

# The Spur and Phoenix

Newsletter of Clan Johnston/e in America



**CHIEF:**

**The Right Honourable The Earl of Annandale and Hartfell,  
Patrick Andrew Wentworth Hope Johnstone of Annandale and of That ilk**

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Dear Members:

With summer passing quickly and fall closing in fast, we can only come to the conclusion that another year is about to end. With that in mind, I would like to bring our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to the attention of all our members.

In 2001, we will be holding our AGM and 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at Loon Mountain, in the beautiful White Mountains in Lincoln, New Hampshire. The dates are September 14, 15 and 16. Our committee has been, and will continue, working very hard to make this a memorable event. Our chief, Lord Annandale, will be in attendance to celebrate with us and is planning a very interesting slide presentation on Raehills and his line of Johnstones. I hope no one misses this great opportunity to meet our Chief and learn more about Raehills, Lochwood and our heritage.

Clan Johnston/e in America will be the honored Clan for the Games. This provides us with a 20 x 20 foot Host Tent and a special introduction at the Clan Supper and Ceilidh on Friday evening, September 14. Also there will be special mention during the Opening Ceremonies. I ask all our members to start making plans to attend and help celebrate our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. More information may be found in future issues of the Spur and Phoenix. For real early birds that plan a year in advance, there is the first of much information elsewhere in this issue.

Our Web page is doing very well and a calendar of events has been started. There is a wealth of information on Johnston/es on the site as well. Don't hesitate to make a visit to the site at [www.clanjohnston.org](http://www.clanjohnston.org). It is well worth the time spent there.

We will be looking into setting up a Web Site Committee to assist Jeff, our Web Master, and to oversee admissions in keeping the page current. We want to use it to the best of our advantage to help CJA to continue growing in the future.

In closing, I would like to thank all the Representatives that gave of their time and efforts this year to host CJA tents all over North America. Have an enjoyable and pleasant fall season.

Yours aye,  
*Arthur Johnston*, President



**The Kentucky Scottish Weekend  
Carrollton, KY  
May 5-7, 2000**

The Kentucky Scottish Weekend, held on Mother's Day Weekend, was a success again this year. It opened on Friday with a Kilted Golf Tournament, Wee Scots Day for local school children, and a concert by Seven Nations. We had many clan members stop by and many others who were interested in the literature on our clan.

Saturday and Sunday were filled with the usual mix of piping, athletics, dancing and concerts. Seven Nations performed twice each day. Alex Beaton MC'd and performed twice each day as well. To Beaton fans - Alex is recovering from two cancer operations, but is currently cancer free.

The setting for this Games makes it appear to be a quaint village with shops (tents) along a tree-lined walkway. In the town hall (stone pavilion) you can find our own Joe Kindoll and family enjoying the Scottish Country Dance.

Of all the Games I have attended, this one stands out for its atmosphere. It makes you feel you're at a family reunion with long lost cousins. Please join us next year on Mother's Day Weekend in Carrollton, KY.

Our thanks to Melissa Molnar for this report of the Carrollton Games.



**STILL AT IT—**

Our members Newton and Jean Brooks again participated in the annual Dinosaur Dig on the Paluxy River in Glen Rose, Texas.

After a 25 foot, 3 to 6 foot wide layer of limestone was removed by backhoe, the crew pecked through a layer of brick-hard clay and uncovered three juvenile acrocanthosaurus tracks and our first-ever brontosaurus tracks! Four tracks --and in one of them, a woman's footprint!

We also met the just-arrived volunteer who is going to unpack, clean and assemble the eighty-foot acrocanthosaurus excavated in 1982 and awaiting the new museum building. The volunteer is a delicate-looking lady, rather more senior than I!

We highly recommend that any of you traveling to the Dallas-Fort Worth area visit this place! (We thank the Brooks for keeping us updated on their activities as they dig for dinosaurs!)

An Englishman, an Irishman and a Scot had been condemned to hang. The Texas judge allowed them to select the tree from which each would swing. The Sassenach selected a tall poplar, the Irishman, a eucalyptus, the Scot, a gooseberry. "But a gooseberry is only a foot high," said the judge. "Aye, I know," replied Jock, "I'll wait for it to grow."

**CLAN JOHNSTON/E TIES FOR BEST CLAN TENT!**

Minnesota's Clan Johnston/e in America tied for Best Clan Tent at the Macalester College Scottish Country Fair in St. Paul, Minnesota, on May 6, 2000. They tied with Clan MacCrae. This was the first time in the history of the fair that there was a tie.

Dennis Johnston, Minnesota Commissioner for CJA stated, "We were judged on a wide range of criteria, one of which was how friendly and knowledgeable we were. I would like to thank all of the Johnston/e volunteers who worked the booth throughout the day. They were Nick, Bill, Cary, Dee, Jackie and Ann Johnston and Sharon and Earl Maynard. Everyone was so helpful and friendly."

The award for Best Clan Tent was presented by the Minnesota Coalition of Scottish Clans President Lyamon MacPherson. It is known as the Catherine Jacobson Memorial Award and is presented annually at the Macalester College Scottish Country Fair and Highland Games to the Clan that best meets the high standards of criteria established by the Minnesota Coalition of Scottish Clans.

**Congratulations** to our Minnesota members on winning this award!



**Presenting the award! L. to R. Lyamon MacPherson, President of MCSC, Jackie Johnston, Booth Coordinator, and Dennis Johnston, Minnesota Commissioner CJA.**

## 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Clan Johnston/e in America and the 2001 AGM

*The fact that you can profit from your mistakes does not mean the more mistakes, the more profit.*

The young man said to his sweetheart, "Tha feum agsam air po'g bheag." Do you want to take a guess as to what he said to her? To see if you're right, look on the last page.



**Edina! Scotia's darling seat!  
All hail thy palaces and towers,  
Where once beneath a monarch's feet  
Sat Legislation's sovereign powers!  
From marking wildly scattered flowers,  
As on the banks of Ayr I strayed,  
And singing, lone, the lingering hours,  
I shelter in thy honoured shade.**

**.....R. Burn's "Address to Edinburgh"**

### THE CABER TOSS

And what ken ye of this?? There are athletic throws and tosses at most of the Scottish Highland Games: the hammer throw, the shot put, the pole vault, foot races and hurdling, the one mile foot race, and even the hurling of the haggis. The throws of various weights are done for distance.

Certainly the most impressive of these athletic events is the caber toss, the basic equipment for which is a convenient straight tree trunk, usually looking somewhat like an average telephone pole. Records of this sport are preserved as far back as the 16<sup>th</sup> century. The aim of this event is to toss the caber (a long tree trunk) in a straight line. The tossers do not try for distance but try to make the caber turn end over end and land in an exact line with the tosser. A perfect score is made when the caber falls up-right in the "twelve o'clock" position. Skill is as important as strength, but you will notice that the majority of caber tossers are stout fellows. The standard caber is 20 feet long and 8 to 10 inches thick, weighing approximately 140 pounds. (Thanks, I'll just sit and watch!)

September 14, 15 and 16, 2001, in the lovely White Mountains of New Hampshire at Lincoln. Lincoln, New Hampshire is two and one-half hours north of Boston MA, and one and one-half hours north of Manchester, NH. Arrangements have been made for accommodations at the Beacon Resort in North Woodstock, a ten to fifteen minute drive, or shuttle bus ride, to the Games site.

The committee has reserved an entire building that contains 20 rooms with two large beds and private bath. Ten rooms are on the first level and handicap accessible via sliding glass doors on the side of the building. This building is 40 feet from the main building where Friday and Saturday evening events will be held.

If you really like to plan ahead, you can make reservations at the Beacon Resort at 603 745-8118. Ask for Faye. State that you are with the Clan Johnston/e group for 2001. The rooms are \$89.00 plus tax at 6%.

There will be more information on other accommodations in following issues of the Spur and Phoenix.



Here's a delightful recipe from *The English Biscuit Cookie Book* by Sonia Allison:

### Honey Crunchies

5 tbls. clear honey  
3/8 cup butter or margarine  
2 tsp. instant coffee powder  
1 tbls. hot water  
1 1/2 cups sifted powdered sugar  
3 1/2 cups cornflakes or puffed rice breakfast cereal

Melt the honey and butter or margarine in a saucepan. Remove from the heat. Dissolve the coffee powder in the hot water. Add the coffee, sugar and cornflakes to the saucepan. Mix well so that all the cornflakes are coated with the honey mixture and hold together. Spoon into 30 paper cupcake liners and leave in a cool place to set.

**Please note:** If possible, make and eat these biscuits on the same day. They lost their crispness fairly quickly, especially in warm weather.

## ***A Trip To Scotland***

Ed Johnston and his wife, Joyce, of Conyers, Georgia, took a trip to Scotland in March. Ed wanted to see the homeland of his father and so wrote to relatives of his father that he found in an old address book. He sent out seven letters two months before they left on their trip. One month later he received a letter from a Sandy Wilson, stating that the letter he had sent went to the dead letter box in the post office; however, a retired postman who had been going through the mail had found Ed's letter which was addressed to his friend Sandy's father and carried it to him. Sandy sent Ed 200 years of his family's history and also said he and his brother were in one of the photos Ed had enclosed in his letter!

The following week he heard from a Doug Shand, who said he didn't know who the Johnstons were but that he was in two of the photos and that he and his cousin Nancy wanted to meet Ed and Joyce when they came to Scotland. Doug had photos he wanted Ed to look through.

The Johnston's trip started out in London and they drove through England and up to Scotland. The first day in Scotland they visited Lochwood Tower and the home of our Chief, Patrick Johnstone (Ed says "What A Place!"). Ed also thanks Arthur Johnston, our president, for his help in finding Lochwood Tower, as it is "kind of off the beaten path."

Next they drove to Aberdeen and met his cousin Doug Shand, his wife, Margaret, and cousin, Nancy Witherly. Upon meeting them, the Johnston name came into play and it was his grandfather's sister who married and the name changed from there on. Ed says, "We were all showing pictures to each other when Nancy gave me a packet of photos and said she didn't know who these people were. I opened the packet and the very first person I saw was myself at the age of nine! Included in the photos were some of my grandfather, uncles and aunts, my mother and father and my brothers. There was information written on the back of each photo. These were photos my grandfather had sent to his sister in Aberdeen. I saw the town where my grandfather was born and the church where he was baptized."

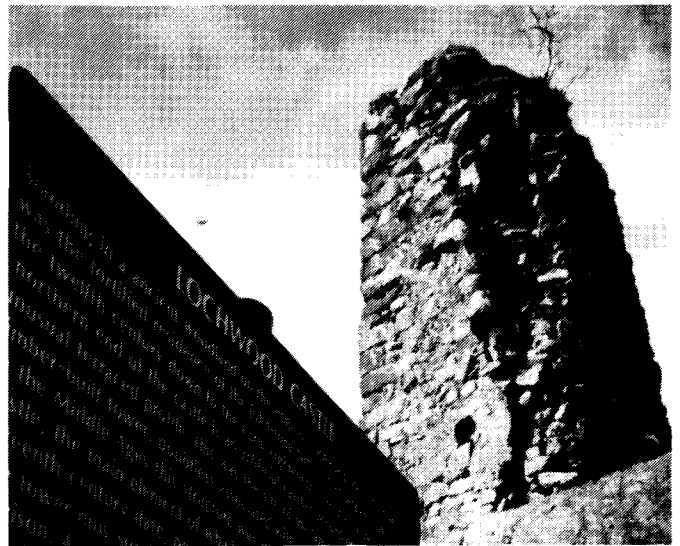
We went to Pitlochry and there met my cousin Sandy and his wife, Joan. They also had photos which he gave me, along with a CD of the band in which he played called The Vale of Atholl Pipe Band, which has played all over the world. We then traveled across Scotland and crossed the mountains and through what they called the

Devil's Elbow with snow still on top of the mountains.

Ed says if we ask he and Joyce what the best part of the trip was, they would have to tell us it was all the best – the land, the people, everything! He says if we ever have the chance to go to Scotland, to DO IT! He and Joyce hope to return there again next year, and hope to see all of the Johnston/es at Estes Park in September. We surely do thank Ed and Joyce for sharing this with us!!



**Ed and Joyce Johnston inside the ruins of Lochwood Castle.**



***Lochwood Castle – The Tower Still Stands***

### **Words of Wisdom**

**If at first you don't succeed, try looking in the wastebasket for the directions.**

**The important thing about your lot in life is whether you use it for parking or building.**

Our member, Kelly Corcoran, writes to us about the ship the "Jeanie Johnston" and wonders if any of our members know for whom she was named.

She included the Cultural Page from the Irish Cultural and Heritage Center in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, which stated that the original Jeanie Johnston was owned by the O'Donovan family of County Kerr and was operated from 1847 to 1858. The ship transported several thousand emigrants from SW Ireland to various US and Canadian ports.

The keel for the new ship was officially laid in May of 1998, and she began her trans-Atlantic voyage to North America in April of this year. She is scheduled to stop in Milwaukee September 6<sup>th</sup> through the 10<sup>th</sup> and will be open to visitors during the day.

Arrangements have been made for the ship to carry a stone from the geographic center of Ireland near Athlone, which is being twined as a sister city with Milwaukee. The stone will be brought from the ship in a ceremonial procession to the Irish Cultural and Heritage Center and placed on the grounds near the east entrance to commemorate and celebrate Irish contributions to Wisconsin history and heritage. This will indeed be a timely and specific monument to Irish strength and perseverance.

If anyone knows who the Jeanie Johnston was named for, please let Kelly know. Her address is:

Kelly Corcoran  
N11013 Redwood Tree Court  
Mequon, WI 53092-4338

We thank Kelly for the above and hope she finds out who "Jeanie Johnston" was.

### CEAD MILE FAILTE!

A Hundred Thousand Welcomes  
To Our New Members!

Mrs. Lois A. Johnson, Red Wing,  
MN

Jane Elwell, Wenham, MA  
Nathanael S. Johnson, Mounds  
View, MN

M/M James R. Johnston, Aurora,  
CO

M/M Robert C. Preble, Quincy, MA  
Janet A. Winkler, Duluth, MN



## CLAN JOHNSTON/E IN COLORADO

When this issue of the Spur and Phoenix reaches you, this past hectic year of e-mails, planning meetings (eating) and discussions (eating), work (eating) and fun (eating) as we put together the September Clan Johnston/e in America's Annual General Meeting will be, as they say, "history!" Hopefully it will have been a *big success*...and fun for all! But that tale cannot be told until the December issue.

We had a dedicated group of "planners" on our AGM Committee, and as you can see from the pictures, we always managed to fit fun into our meetings...and food! The meetings were always followed by a pot-luck meal which gave us the opportunity to discover that in addition to our other many talents, we Johnston/es are good cooks, too!

In addition to planning the AGM, our new "tent guy," Vic Gibson, made sure we were well represented at the Games in Kiowa, Colorado, Evans, Colorado and the St. Andrew's Highland Ranch Games in Denver, Colorado. The Kiowa and Evans Games were small Games, but we were still able to "talk up" our AGM and make ourselves known. Please turn to Page 9.



Our "tent guy" Vic Gibson at the Kiowa, Colorado Games.

### IN PRAISE OF THE PIPER

*He blows his bagpipe soft or strong,  
Or high or low, to hymn or song,  
Or shrill lament or solemn groan,  
Or dance, or reel, or sad-o-hone!  
Or ballad gay, or well-a-day  
To all he gives due melody.*

# Clan Johnston/e in America

## Merchandise & Price List

Effective January 1999

**Please Note:** Prices listed first in shipping column are for one item.

Amount listed second is for each identical, additional piece (e.a.p.) in same package.

**Due to Wholesale & Postal Increases, CJA has had to raise some prices & shipping fees again this year.**

Item	Price	Shipping	Item	Price	Shipping
<b>SILK TIES</b>			<b>LADIES SASHES</b>		
Regimental Stripe, Johnston Colors	\$ 45.00	\$3.00 each	Worsted, 100% Wool, 4.8 oz. Tie Weight	\$ 34.00	\$3.00 each
Will go with either Old Colors or		1.00 e.a.p.	10" x 88" w/2" fringed ends.		1.00 e.a.p.
Modern Kilt			<b>SPECIFY COLOR</b>		
Great with a suit too! Very Classy. <i>(Only 3 left)</i>			a) Modern b) Old Colors		
<b>Heavy Weight SCARVES</b>			<b>6 PIECE TAMS</b>		
Lambs Wool Neck Scarf, 12"x 56"	\$ 15.00	\$3.00 each	Worsted Wool 4.8 oz. Tie Weight	\$ 20.00	\$3.00 each
Johnston Modern ONLY!		1.00 e.a.p.	Specify Color:		1.00 e.a.p.
			Modern or Old Colors		
			Matches Sashes above & Scarves below		
<b>Heavy Weight SASHES</b>			<b>SCARVES</b>		
Lambs Wool Sash or Long Scarf	\$ 26.00	\$1.00 each	Worsted Wool 4.8 oz. Tie Weight	\$ 17.00	\$ 3.00 each
12"x 82" Use either way.		1.00 e.a.p.	Specify Color:		1.00 e.a.p.
Matches Tams below.			Modern or Old Colors		
Johnston Modern ONLY!					
<b>Heavy Weight TAMS</b>			<b>PURE SILK SASHES</b>		
Lambs Wool Tam w/stretch Band	\$ 17.00	\$3.00 each	12" x 88" 6/6" Macramé Fringe	\$ 76.50	\$1.50 each
Johnston Modern ONLY!		1.00 e.a.p.	on each end.		.50 e.a.p.
Matches Scarf & Sash above			<b>Supply Limited</b>		
<b>These New Scarves, Sashes &amp; Tams are the softest wool ever!</b>			2 Modern Colors left in stock		
<b>TRAVEL RUGS (Throws) 56"x 72"</b>			<b>JEWELRY:</b>		
100% Wool, Johnston Modern &	\$ 64.00	\$5.00 each	<b>CLAN CREST CAP BADGE</b>		
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Great Britain by Burkraft.			(Rhodium plated) 1 5/8" dia.		
			Annandale ONLY!		
<b>TARTAN WOOL MATERIAL</b>			<b>KILT PINS</b>		
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56" wide, Ideal for Kilts	per yard	1.00 e.a.p.	(Rhodium plated)		
<b>SPECIFY COLOR</b>			Annandale ONLY!		
Modern or Old Colors			<b>PENDANTS</b>		
<b>POLY / RAYON MATERIAL</b>			Small Crest Badge on 16" chain		
60" Wide Old Colors ONLY	\$ 10.50	\$3.00 each	(Rhodium plated)		
Light weight & washable like cotton	per yard	\$1.00 e.a.p.	Annandale ONLY!		
<b>CLAN CREST NECKTIES</b>			<b>LAPEL PINS</b>		
Navy Poly w/repeated Crest	\$ 15.00	\$ 3.00 each	Small Crest Badge on Stick Pin		
woven into material		1.00 e.a.p.	For Men or Ladies, (Rhodium plated)		
Annandale Crest ONLY!			Annandale ONLY!		
<b>TARTAN NECKTIES</b>			<b>TIE BAR</b>		
4.8 oz. Worsted Wool	\$ 12.00	\$ 3.00 each	Small Crest on Bar, Attached to		
<b>SPECIFY COLOR</b>		1.00 e.a.p.	Chain w/button loop		
Modern or Old Colors			(Rhodium plated) Annandale ONLY!		
<b>TARTAN HEAD SQUARES</b>					
28"x 28" Worsted Wool	\$ 16.00	\$ 3.00 each			
4/8 oz. <b>SPECIFY COLORS</b>		1.00 e.a.p.			
Modern or Old Colors					

Item	Price	Shipping
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**New Item :**

CJA LOGO BALL CAPS Johnston Tartan Bill in Poly Rayon Old Colors w/Velco adjustment back	\$ 12.50	\$ 2.00 each \$1.00 e.a.p.
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<b>LOCHWOOD TOWER MODEL</b> Hand Painted Ceramic Approx. 8"x 5"x 4 1/2" Weighs nearly 2 lbs.	\$ 85.00	\$ 12.00each \$ 4.00e.a.p.
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**HISTORY BOOKLET:**

Your Clan Heritage - Clan Johnston Condensed from The Great Historic Families of Scotland, by Cascade Publishing	\$ 6.50	\$ 2.00 each .50 e.a.p.
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**DECAL:**

CJA Logo, 3 1/2" x 4", in color, adhesive back, suitable for vehicle or other decoration.	\$ 1.50	\$ .75 each .10 e.a.p.
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**CJA LOGO TEES**

Full Color Logo on Gray Adults ONLY - Med, Lg. & XLg	\$ 17.00	\$ 3.00 each \$1.00e.a.p.
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**CJA LOGO TEE SHIRTS:**

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<b>Youth Sizes:</b> medium & large	\$ 8.00	\$3.00 each .75 e.a.p.
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Only identical items to be listed as more than one (1).

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as an incorrect check amounts  
will only delay your order.  
REMEMBER -  
We are not able to take  
Charge Card phone orders.**

## Ahh yes, Sir Sean-

On Wednesday, July 5, 2000, at the Palace of Holyrood in Edinburgh, Queen Elizabeth, with the traditional sword, knighted Sean Connery for his services to film and drama. The ceremony lasted one full hour and was attended by Connery's wife of many years, Micheline, as well as his brother Neil and sister-in-law, Elinor.

Connery was dressed in full Scottish regalia, consisting of a dark green MacLeod tartan (his mother's clan) and looked very distinguished, indeed. "This is one of the proudest days of my life," stated the new recipient as he donned his new gold medal on its bright red sash.

Two years ago he was reportedly denied knighthood because of his support of Scottish Nationalism. He continues to show his support to the Scottish Nationalist Party by donating over \$100,000 every year to the cause.

Sir Sean, 69, also said that it meant a great deal for his knighting to have taken place in Scotland. In 1953, Sean Connery was a bodybuilder and took 3<sup>rd</sup> place in a Mr. Universe contest. His acting career really "took off" back in 1962 when he was selected to portray Ian Fleming's superspy, James Bond in the first Bond movie, "Dr. No." He also won an Academy Award for Best Supporting Actor for his role as an Irish cop named Malone in "The Untouchables." He lives, with his wife, in Marbella, Spain.

We offer congratulations to our fellow Scot - Sir Sean Connery! (who has long been one of my very favorite actors....ed.)



## SNIPPETS OF THIS 'N THAT

~ in Gaelic there are 20 different ways for a lad to tell a lass "I love you."

~ the "ginger snap" originated in Edinburgh, Scotland.

~ for many years, Highland dancing was the standard form of exercise in the Scottish Regiments. They did this to ensure muscular development, agility of movement and mental alertness.

~ good old Southern fried chicken is really of Scottish origin and was brought to the Carolinas and other parts of the South by Scottish immigrants who settled there following the Battle of Culloden.

~ Saint Patrick was not born in Ireland, but in Dumbarton, Scotland, in the year 389 A.D.

Russell Honey, our Vice President - East, sends us the following:

Cole Griffiths is 14 years of age. He lives in Victoria, BC, and his proud grandparents are CJA members Bill and Nancy Johnston, also of Victoria. Cole was the beneficiary of a scholarship grant from CJA and he is very grateful for the assistance. I would like to pass on his thanks from a letter I received from him. He writes:

"I am 14 years old and I have been playing the bagpipes for almost five years. After my initial lessons I joined the Canadian Scottish Corps Band. I was soon participating fully in all cadet functions. I took group lessons from the Vancouver Pipers' Club and private lessons from a tutor.

Last summer I was awarded a piping scholarship from Clan Johnston/e in America. With money from that scholarship I attended the "Piping Hot" school at Silver Star Mountain BC, as well as the Gaelic College in Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, where I not only took piping lessons but also classes in the Gaelic language. Also, last year I attended the 1999 Enumclaw Highland Games in Washington and piped in the Parade of Clans with the Johnston/e Clan. I was accompanied by my grandparents Bill and Nancy Johnston.

My greatest goals in life are to improve my piping to a professional standard, to pipe in completions with a Grade 1 Pipe Band and to attend a good university."

We wish Cole all the best as he continues his piping and studies.



*And I shall hear, tho' soft ye tread  
above me  
And oh, my grave will warmer,  
sweeter be,  
And ye shall bend and tell me that  
ye love me  
And I shall sleep in peace until you  
come to me.  
... From the song "Danny Boy"*

Fingal's Cave is a huge cave on the uninhabited island of Staffa, eight miles off the west coast of Mull. The cave is 227 feet long and 66 feet high from sea level. Fingal's Cave inspired Mendelssohn's THE HEBRIDES Overture.

Continued from Page 5....**Clan Johnston/e In Colorado:** We are hearing comments about our friendliness and feel we are making our clan known and liked throughout the clan affiliations. At the Kiowa Games we got a radio plug on the AGM from Chuck Leary of KYGO radio. In spite of hurricane force winds and *cold* weather, a good time was had by all (except *possibly* the folks competing and performing outside in that cold, windy weather)! New friendships were formed and an excitement grew for the other events planned for this summer of 2000.

The first "annual" Evans Games....a one-day event, was notable because a world record was set in the hammer throw competition. What a way to start a new annual Games! The attendance was fair for a first-time event and it will probably grow over the years.

The AGM Planning Committee members are: Jim and Inge Johnston, Larry and Mary Edwards, Steve Tilson and Sally Johnstone, Patrick and Donna Geraghty, Victor Gibson, Anthony (TJ) Johnstone, Heather Hoxeng, Billye Tellingner, Victoria Johnston, Ron Schnakenberg, Roe and Beth Johnston, Ben Norby, Trina Partridge, and Diane Coblentz. Larry Edwards and Steve Tilson are the co-chairs of the AGM Committee.

There will be more on the AGM in our December issue of the Spur and Phoenix. We send heartiest THANKS to the entire Planning Committee and also to Diane Coblentz for this article and the pictures.



The Planning Committee "at work" – eating! We really did do a lot of work – but we are good cooks, too! It's Larry Edwards, Inge Johnston and Diane Coblentz.



Inge Johnston, Billye Tellingner and Diane Coblentz having a "fun" session at The Streets of London pub in Denver on Tartan Day.



(Most of) The 2000 AGM Planning Committee

It is said that two fellows, followers of Bonnie Prince Charlie in 1745, had reached the tiny village of Luss, which was nestled on the shores of Loch Lomond. After killing a sheep near Carlisle, they were arrested and sentenced to hang. The mayor of Carlisle, believed to be pro-Jacobite, decided justice would be best served if only one of the men was hanged, while the other returned to Scotland to tell what had happened. And from this incident came the song, "Ye'll tak the high road and I'll tak the low road and I'll be in Scotland afore ye."

## A Branch of the Johnston Family

Reverend John Johnston was a Presbyterian minister in Leslie, Fifeshire, Scotland. His wife was Janet Oswald, and they had seven children, one of whom was Alexander, a saddler, born November 7, 1810, who emigrated to Montreal in Canada in 1838.

He married Martha Linton on March 4, 1845. The Lintons were wealthy leather merchants but the second generation lost their wealth and they disappear from family records with this generation. Their wealth is said to have been due to contracts with the United States government for horse harnesses used during the Civil War. Alexander and his wife had ten children. In May of 1857, they moved to Fournier, Ontario, then a wilderness, and established a farm where he spent the remainder of his life. The town of Fournier established itself primarily on the Johnston farm. Johnston organized a Sabbath-school which soon failed, but soon afterwards he organized the Riceville Sabbath-school at Franklin's Corners, which he superintended for several years. Revival meetings were held and many were converted, amongst them several of his children. He was a man of extensive reading and more than ordinary intelligence. When unable to attend church, he would have the prayer-meeting in his own house and he himself would take an active part in it.

In April, 1867, Mr. Johnston became a subscriber to the 'Witness,' which he continued to read even during the last month of his life. He attributed it partly to that reading that none of his sons have ever been known to use either tobacco or strong drink. His daughter, Jessie, left school teaching to take care of her father, and in her tender attentions his declining years were perfectly happy. He was a staunch prohibitionist and Protestant and his long Christian life had a beautiful closing. He was a friend to many Catholics and loved to reason with them. He died in 1900 and half of his pall-bearers were Roman Catholics. His children were Martha, John, Samuel, Bessie, Oswald, Jessie, Alexander, Loudon, May and Linton.

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An old portrait of Alexander Johnston of Fournier, Ontario

## The Name Was Fleming

His name was Fleming, a poor Scottish farmer. One day, as he was trying to make a living for his family, he heard a cry for help coming from a bog nearby. He dropped his tools and ran to the bog. There, mired to his waist in black muck, was a terrified boy, screaming and struggling to free himself.

Farmer Fleming saved the lad from what could have been a slow and very terrifying death. The next day, a fancy carriage pulled up to the sparse surroundings. A very elegantly dressed nobleman stepped out and introduced himself as the father of the boy Farmer Fleming had saved. "I want to repay you," said the nobleman. "You saved my son's life." "No, I can't accept payment for what I did," the Scottish farmer replied, waving off the offer.

At that moment, the farmer's own son came to the door of the family's poor home. "Is that your son?" the nobleman asked. "Yes," replied the farmer proudly. The man said, "I'll make a deal with you. Let me take him and give him a good education. If the lad is anything like his father, he'll grow up to be a man of whom you can be proud."

And that is exactly what he did. In time, Farmer Fleming's son graduated from St. Mary's Hospital Medical School in London, and went on to become known throughout the world as the noted Sir Alexander Fleming, the discoverer of penicillin.

Years afterward, the nobleman's son was stricken with pneumonia. What saved him? Penicillin. The name of the nobleman? Lord Randolph Churchill. His son's name? Sir Winston Churchill. Small world, is it not so?

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**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

A new pastor had been assigned to a small church in a little Highland town. He decided to drop in on a Sunday School class and began quizzing the students to test the effectiveness of the teacher.

"Duncan, who knocked down the walls of Jericho?" he demanded of little Duncan.

"It surely wasna' me, Reverend," said Duncan.

Turning to the embarrassed teacher, the pastor said, "I suppose this is a sample of the discipline you maintain!"

"Now, Reverend, 'tis a good wee laddie that Duncan is and he doesna tell lies. If he said he didna do it, I believe him!"

Thoroughly upset, the pastor took the matter to the church's board of deacons. After due consideration, the board sent the following message to the non-plussed minister: "We see no point in making an issue of this incident. The board will pay for the damages to the wall, and charge it off to vandalism!" (-wonder if they ever heard about Joshua and the walls of Jericho?)

From Page 3....Just what did the young man say to his sweetheart? He said, "I need a little kiss." (And I'll bet he got one, too!)

Alba Gu Brath - Scotland For Ever

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