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WHILE I BREATHE, I HOPE.

CLAN MACLENNAN CANADA

NEWSLETTER

Musings of the Interim President

By Ray McLennan

Greetings and salutations to all Clanfolk of Clan MacLennan Canada. The definitive summer has finally arrived with a memorable historical vengeance, accented with hot humid air.

Our first visit with the Clan MacLennan Canada venue tent was at the Georgetown Highland Games on June 12, 2010. Bob, Elizabeth, Lorna and Ray endured the cool, rainy day which resulted in a poor attendance. The executive members had a positive outlook during the games, which made the day as enjoyable as one could expect.

Lorna and I enjoyed a spirited July 1, Canada Day at the Embro Highland Games, which are the oldest and longest running Highland Games in Ontario having started in 1937. We sold our first Clan MacLennan Canada coffee mug to Clan member Virginia, who had accompanied her nephew, John, a competitive piper, to the games.

There were 11 Clans in the Avenue of the Clans. They were entertained by the Ingersoll Pipe Band, who is celebrating their 100th Anniversary in 2010.



The color and pageantry of the Highland Dancers, Tug-o-War, Sheep Herding, and massed bands, made for a very entertaining day. The Tillsonburg Harvard Association Squadron delighted the cheering crowd as they flew past in formation against the backdrop of a clear blue sky accented with cumulus clouds.

CHIEF RUAIRIDH'S VISIT – AUG 2011

In the June newsletter, we spoke of the upcoming visit of Chief Ruairidh in 2011. The dates have now been set for the summer of 2011 with the Glengarry Highland Games (July 30th and 31st 2011) and the Fergus Highland Games (August 12th-14th, 2011) being two weeks apart, rather than just one week as we had hoped. Although the Chief has accepted our invitation, it remains unclear as to whether he will be able to attend both games now that they are two weeks apart.



In anticipation of Chief's visit, we on the executive are asking everyone to rally around the flag pole to initiate and activate the action plan which will make the Chief's visit memorable for our Clan members.

The Glengarry Games are now the largest Highland Games in North America. As part of the celebration, the "Clans" will be featured. This event will include our Chief if he is able to attend.

Later, on August 12 – 14th, the organizers of the Fergus Highland Games will welcome our visiting Chief as a dignitary and extend him VIP status. He will be an honoured guest of the Chieftain of the Games, which includes being seated with the other dignitaries on the platform, and



rising to receive the Clan MacLennan as they march past during the opening ceremonies. He may also be given an opportunity to address the festival attendees as well as the use of an extra large clan tent in the Avenue of the Clans. This will provide a wonderful opportunity for all of us to meet our charming Chief Ruairidh.

We are hoping for a great turnout of Clanfolk to march under the Clan MacLennan Canada banner, as Chief Ruairidh will be the reviewing officer, during the march-past at the opening of the Games.

The latter part of the day will conclude with a Clan Ceilidh, (dinner and program) for which details and ticket information will be published next spring. So mark your calendars and send us your ideas, suggestions and comments.

CLAN MACLENNAN CANADA VENUE TENT

The venue tent will make its appearance at the following locations during July/August 2010:

Cambridge Highland Games	July 17
Orillia Scottish Festival	July 17
Durham Highland Games	July 24 - Uxbridge
Glengarry Highland Games	July 31 - Maxville
Fergus Highland Games	August 14

FERGUS HIGHLAND GAMES

These games are located at the Centre Wellington Community Sportsplex, 550 Belsyde Avenue East in Fergus, ON. See Google directions below. The GPS location Lat/Long 43, 42, 24 N 80, 21, 43 W

Clan members who are dressed in Scottish attire are invited to join us, as we march under the Clan MacLennan Canada banner, during the opening of the games at 12 noon. We normally form up at 11:45 a.m., however; we usually congregate at the Clan tent and then make our way to the field together.

AGM MEETING

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held at 4:30 p.m. August 14, in the boardroom of the Arena, (main building on the grounds). The room is just off the main foyer – ask the attendants for directions. The Clan MacLennan Canada sign will be quite visi-

ble this year. All Clan MacLennan Clanfolk are invited to attend and ALL members have the opportunity to vote on the relevant issues for Clan MacLennan Canada.

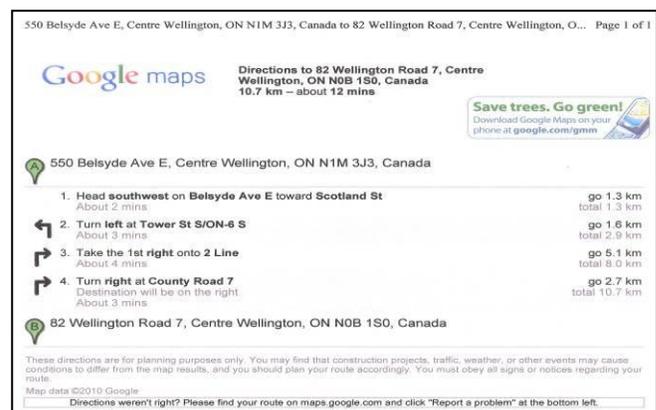
AGENDA:

1. 2009 AGM minutes Review and Approval
2. Treasurer's Report
3. Summary of 2010 Activities
4. New Business: Election of Executive- Ray McLennan has been acting as Interim President for the past year.

Please note: because of poor weather last year, our AGM attendance was rained out and we lacked the members present to hold a proper election. Please attend this year as we have the position of President to elect. At this time Ray McLennan, who has been serving as our interim President since last fall, is the standing for election. Additional nominations should be submitted in writing to Clan MacLennan c/o Elizabeth Prebble, 203-477 Elizabeth St., Burlington, ON, L7R 2M3, Canada or by email to info@clanmacleannan.ca, no later than August 1st, 2010.

If you are unable to attend, please submit your vote by proxy (see attached form or email us) c/o Elizabeth Prebble, 203-477 Elizabeth St., Burlington, ON, L7R 2M3., no later than 11th of August, 2010. This will help us to have a quorum for the election.

Following the meeting, you are invited to you join us at our Annual Clan MacLennan Dinner which will be held this year, at the Gorge Country Kitchen Restaurant (519) 846-26366 at 82 Wellington Rd 7, Elora, ON. (See directions below)



This will be a fun and informal time to get to know one another and enjoy a good meal. We will make advance reservations with approximate numbers. If you would like to attend, please let Melanie McLennan know in advance (melaniemclennan@rogers.com or 519-823-0003) or let us know at the Clan Tent and we will be sure to add you in.

After dinner, we will have a fund raising raffle of items that Clanfolk have donated. If you like, bring something along to contribute to the table! The magical Clan MacLennan brick which Elizabeth produces will be available again this year. The 2010 brick is of some significance since it will be the 25th brick that Elizabeth has created.

We can send your newsletter by post or by email. There are a couple of advantages to an email version: (i) They're easier to store; (ii) it will arrive sooner; (iii) it will cost the clan less to distribute; (iv) the quality of the photos is better. If you would like to receive your newsletter by email, drop us a quick note to: info@clanmaclennan.ca

Available for purchase at our Clan tent this year, we have our new Clan MacLennan coffee mugs and water bottles. Coffee Mugs \$17. Water Bottles \$10. (see photos)



Remember to check your membership slip and keep your subscription current. Please pay your membership dues by August 1, 2010 by sending a cheque made out to Clan MacLennan Canada and mail it to:

Clan MacLennan Canada c/o Elizabeth Prebble, 203-477 Elizabeth St., Burlington, ON, L7R 2M3.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS

August 1, 2009 – July 2, 2010

<u>Receipts</u>			
Bank Balance August 1, 2009			1,719.26
Members Dues – 2008-09	40.00		
2009-10	345.00		
2010-11	130.00		
2011-13	<u>65.00</u>	580.00	
2009 Clan Sales	61.50		
Fergus Draw	<u>75.00</u>	136.50	
Sale New Clan History Book		20.00	
Donation		10.00	
2010 Sales Georgetown		44.00	
G.I.C. Interest	55.00		
Bank Interest	<u>.39</u>	<u>55.39</u>	<u>845.89</u>
			2,565.15
<u>Disbursements</u>			
Website & Domain	159.65		
Sept. newsletter & directory	<u>132.14</u>	291.79	
U.S. exchange		.15	
MacLennan - water bottles	205.89		
- mugs	<u>101.70</u>	<u>307.59</u>	<u>599.53</u>
Bank Balance July 2, 2010			1,965.62
Royal Bank G.I.C.			<u>3,000.00</u>
Branch Total			4,965.62
Members – 63			
Paid	2008-09	7	
	2009-10	33	
	2010-11	16	
	2011-12	5	
	2013-14	2	

NOMINATION FORM: For the AGM of Clan MacLennan Canada, 13Aug, 2010, we have one position open for election. We currently have Ray McLennan, who has been our interim President during 2009/2010, standing for election. Should you have any other names you wish to put forward and nominate for election please complete and send this nomination form by mail to Clan MacLennan Canada c/o Elizabeth Prebble, 203-477 Elizabeth St., Burlington, ON, L7R 2M3 or scan it and send by email to info@clanmaclennan.ca no later than the 1st of August 2010.

I nominate _____ for the position of

President of Clan MacLennan Canada for the AGM election 14 August 2010

Flowers of the Field

“Sadly, our long time Clanswoman and friend Mairi Dale passed away in Australia on the 24th June, 2010.

I recall that Mairi served for some time as the Secretary of our Scottish Clan Association and also I think the world Federation whilst it was operating; she was a very dedicated and trustworthy servant of our Clan and held in high esteem by her clansfolk.

In view of Mairi's past high standing and service to our Clan, I know you would like to contact Harry Dale to relay your condolences etc. and those of our Clan and for that purpose his address is below.

Our heartfelt condolences go to Harry on his loss of Mairi, together with our wishes for future good fortune.

Our Love & Kind Regards,

Max (*Chief's Lieutenant for Australia*)”

Contact info for Harry Dale
 11 Sweyn Road,
 Thurso, Caithness, KW14 7NW,
 Scotland - Ph. (44) 0 1847 895 000.

Harry's email address is < harrydale@btinternet.com

(We will try to have a copy of her obituary available for the next newsletter - editor)

Congratulations

Kirsteen (the Chief's sister) and James Eckersley announced the safe arrival of their second son, a brother for Charles, born in Inverness Scotland on the 9th of May 2010. George Edward Eckersley is named George after Chief Ruairidh's grandfather and Chief Ronnie's middle name, and the name Edward comes from James' side of the family. Mother and son are doing well and we wish James and Kirsteen and extended family our very best.

Best wishes and congratulations to Rob and Adele McLennan on the occasion of their 40th anniversary (April 18, 2010). If the photos are true, it seems time has been kind to them.



PROXY FORM

I, _____ hereby authorize _____ (Please Print) to vote in my absence at the Annual General Meeting of Clan MacLennan Canada on the 14th August, 2010.
 I certify that I am a member in good standing with the Clan MacLennan Canada.

Signed _____ Date _____

Address _____ Town _____ Postal Code _____

Telephone (____) ____ - ____ Email _____

Please send this form to: Lorna McLennan, Secretary, 102 North St. E. , Tilsonburg, ON, N4G 1B5, Tel: 519-688-3763 or scan it and email to: info@clanmaclennan.ca