, it will be time for the 2007 Annual General Meeting of Clan Mackintosh of North America. This is your chance to become more involved in the clan business and to meet many other clan members, as well as have a great vacation at the largest Highland Games in the north east, in the White Mountains of New Hampshire. If

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ming, Scottish Harp (Clarsach) & other instrument competitions along with seminars in Whisky Tastings and Scottish History. Demonstrations and workshops in Harp, Fiddle and Scottish Country Dancing.

If you are planning to come to the Loon Games and the AGM please contact Rob MacIntosh by email at clanmackintosh@mail.com or if you do not have email you may phone him at 617-327-8832. We need to know how many are planning to be at the Annual meeting and Clan Dinner on Saturday night.

Notice of General Election

A General election will be held for two Councillors for three year terms, commencing 2008. The current three year terms of Dave Elder and Bob Hardy, Councillors, expire December 31, 2007. Any member who wishes to offer himself/herself for election to the position of Councillor may signify same by providing a resumé and photograph to Mr. and Mrs. George McIntosh, preferably by e-mail at tenbear@surfglobal.net, or by snail mail at 301 Smugglers View Rd., Jeffersonville, VT 05464, to arrive not later than September 19, 2007 for inclusion in the next issue of the "Mists of Moigh" and placement of his/her name on the ballot. Any current dues paying member is eligible for election to an office in the Clan Mackintosh of North America.

you have not booked your lodging for the event it is important to do so as soon as you can. Contact the Lincoln/Woodstock Chamber of Commerce at 603-745-6621 or www.lincolnwoodstock.com and they should be able to find some lodging. At this date you will probably have to stay outside of the Lincoln-Woodstock area but you will still be within easy driving range of the Loon Highland Games and the AGM.

It is advisable to buy advance tickets to the Games. This is best done by logging on to the web site at www.loonmtn.com. If you prefer you can order them by phone at 1-800-358-SCOT daily 9:00AM - 5:00PM. If ordered by September 14, a weekend pass will cost \$45 per person for the 3 day event plus a processing fee.

"Loon" is known for its diverse program. Highlights include the Gathering of the Scottish Clans, with over 60 clans and societies, Massed Bands, Sheepdog Trials, Celtic World Music Concerts, the New England Regional Scottish Fiddle Championship, Heavy-weight Scottish Athletics, National Highland Dance Competition, Solo Piping & Drum-

Red Dot?

Perhaps you noticed a red dot on the mailing label of this issue of the Mists of Moigh. If you did, that indicates that you have not paid your dues for 2007. If you do not intend to lose your membership in the clan, look around for the invoice that you received earlier in the year and whether or not you can find the invoice, send your dues to the Treasurer, Rob MacIntosh, listed on page 4. Renewal dues are \$10 for an individual membership and \$15 for a family membership. Don't forget that you can renew for multiple years or become a life member, \$150 for an individual or \$225 for a family life membership, and never have to remember to pay your dues again. Sending your dues now will continue your membership in the Clan.

Our President's Message by Carl McIntosh, President

Let us note that summer is upon us and the 2007 season of Highland Games and Scottish Festivals is in full swing. I had the opportunity to visit the Greenville South Carolina Scottish Festival in June and it was a fine gathering. Ed Judice who is our convener there and his wife Sigrud were doing a terrific job and in fact signed up several new members that day. I hope that others of you who are convening are having similar experiences.

During this time your Clan Council has been meeting regularly using our teleconferencing capability to have conference calls. We have discussed many things but we are constantly trying to find ways to help all the conveners out there. George McIntosh has been distributing our convener's handbook to folks. We hope this will provide some new and helpful information for all those who are con-

vening. As I said in my last article, please consider convening if you are not already doing so. If you are interested, please contact any of the members of the council and we will be glad to help you get started.

If you don't feel like you want to take on the responsibility of convening, I encourage each of you to become more involved in other ways. Go to the games in your area and volunteer some time hosting the tent or area where the Mackintoshes are set up. Meet new friends and encourage others to join our efforts. Contact a member of the leadership and volunteer. Contact George McIntosh if you would like to write something for the Mists. Make plans now to attend the AGM, about which you will find information in this edition of the Mists. We want everyone to feel welcome and to feel

a part of Clan Mackintosh of North America. This is imperative if we are to accomplish our mission which is: *The objectives and purpose of this organization shall be the preservation and encouragement of all Scottish heritage and traditions, but particularly those of the Clan Mackintosh and its Septs.*

Plans for the AGM at the New Hampshire Games are mostly finalized. I look forward to seeing many of you there. It promises to be a marvelous gathering and a wonderful opportunity to visit one of the beautiful areas of this country at a time when it is at its best. If you haven't made plans to attend, it probably isn't too late. We would love to have you.

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Carl R. McIntosh, President

Message From the Chief of Clan Mackintosh

Greetings from Singapore. As another year has sped by and I am once again preparing my bag to return home for the Field Sports' Fair at Moy and the Clan Chattan AGM. This year it is somewhat of a return visit. As earlier this year I had the pleasure of a visit from my mother. As it was her second visit to Singapore it was most pleasant as there was no need to rush around to see the usual tourist sites. Instead we could simply enjoy each other's company in this tropical island. Often the most pleasant holidays may be spent in places we know, with people we know, without the urgent rush to uncover every square inch.

Sadly my visit will be somewhat curtailed by the need to return for our school's 90th anniversary dinner celebrations. I must spend the next three weeks preparing my choir girls for the event and numerous other



Photo-Rob MacIntosh

things besides. This period of the year is always a particularly busy time, with exam papers to prepare and numerous events, so I am always glad to enjoy my escape from it all in the relatively more relaxed atmosphere

of the Highlands.

There is also a bonus for some of my students, as they are fond of that most sweet of Scottish confectionary, Scottish tablet. As there is a limit to how much I can reasonably carry, the girls have to share one bar between three. Which based on its sweetness is usually quite enough for them. My choir mistress, who always watches that they are minding their throats, may not thank me for feeding the girls sugary treats. Thankfully for my wallet they are not yet old enough to enjoy that much better known Scottish treat. So that bottle is just for me!

I do hope that you are having an enjoyable summer.

Best wishes

John

Visit the Clan web site, www.clanmackintoshna.org

Alta Bearman Visits Auburn University

On May 15, 2007, Past President of Clan Mackintosh of North America Alta Bearman visited Auburn University to examine her recent donations of microfilm and family papers.

The microfilm consists of 19 reels, approximately 28,000 images, of material documenting the removal of southeastern Indians to the trans-Mississippi west during the 1830s. The National Archives holds the original documents, which were generated by the federal Bureau of Indian Affairs. According to Dr. Kathryn Braund, Professor of History, Auburn's holdings of microfilm related to the Creek Indians stand among the best in the nation.

Mrs. Bearman's family papers consist of an array of materials regarding her maternal and paternal ancestry, including photographs and letters concerning her Uncle Waldo Emerson (Dode) McIntosh, Chief of the Creek Nation. Mrs. Bearman is the great-great granddaughter of Chief William McIntosh. The collection also contains information regarding the Mackintosh clan. Mrs. Bearman's ancestors were among the frontier Scots who traded and intermarried with American Indians.

Born in 1916, Mrs. Bearman received a Bachelor of Fine Arts and a Masters of Music Education from the University of Oklahoma. She served in the United States Navy during World War II, later worked in Europe for several years, and eventually taught music in the Virginia public schools. Mrs. Bearman, extremely proud of her Indian and Scottish heritage, proclaims that her one ancestor "welcomed the other" upon the latter's arrival in the new world.

Meet Your Convener

Conveners are encouraged to send a biography, with a photo, for use in the "Meet your Convener" column.

If you are a convener and have not already contributed to this column, we would like to hear from you.

Your Editors, George and Margaret.

Focus on the Septs Esson

Ryan Esson: Scots Goalkeeper by Ken McIntosh



The surname 'Esson' is a sept of Clan Mackintosh. Ryan Esson was born in 1980 in Aberdeen, Scotland, and is a professional football goalkeeper, currently playing for Shrewsbury Town.

Esson started his career with the Scottish Premier League club in Aberdeen. Debuting on May 14, 2000 in the 5-1 win over Kilmarnock, he became Aberdeen's first-choice keeper for 2000-01. He was loaned out to Rotherham United in March to May of 2002.

Esson played the majority of Aberdeen's games in 2004-05, and the former Scotland Youth and U21 international was an unused substitute when the senior side played the USA in November 2005.

Esson decided to leave the club in order to get more first team games. His final appearance was against Celtic on May 7, 2006 where the match ended 2-2.

He joined Shrewsbury Town on June 30, 2006 on a free transfer and made his debut in the 2006-07 opener against Mansfield Town, which finished 2-2.

While playing on September 18, 2006, Esson sustained a broken cheekbone and was sidelined for ten weeks. After recovering, Esson opted to stay with Shrewsbury Town.

Congratulations to Ryan from all of Clan Mackintosh for his success in a very competitive profession.

Lost in the Heather

If you are moving or have moved or your address label is incorrect, please let our Treasurer, Rob MacIntosh know. See page 4 for contact information.

Meet Your Convener Ray McHatton Massachusetts



Ray became interested in his Scottish heritage after attending his first Scottish festival in Northampton, Massachusetts, the "Glasgow Games". There he met Albert McIntosh and Rob MacIntosh at the Clan Mackintosh hospitality tent. The welcoming attitude of these two men combined with his hunger for knowledge of Scottish history began to fuel in Ray a learning quest about both the Clan Mackintosh and the Clan Chattan (the latter being Ray's surname). Since that day, he has been at every New England event that he could fit in, typically 6-7 venues per year. Ray has a particular love of reading, history and cooking, and has tried to instill in his family the traditions of Scotland, observing dates such as Hogmanay and Tartan Day.

Flowers of the Forest

Ida A. Cecil,
Griffin, GA

Philip Vetter,
Athens, GA

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Editor note - This is only a partial list. Members are encouraged to send notices of games with Clan Mackintosh representation in your area to be listed in the Mists of Moigh. This list is subject to change.

AUG 11, 2007 - Central New York Scottish Games, Liverpool, NY (Near Syracuse). Peter Messina.

AUG 18, 2007 - Maine Highland Games, Brunswick, ME. Gail Hardy.

AUG 24-26, 2007 - Cortland Celtic Festival, Cortland, NY. Peter Messina.

AUG 25, 2007 - Quechee Scottish Festival, Quechee, VT. Rob MacIntosh.

SEPT 1, 2007 - McLain Celtic Festival, Carlisle, PA, Jan & Bob Hardy.

SEPT 1-2, 2007 - Capital District Scottish Festival, Altamont, NY. Larry and Maureen Duggan Clark, Linda MacRitchie-Graf.

SEPT 7-9, 2007 - Long's Peak Scottish/Irish Highland Festival, Estes Park, CO. Ken McIntosh.

SEPT 7-9, 2007 - Ligonier Highland Games, Idlewood Park, Ligonier, PA. Lynda and Coe Fischer.

SEPT 14-16, 2007 - Oklahoma Scottish Games and Gathering, Tulsa, OK. Cindy Roberts.

SEPT 15, 2007 - Charleston Scottish Games and Highland Gathering, Boone Hall Plantation, Mt Pleasant, SC. Cecil Hill.

SEPT 15, 2007 - Virginia Scottish Games and Gathering of the Clans, Delaplane, VA, Jan & Bob Hardy.

SEPT 21-23, 2007 - New Hampshire Highland Games and Annual General Meeting, Lincoln, NH. Rob MacIntosh.

SEPT 22-23, 2007 - McPherson Scottish Festival and Highland Games, McPherson, KS. William (Mac) McIntosh.

SEPT 29, 2007 - Williamsburg Scottish Festival, Jamestown, VA. Jan & Bob Hardy.

OCT 5-7, 2007 - Flora McDonald Highland Games, Red Springs, NC. L. Edward Judice.

OCT 6, 2007 - Loch Hartwell Highland Games and Scottish Festival, Hartwell, GA. Bob Wilson.

OCT 6, 2007 - St Andrews Society of Connecticut Scottish Festival, Goshen, CT. Constance MacRitchie Freer.

OCT 7, 2007 - Scotland's Highland Festival, Scotland, CT. Constance MacRitchie Freer.

OCT 13, 2007 - Anne Arundle Scottish Festival and Highland Games, Crownsville, MD. Jan & Bob Hardy.

OCT 13-14, 2007 - Celtic Heritage Festival, Bedford, TX. Dennis McIntosh.

OCT 19-21, 2007 - Stone Mountain Highland Games, Stone Mountain, GA. Meg and John Duly.

OCT 20-21, 2007 - Celtic Festival and Craft Faire, Amarilla, TX. Dennis McIntosh.

OCT 27, 2007 - Waxhaw Gathering of the Clans and Highland Games, Cane Creek Park, Waxhaw, NC. L. Edward Judice.

NOV 3, 2007 - Foothills Highland Games, Hendersonville, NC, L. Edward Judice.

NOV 9-11, 2007 - Annual Salado Scottish Clan Gathering and Highland Games, Salado, TX. Dennis McIntosh.

NOV 11, 2007 - Clan Mackintosh Heritage Brunch, Westford, MA. Rob MacIntosh.

Editor's note: There are many more Highland Games than those listed above. For a complete list, go to www.usscots.com. Be aware that there are some errors in the listings so check the games' web site to be sure. If you can't find a games with a Mackintosh tent near you, visit another games. Maybe you will want to be a Convener at your local games. This would be a good opportunity to enjoy yourself and become more involved with the Clan.

Ciad Mile Failte

(100,000 Welcomes)

New Members of Clan Mackintosh

Walter C. Carson, Jr. & Family, Savannah, GA
 Aaron Joseph Clark, Aiken, SC
 David Dallas & Family, Greenville, SC
 Christopher Scott Elder, Amelia, VA
 Henry Fairlie, Florence, MA
 Denise B. Ferrara, Greenville, SC
 George T. Francis, Aiken, SC
 Spencer Frost, Denver, CO
 Mrs. Margaret Gibbs, Richmond, BC
 Anne R. Guillet, Ashville, NC
 Craig Dee MacIntosh, Midvale, UT
 Terrance Gordon MacIntosh, Toronto, ON
 David and Anna McIntosh, Victoria, BC
 Earl C. & Mary McIntosh, San Antonio, TX
 William McIntosh Lemmon & Family, Greenville, SC
 Francis J. McIntosh & Family, Needham, MA
 William Camerlin McIntosh, Spartanburg, SC
 Christie Miller, Northampton, MA
 Christine E. Paul & Family, Taylors, SC
 Donald L. Raborn, Rock Hill, SC
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 James C. Spivey, Greenville, SC
 Chris Terrell & Family, Colbert, GA
 Emily Elder de Raismes Truman & Family, Boiling Springs, SC

Congratulations! New Life Members

Hon. Richard B. Abell, Alexandria, VA
 Amanda Dietz & Family, Palm Coast, FL
 Michael F. Elder & Family, Martinez, CA
 Jan Carolyn Hardy, Anchorage, AK
 Karen T. Kiener, Saint Paul, MN
 Constance McIntosh Lax, Pasadena, CA
 Cecilia A. McIntosh, Johnson City, TN
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Lost in the Heather

Anthony Trombly, Bedford, NH

Clan Mackintosh Representation at Utah Festivals Is In Good Hands!

by Ken McIntosh

I visited the Clan Mackintosh tent at the Utah Scottish Association Highland Games and Scottish Festival in Lehi, Utah, at Thanksgiving Point on June 8 and 9. This event is produced by the Utah Scottish Association (www.utahscots.org). One of our own, Caol Ritchie (originally from Inverness, Scotland), is part of the organizing committee.



Craig MacIntosh, left, and Rob Alldrege at the Clan Mackintosh tent at the Utah Scottish Association Highland Games and Scottish Festival in Lehi, Utah.

Not only was the festival very well-done but our convener in Utah, Craig MacIntosh, did, and has been doing for a long time, a great job with his Clan Mackintosh display. Craig's specialty part of the booth is a scale model of the Culloden Battle field. He assembled and hand-painted all of the many figures himself and he provides guests with an in-depth explanation of the battle specifics. It's very impressive.

Craig, as well as Rob Alldrege and Dee Alldredge, work hard at helping the public learn more about Clan Mackintosh and "Clan Chattan," as well as Scottish history and culture.

A group of about 20 of us marched in the parade and shouted "Loch Moigh" as the Clan name was called out at the review stand. Craig also displayed at the Payson, Utah, Festival and Games on July 14.

Congratulations to Craig MacIntosh and his group with thanks from Clan Mackintosh of North America! Craig can be contacted at 8349 S. Hayes, Midvale, UT 84047, 801-565-1859, craigdeemacintosh@hotmail.com.

Sumter Scottish Country Fair and Celtic Festival

Sumter, SC
 March 24, 2007
 Convener - Ed Judice

This was probably the first year since this games began that it has not been cold and windy. This year it was warm and breezy and we had a marked increase in attendance over years past. This year we had 27 visitors to the Clan Mackintosh tent. Although we did not actually sign up any new members we had several people express an interest in the national organization and we distributed a couple of applications.

Loch Norman Highland Games

Huntersville, NC
 April 20-22, 2007
 Convener - Maurice McIntosh

With the singing of Auld Lang Syne at the historic Rural Hill Farm Cairn the fourteenth annual Loch Norman Highland Games were closed. Thanks to a beautiful North Carolina weekend the games were attended by a record number of people.

Clan Mackintosh tent helpers included Maurice McIntosh (convener), Janice McIntosh, Bob McIntosh, Carl McIntosh, Bob and Meg Wilson and Randy and Cavelle Holbrook. We had many visitors to the clan tent and passed out a number of membership application forms.

Highlights of the games include the massed band performance by 18 bands, the parade of tartans and the kirking of the tartans during the Sunday morning worship service.

A number of clan members extended our social by gathering for dinner Saturday evening at a local restaurant.



Clan Mackintosh gathers for the parade of Tartans at the Loch Norman Highland Games in Huntersville, North Carolina.

Savannah Scottish Games

Savannah, GA
 May 5, 2007
 Convener - Ed Judice

Savannah was probably the most iffy games as far as weather was concerned. The day started out looking as though it might be stormy but the weather improved as the day went on. The venue this year, as last, was the Bethesda Home for Boys. The crowd was somewhat light but we did have 10 visitors sign the guest register and we renewed membership for one member of the national organization and signed up another.

Winston-Salem Celtic Festival and Highland Games

Historic Bethabara Park, Winston Salem, NC
 May 11-12, 2007
 Conveners - Shawn Hooper and Elizabeth Rief



Conveners, Shawn Hooper and Elizabeth Rief, getting ready for the Parade of the Clans at the Winston-Salem Celtic Festival and Highland Games, Winston Salem, North Carolina.

The 2007 Celtic Festival and Highland Games attracted many people from the Piedmont Triad to Historic Bethabara Park in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. More than twenty Scottish clans and Scottish heritage organizations participated along with musicians, athletes and various vendors. The sheep herding demonstrations were very popular, and their popularity worked to the advantage of all participating Clans, which were gathered around the demonstration field. We had many visitors stop by the Clan tent to look at photos and heritage materials and to discuss all things Scottish with us. Sadly, none of our visitors turned out to be Mackintoshes, but they enjoyed the warm welcome and hospitality they received.

The Celtic Festival and Highland Games at Bethabara Park grow each year as more and more people participate. If you live or plan on traveling through the Triad in early May, please plan on joining us and the festivities

Gatlinburg Scottish Festival and Games

Gatlinburg, TN
May 18-20, 2007
Conveners - Lanny and
Ann Payne

The Smoky Mountains were dressed in Spring attire, and the weather was wonderful for the Games held in Gatlinburg, TN, the weekend of May 18-20. Conveners Lanny and Ann Payne of Knoxville, TN and Lanny's parents, Julius and Nellie Frances



Secretary Margaret McIntosh and Convener Ann Payne speaking with visitors at the Gatlinburg Scottish Festival and Games in Gatlinburg, Tennessee.

Payne of Tuscaloosa, AL, were surprised and delighted to be joined by George (Mists of Moigh editor) and Margaret McIntosh (Secretary for Clan Mackintosh) from Jeffersonville, VT. Lanny is the announcer for the Games and keeps things running smoothly from bands to athletics to dancers, to sheep dog demonstrations. It was a great Scottish weekend filled with old friends and new friends. Thank you George and Margaret for coming to Gatlinburg.

Southern New Hampshire Highland games

Jaffrey, NH
June 3, 2007
Conveners - Rob MacIntosh,
Ray McHatton

This past June 3rd at Silver Ranch in Jaffrey, NH brought us fine weather, as well as Clan Mackintosh members and curious new-comers to the Clan Mackintosh tent. Silver Ranch is a large parcel of land terraced into a hillside which af-

fords woodland shade and sunny fields, a beautiful setting for the 9th annual 2007 Southern New Hampshire Scottish Games and Celtic Music Festival.

My fifteen year old son, Daniel and I assisted Supervisor of Conveners Rob MacIntosh at this event, my convening debut. We had a wonderful time meeting folks, stamping "passports" for the younger set, handing out my wife's fa-

mous shortbread, and representing Clan Mackintosh to the public.

If you are reading this and have been considering convening in your area, I highly recommend it. Perhaps you could begin by manning the tent for the convener for a short while so that they might have a break and walk about the festival and stretch their legs for 20-30 minutes. Say hello to the tents on either side or more if possible. I am sure you will be glad that you did.

Aiken Highland Games and Celtic Festival

Aiken, SC
May 18, 2007
Convener - Ed Judice

The Aiken Highland Games enjoyed a warm and breezy day. This games was the 6th annual games and there has been a constant improvement in the attendance at the games.

Clan Mackintosh had 12 visitors sign the guest register and we enrolled one individual and one family as members of Clan Mackintosh of North America.

Utah Scottish Association Highland Games & Scottish Festival

Thanksgiving Point, Lehi, UT
June 9, 2007
Convener - Craig
MacIntosh

The festival seemed to start out slow this year but picked up as the day went on. We were lucky to have excellent weather at 82 degrees with sunny skies.

We were also pleased to have Ken McIntosh in from Colorado and the opportunity to share ideas for the future.

Every year, we set up a miniature Culloden display at the Clan Mackintosh tent and this year was no exception with some new additions. We were pleased with the response from festival goers.

During the opening ceremonies I noticed that Clan Mackintosh was the largest group out there and as the clan was announced, there was a VERY loud "LOCH MOIGH" shouted in response.

We had a few Mackintosh folk stop and introduce themselves and one of the champion dancers came by who was also a Mackintosh. It was a great day for all and the future looks bright here in Utah.

**Deadline for the next Mists of Moigh
September 25, 2007**

Payson Scottish Festival

Payson City, UT
July 7, 2007
Convener - Craig MacIntosh

It was an extremely hot difficult day at 102 but it didn't keep people away. Payson is still one of my favorite festivals. Payson City puts on the festival and it draws a lot of folks from around the state since it's free to the public and the park is virtually covered in old, large trees for shade.

We did the usual Culloden display and had some great people come by for a visit. While we did have the usual faces, most couldn't take the heat for the long haul and the Mackintosh presence wasn't at it's usual level.

We did have some heart-breaking news right before this festival. A family member was killed in a work related accident and we were blessed in having a piper at the tent several times that day to pipe in tribute. Dave "MacIntosh" Runyan was a great man and had shown support in the past at the clan booth. He will be missed.

Clover Scottish Games and Scotch-Irish Festival

Clover, SC
June 2, 2007
Convener - Ed Justice

The weather for this year's games was overcast which kept temperatures down to a comfortable level even though it looked like rain all day. There were fewer clans at the games this year than last. These games have been going on for 11 years but does not seem to have attracted as many clans as some games. Although there were fewer clans this year they were nevertheless kept busy by those attending the games. We had 25 visitors sign the guest register and we enrolled 1 new member.

Blairsville Scottish Festival and Highland Games

Blairsville, GA
June 8-10, 2007
Convener - Bob Wilson



Convener Bob Wilson, far right, with members of the Bill and Dottie McIntosh family at the Blairsville Scottish Festival and Highland Games in Blairsville, Georgia.

The fourth annual games was a great success. Dry and a bit warm, but quite comfortable for the 35 clan tents in the cool shade along Butternut Creek. Seventeen vendors offered a variety of food, clothing, and Scottish gifts.

Five pipe bands played together and separately around the grounds and at the opening and closing ceremonies. The visitors all enjoyed the continuous performances of five different musical groups in the Ceilidh tent. Athletic competition went on in the morning and afternoon on Saturday and Sunday. There was dancing, fiddling, Border Collie and Gordon Setter demonstrations, Falconry sport illustrated, and Scottish Highland Coo exhibit.

We had steady traffic on Saturday. Sunday was not as heavy, but good. We had a whole page of visitors sign in, and signed up three new members. Several also took member applications. These games draw from a wide range of attendees every year. The local officials are already planning for year number five-so are we.

Greater Greenville Scottish Games and Highland Festival

Greenville, SC
June 9, 2007
Convener - Ed Justice

For the second year the watch word was heat. It was hot, both for the parade on Friday evening and the games on Saturday. Thankfully there was some breeze although it didn't help a lot. This was the second games and their estimated attendance was about 20,000. With some 30 pipe bands and 58 clans participating it was busy. The games were very successful for Clan Mackintosh. We had 21 visitors sign the guest register and we enrolled 6 family members, 3 individual members, and 1 life member.

The Spring 2007 games season in this part of the country has been unusually characterized by higher than normal temperatures and some wind.

Rain has not been a problem this year. The season has been a productive one for Clan Mackintosh since we have signed up at least 15 new members including 1 new life member.

Now we enter a summer hiatus and we will pick up again in the Fall when we convene the Flora McDonald, Waxhaw, and Foothills games. I hope that we find the Fall season to be as productive as the Spring has been.

Conveners

Many conveners like to have some copies of the Mists of Moigh available to hand out to prospective members. This is something you can give new and prospective members to take home with them.

If you would like some copies of the Mists of Moigh for your tent, please contact me, if possible before the deadline for the next issue. George McIntosh, Editor, Mists of Moigh, listed on page 4.

Bellingham Highland Games

Ferndale, WA

June 2-3, 2007

Convener - Porter Patton

The Bellingham Highland Games saw 2 days of totally sunny weather. Clan Mackintosh had 10-11 visitors for each of the 2 days. Both days some of the visitors joined me in the opening ceremonies parade.



Convener, Porter Patten, on the far right, with Gabe Bean and Jana Mutford, visitors to the Clan Mackintosh tent at the Bellingham Highland games, Ferndale, Washington.

Convener's Handbook

The Convener's Handbook has been distributed to all known conveners. If you are a convener and you have not received your copy, please contact George McIntosh, Editor of the Mists of Moigh, listed on page 4.

Mists of Moigh

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Grandfather Mountain Highland Games

Linville, NC

July 12-15, 2007

Convener - Carl McIntosh

The 52nd Annual Grandfather Mountain Highland Games was celebrated this year high on the mountain in MacRae Meadow.

As always, I want to thank all those who helped make this another great year on the mountain. They include Maurice and Janice McIntosh, Randy, Cavelle, Steve, and Angie Holbrook, Steve and Diane Minton, Bob and Meg Wilson, and Marsha Stafford. And I want to pay a special note of thanks to Bette Davolio for spending most of her time taking care of our social tent. She

did a terrific job. The tent was incredibly busy on Saturday with huge crowds. We estimated that over 200 people visited the tent during the 3 days of the games. We had more than 75 sign the guest register. There were numerous others who helped with the tent over the four day period. We had 10 new members, family and individual, sign up and we processed 4 renewals, and I am pleased to report that long-time supporters Steve and Diane Minton presented a check for their lifetime membership.

Once again Clan Mackintosh was involved in many activities on the mountain. As always, Bill Crump and Carl McIntosh helped with the annual whisky tasting sponsored by the St. Andrew's Society of MacRae Meadow. Carl McIntosh's granddaughters competed in the Kilted Mile. Breona Tate finished first in the 11-12 year old girls race and Keilayn Tate finished third in the 5-6 year-old race. Congratulations to these two fine athletes.

Genealogy Corner

Have You Considered This?

Francis McIntosh, Clan Genealogist

There are multiple reasons why our people left Scotland but one we rarely consider has to do with agriculture. The Highlands were isolated and there literally had been no introduction of new farming methods or equipment for ages. Wooden harrows were still in use instead of a steel plow.

Most areas were under the control of tacksmen (middlemen) who leased large segments of land from the chief. Often they were relatives or close friends of the chief. They in turn sub-leased land in smaller plots who farmed it in common. While tacksmen usually got rich, the tenant usually received only a short lease. Even then, the tenant had to draw lots to see which area he could till and there was no pride of "ownership" at least continued occupancy.

The land was thin and would support planting of potatoes but little else. There was

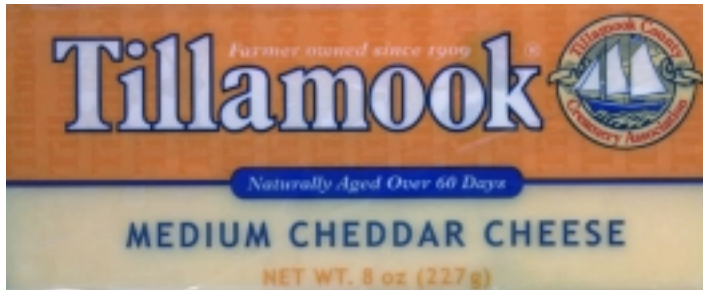
no incentive to improve fields or rotate crops, etc. as the tenant might not have the same plot next year. Only the plots closer to home got any manure and even then it came naturally as that is where they kept their cattle.

The needs of the chief slowly caused him to require more and more money from the tacksmen. As could be expected, it didn't come out of their pocket but from the tenants and sub-tenants and it wasn't long before "rack rents" were common. It got so bad that some tacksmen left for this continent, making the chief happy because this put more money directly into his own pocket. When there was cause for the tacksmen to leave there was far more reason for the tenants to go, and the flood-gates were opened. This was hurried with the introduc-

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Peter McIntosh and Tillamook Cheddar Cheese

by Ken McIntosh



Tillamook Cheddar is a brand of cheddar cheese named for the area where it is produced in the City of Tillamook, in the northwestern part of Oregon, by the Tillamook County Creamery Association.

In 1894 T. S. Townsend, an Irish-American dairy industry entrepreneur, established the first commercial cheese plant in Tillamook, Oregon. Townsend also hired

Peter McIntosh, a Scottish-Canadian cheesemaker experienced with the cheddaring process, who brought a recipe for cheddar cheese with him from Canada. McIntosh's arrival marked a rapid expansion in cheesemaking in Tillamook County. His influence and skill soon earned him the title "Cheese King of the Coast." His recipe is still used by the company to this day.

Clan Mackintosh in Colorado

Clan Mackintosh will be represented at the 31st Annual Longs Peak Scottish/Irish Festival in Estes Park, Colorado, on September 7, 8 and 9 (Friday-Sunday). This is the fourth largest Scottish festival in North America. Colorado convener, Ken McIntosh, will be hosting the display and will march in the parade with Colorado members. Visit www.scotfest.com for complete information.

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tion of sheep which brought in far more cash money and required less supervision.

Do not mis-understand. A few chiefs tried to slowly introduce new farming methods but change was often too slow. The "tragedy" here is the fact that in the US in the next century, some of the most important changes that permanently affected farming world-wide were invented by Scots!

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