



DUM SPIRO SPERO
WHILE I BREATHE, I HOPE.

CLAN MACLENNAN CANADA

NEWSLETTER

Musings of the Interim President

By Ray McLennan

Greetings and Salutations, as our hopes and visions reflect upon the vastness of our remarkable Canadian mosaic. From a highlander's perspective, we observe the lands and groves of the farmer's field as they are sprouting early signs of growth. While moving into the latter part of May, it provides a happenchance of additional opportunities to reflect on what is ahead during the summer months.

Visit the Highland Games

Great memorable times are ahead this glorious summer, as the Clan MacLennan Canada venue tent shows its initial appearance this year, at the Georgetown Highland Games on June 12, 2010, the Cobourg Highland Games on Jun 26, 2010, the 73rd Embro Highland Games, which is held on Canada Day and the Cambridge Highland Games held on 16-17 July 2010. Clan members, Bob MacLennan, Elizabeth Prebble, John and Barbara MacLennan with Ray and Lorna McLennan, look forward to greeting you, as you visit our Clan venue tent in the Avenue of the Clans.



Clan MacLennan tent, Fergus Games, August 1991.

Chief Ruairidh's Visit 2011

Excitement has risen over the pending visit of the Clan Chief, with a committee formed to execute a flawless memorable event. Interest is being generated as one factors in the possibility of two ceilidh's, with one in Fergus and the other in Maxville at the Glengarry Highland Games hosted by Marilyn Lawlor.

Recruitment of the Clan

As our older members lose the energy they once had, it stands to reason that the younger clan folk step up to the plate, and take on the tasks that some of our members have held for over 20 years. This would be an ideal opportunity for keen younger people to take on a role of leadership and responsibility. If you are up to the challenge, we need your youthful ideas and stamina.

We are currently searching for Clan members who wish to become part of our working executive and provide stability to our presently committee.

One may also have interest in becoming a member of Clan MacLennan Canada on Face book, which now boasts of a membership of 63.

Please note that for memberships and dues:

Elizabeth Prebble's new address is 203-477 Elizabeth St., Burlington, ON L7R 2M3

Chief's Message – June 2010

This morning, it is a bright and sunny day here in Edinburgh where I am working for a few days. When visiting Edinburgh, I stay in Stockbridge which is almost literally in the shadows of Fettes College, where I was at School so there are lots of memories! It is a lovely walk from here up to our Edinburgh office in the New Town, looking across towards Edinburgh Castle, sitting gracefully on the hill with its watchful eye over the city. I spend a couple of work days here each month and tomorrow will venture back north to Inverness at an earlier time than what I would deem to be decent! Recently, Rachel and I cycled around Arthur's Seat and past Holyrood Park where, last summer, the Clan Gathering was held - a city full of lovely memories but so very different to the Highlands.



It seems to have taken an age for the summer to arrive here in Scotland but looking out the window this morning, it would certainly appear that it is here for the moment. This past weekend the small village of Dores where we live on the shores of Loch Ness, was booming with the sound of the nearby "Rockness" Festival which has a capacity of 30,000 people. This is the fifth year that I have ventured down to the festival and having once again failed to find any music which inspired me, have decided that it is perhaps just not for me. Perhaps I am getting too old!! However, it was a chance for the family to all come together with Kirsteen and James through from Fochabers with Charles and George who is now about 5

weeks old. Lorna and Robin were also staying at the house as were Rachel and I. It is at weekends such as these that we realize that we need a bigger house in Dores!

Kirsteen and young George are doing well as is the rest of their family, James and young Charles who has just celebrated his second birthday. He enjoys his visits to Dores and spends as much of his time as possible on the beach throwing stones into the loch and occasionally trying to catch the ducks. He seems to have coped well with the addition of a younger brother and has developed a habit of trying to feed George any type of food that comes to hand which keeps Mum and Dad on their toes! Lorna and Robin are both well, they are heading to the west coast this week to stay at our bothy in Shieldaig for a short break. If the weather is good, it is simply an idyllic paradise with its location right next to the sea, set within the Torridonian Mountains and over a mile from any other property.

Whilst I feel that I am very much in need of a holiday, the only thing on the horizon at the moment is a two week trip with the TA pipeband to Basel in Switzerland in mid July. Whilst the trip should be good fun, it will non-the-less be fairly hard work with early mornings and a lot of rehearsals for piping at the Basel Tattoo. However, they often say a change is as good as a break so I am looking forward to it. We are committed each year to giving the TA two weeks of our time plus approximately one weekend a month and I suspect our infantry counterparts are somewhat jealous that the pipeband are in Basel whilst they are crawling around bogs and woods for days on end during training exercises. With any luck, Ra-



Photo by Chief Ruairidh MacLennan: view of Loch Ness from his home in Dores, winter 2009.

chel and I will manage a trip away to sunnier climates at the end of the summer, possible October time with a few long weekends between now and then.

We are starting to put plans together for a trip across to Canada to join you all either at the Glengarry Games in Maxville or the Fergus Scottish Festival or indeed both. We had hoped that the two events would be a week apart in 2011 but it appears that they are two weeks apart which makes things a little more tricky from the point of view of getting that amount of time off work. However, we shall see what we can do as it would be lovely to manage to get to both events and see as many of you as possible and hopefully have a relaxing break in between times. We have many fond memories of our previous visits to Fergus and always look forward to returning. We are sorry that we could not make it across this year to join in the celebration of these events but are greatly looking forward to next year.

I am aware that we are now coming into the Games season and I see from the web site, Face book and other forms of communication that you are all getting geared up for these and take this opportunity in wishing you all an enjoyable and productive Summer Season.

Yours aye

Chief Ruairidh

Editor's Notes

By Melanie McLennan

As we move into the Highland Games Season, Clan MacLennan Canada is celebrating its 25th year of formal organization in 2010/2011, culminating with the Chief's visit to Fergus in August 2011. We're looking forward to this special year with appreciation for the past and present labours of many Clan members over these years.

We have added to our Clan MacLennan Canada web-site <http://www.clanmaclennan.ca/> all of the past newsletters that we could dig up for your reading enjoyment. The earliest newsletter is from Scotland in 1976 and was written by Chief Ronald, Chief Ruai-



ridh's father. It's a nostalgic look back to the beginnings of the reawakening of the proud international Scottish Community we see today. This was the beginnings of the Matriculation of Arms undertaken by Chief Ronald which after many years of due process resulted in the Clan MacLennan having a Chief, the recognition of the Lord Lyon and eventually a seat at the Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs.

Some of the Canadians you will see in the first newsletter supporting this initiative thirty-four years ago were: Miss Eileen MacLennan - Ottawa, Prof Hugh MacLennan - Vancouver, and Rod MacLennan - Nova Scotia.

The Hon Vice-Presidents were: Dr. Hugh MacLennan, Author, Canada, General D.S. MacLennan Canada. These people were prominent Canadians in their day, so I encourage you to take some time to reflect on the legacy we have been handed down and consider what we, and the upcoming generation, can do to carry the torch for the courage and heritage of our fore-bearers!

Remember, you can find past newsletters on line at www.clanmaclennan.ca/newsletters. Check it out.

Flowers of the Field

Ruth Dulcina Moulden, wife of Richard Moulden, mother of Sean. Daughter of Murdo, and the late Lillian MacLennan. Sister of Gwendolyn (Hume), Richard, and Carla. Death occurred at Henderson Hospital in Hamilton, Ontario. July 23, 2009.

Please make the following changes to your Clan MacLennan Directory:

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Clan MacLennan Canada wishes a Happy Anniversary to Bob and Kay MacLennan.

Total Members	66
Owing 2008-09	2
Paid 2008-09	9
2009-10	35
2010-11	13
2011-12	5
2012-14	2

Clan MacLennan Statement of Receipts and Disbursements,			
August 1, 2009 - May 7, 2010			
<i>Receipts</i>			
Bank Balance August 1, 2009			1,719.26
Members Dues 2008 - 09	40.00		
Members Dues 2009 - 10	335.00		
Members Dues 2010 - 13	65.00		
		540.00	
Clan Sales - 2009 Maxville	53.00		
Clan Sales - 2009 Fergus	8.50	61.50	
Fergus Draw - 2009		75.00	
Sale Clan History Book		20.00	
Donation		10.00	
GIC Interest	55.00		
Bank Interest	<u>.35</u>	<u>53.35</u>	<u>761.85</u>
			2,481.11
<i>Disbursements</i>			
Website & Domain	159.65		
Sept. newsletter & directory	132.14	291.79	
U.S. exchange		<u>.15</u>	<u>291.94</u>
Bank Balance May 7, 2010			2,189.17
Royal Bank G.I.C.			<u>3,000.00</u>
Branch Total			5,189.17