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Clan Johnston/e in America



This painting is an original by Karen Johnston Klein. She has never been to Lochwood Tower. This is painting is from her imagination. *(Editors note: This is even more beautiful in color.)*

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** Please note my new address on the left. My email address is still the same.*

** Please read the newly adopted newsletter policies in this issue before submitting articles.*

** Several articles had to be held for the next issue due to space limitations.*

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President's Letter

Boy, I am proud to be of Scottish descent and especially a Johnston! I've just had my batteries recharged after a visit to Scotland this summer and our Annual General Meeting (AGM) at the Stone Mountain (GA) highland games in October. I'm proud of Scotland; our Clan Chief, Lord Annandale, and his family; our AGM organizers and Stone Mountain tent sponsors, Dennis Watts and Betty Ryan; our entire CJA Council, most of whom were in attendance at Stone Mountain; and all our CJA members who helped out at Stone Mountain and other Scottish games and Johnston/e activities this year.

Our trip to Scotland was, like all our previous trips, better than wonderful. Fifteen family members and friends toured Campbell and MacDonald territory (they're at peace now), the Isle of Skye, the Isle of Mull, the Isle of Arran, and Stirling. I was particularly pleased to hear, while attending a seminar arranged by the MacLeod's at Armadale Castle (the seat of the MacDonalDs of Sleat) on Skye, a noted historian say that for almost two centuries emigrants from Skye to America didn't know there was more to America than North Carolina! I am also proud to report that virtually all of the Lochranza Distillery (on Arran) staff know our Florida Commissioner Sue Johnstone Joiner personally! Maybe I should explain — Sue and husband Pete have a place in a caravan park nearby, and they are frequently at the distillery for "meetings, seminars, and other educational purposes" according to the distillery staff.



Stephan Johnston at 2006 AGM

Pat and I stayed an extra week and visited Ayr, Moffat, Largs, Rosslyn, and surrounding areas. We always visit Ayr because it is beautiful, historic, and the birthplace of my Johnston grandfather. While in Moffat we had the opportunity to visit with Lord Annandale, Lady Susan, and Lord David (Lord Annandale's son) and his family. They all extend their greetings and best wishes to all of us in CJA. What gracious hosts and what a wonderful family! I hope that one day you will have an opportunity to visit with them, if you haven't done so already.

As for our AGM and Stone Mountain experiences, you will find reports on them elsewhere in this issue. I'll just say that we've made good progress and we have great plans ahead. I was particularly impressed with the turnout and the warmth of our members, and the fact that we had several children and grandchildren of past officers in attendance. I was very pleased that our two CJA scholarship winners were able to pipe and dance at our AGM. And to the delight of all, our entertainment was concluded with Allen Miles Johnston (CJA member #6) singing a portion of his signature song, Dakota Land, and he and wife Shirley singing a tribute to CJA they composed especially for our AGM. We couldn't have asked for anything better.

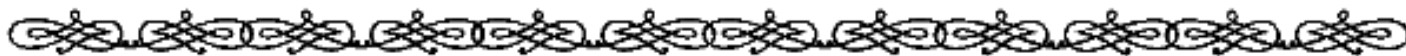
Aye Ready,

Steve Johnston

Celebrate Part of our Johnston/e Heritage

The first Border Reiver Trail has opened in Scotland. It includes eight historic sites in Dumfries and Galloway and the Scottish Borders, and extends from Langholm to Newcastleton at the present time. There are plans to extend it to Hawick and Jedburg in the north, and to Gretna and Annan (both in the Annandale area) to the west. An article on the opening of the trail has been published in the October, 2006 issue of the Scottish Banner. Further information is available at www.thereivertrail.co, info@borderheritage.co.uk, or telephone 01387 371780.

Editors Note: Here are the new newsletter policies adopted at the 2006 AGM. Space does not allow us to publish all of them but the portions that are missing relate to the duties of the editor and not the membership. Please read these before submitting articles and photos. I apologize for the small print but it was the only way to fit them all on one page.



Newsletter Policy

1. The Newsletter Editor maintains editorial rights regarding the newsletter content as long as they follow good journalistic standards and are in accord with the policies set by the CJA Council. This includes:
 - a. Articles must be in accord with the 501.c.3 of the rules regarding non-profits.
 - 1). No publication of articles promoting any particular religion. Historical religious articles would be allowed if they pertain to the history of Johnstones, Johnstons or Johnsons. Articles, statements, greetings, or graphics for traditional religious holidays such as Christmas, Easter, St. Patrick's Day, etc. will be allowed as long as they do not promote a particular religion. (Greetings such as Merry Christmas, Happy Easter, Happy Hanukah, Happy Solstice, Happy St. Patrick's Day, etc. would not promote a particular religion, it just recognizes it is a traditional holiday and sends a greeting. The more generic Happy Holidays would also be an approved greeting.)
 - 2) There shall be no articles promoting political parties or candidates for the United States, Canada or the United Kingdom.
 - 3) Advertising. In accordance with 501 c.3. and the U.S. Postal, bulk mailing rules and regulations, no paid advertising for profit such as commercial business, (ie: travel agencies, travel agents, tours, manufacturers, shops etc.) shall be printed in the Spur and Phoenix.
 - b. Articles or photos should be from the original author or photographer whenever possible.
 - c. If an article or photo is submitted that is not original, the person making the submission should first secure consent from the author or photographer to use their work. It would be advisable to have the author or photographer to send an email to the editor giving permission. Exceptions to this may be when information is found online or is from a historical record and the original author or photographer cannot be found. In that case, the person submitting the article or photo should include the web site address and/or the name of the original author so proper credit can be given.
2. Articles should be submitted in Microsoft Word format in size 11 font whenever possible and sent via email. If the person submitting the article does not have the capacity to do that, then articles may be submitted by mail. Submissions via e-mail, save time for the editor and speeds the process of production of the newsletter but exceptions should be made for those who do not have Internet access.
3. Letters to the editor will be allowed but no letters or articles will be published that in anyway attack an individual member or the organization as a whole. Letters making suggestions for improvements to the newsletter will be allowed and may be followed by an editor's note.
4. The Editor reserves the right to return articles to the author to edit it down in size. It is better for the author to do this since the author knows what is more important to the story than the editor. The Editor may edit it for size but also reserves the right to refuse the article if it is too large.
7. Generally articles should be within the following guidelines for length.
 - a. One page equals 750 words with graphics or photos. Larger articles may be carried on another page to allow for photos and graphics but articles should be under 750 words if possible.
 - b. A half page with a photo or a graphic is about 500 words.
 - c. A quarter page is about 250 words.
9. Free public graphics should be used when possible or those purchased by the organization. If graphics are used from a web site that does not say it is free; credit must be given to the web site for the use of the graphic if it is not possible to reach someone to get permission. All efforts should be made to get permission unless it is marked as a free site.
12. Obituary policy. CJA wishes to acknowledge the passing of any of our members by reporting their name and the city and state they were from in the Flowers of the Forest. In an effort to be fair to all members, we ask that any obituaries submitted be limited to no more than 250 words with a photo. We ask that members please address the contribution the member had made to Clan Johnston/e in America so they may be recognized for their efforts. This includes;
 - a. Recognition of Charter Members (Those with membership numbers under 200).
 - b. Current or past Council Members. If possible, please state when they served and in what capacity.
 - c. State or Provincial Commissioners in the USA and Canada. Commissioners and Honorary Commissioners appointed by Lord Annandale.
 - d. Merchandise Managers
 - e. Web Masters
 - f. Tent Sponsors for the games that served for five years or more.
 - g. Members of Lord Annandale's immediate family
 - h. Honorary Regional Commissioners appointed by Lord Annandale
 - i. Any other person who made a significant contribution to CJA in the history of the organization.The larger obituaries will also fall under Flowers of the Forest and space will determine how many may be printed in an issue. Only obituaries of a person's passing within three months will be considered. Reports of the passing of a member that is more than three months old will be reported as the name, city and state only. Information provided that is not related to CJA may be edited out unless there is a significant contribution that person had made to the Scottish and Ulster Scots community in the USA and Canada. (An example may be the founding of games, or another Scottish organization such as a dance organization, St. Andrew's Society or other Scottish events/organizations.)
22. Famous Johnston/e's articles may be about persons living or dead as long as it does not conflict with the provisions of our 501.c3. (If the Johnston was running for public office, it could be considered political). In the case of living Johnston/es, priority will be given to members of CJA.
23. It is requested that no more than 10 photos be submitted for each game or event. The Editor reserves the right to chose which photos are published. Photos should include the name of each person in the photo, their city and state of residence and the name of the photographer so recognition can be given.

Genealogy Corner

Barbara Hockman

A new year is approaching and it is time to think about your "New Year's Resolutions". May I suggest a few for you to consider?

Submit your family tree for entry into the Clan database. If you have submitted your data previously, update or expand the data. Many people stopping by the Clan tent or joining the organization are hoping for info on their ancestors. Wouldn't it be great to be able to connect them with other Clan members sharing the same ancestor?

If you haven't done so, purchase a copy of *The "Gentle" Johnstons* by Russell Honey or the history booklet *Your Clan Heritage* and familiarize yourself on the Johnston/e family history.

Plan to attend the AGM in 2007. The skirling of the bagpipes on a cool misty morning transports you to a land and time of our ancestors. Kilted and tartan draped visitors mill around the different Clan tents making and renewing friendship; reconnecting to their heritage. How fun, invigorating and inspiring the gatherings are.

"The mark of a Scot is that he remembers and cherishes the memories of his forebears, good or bad; and there burns alive in him a sense of identity with the dead even to the twentieth generation."

Robert Louis Stevenson –

Those familiar with Johnston/e history know that our ancestors were a part of the Border reiver clans. Read about the new trail opened in Scotland to commemorate and educate about reiver clans at www.thereivertrail.com. You can read about "The Great Cursing" of the reiver clans at www.rootsweb.com/~sctbew/. This site also has many links for other genealogical research.

A great resource site that should keep you tied to the computer for a while is www.scotlandsfamily.com. It was just started this year, so check back often to see what they add.

For those upcoming long, cold, winter evenings you can read on-line at www.libraryireland.com the following book; *The Scotch-Irish in America* by Henry Jones Ford. It tells of the Ulster Presbyterians who immigrated to America in the 18th century. And the National Library of Scotland's digital library at www.nls.uk has a lot of interesting on-line reading. Be sure to check out The Word on the Street section. Searching here for Johnstons will be very entertaining.

Happy hunting!




Cead Mile Falte

A hundred thousand welcomes!
CJA's New Members Since August

1. Ms Elaine Goslin, Ontario, Canada
2. Mr Ralph Johnston, MA
3. M/M Murray Johnston, Ontario Canada
4. Mr Derwyn Johnston, Ontario, Canada
5. Mr Kevin Blake Johnston, Ontario, Canada
6. Mr Troy Johnson WA
7. Mr Tyrone Johnson WA
8. Mr Herb Johnston WA
9. Ms Taylor Gran-Johnston WA
10. Mr Douglas Johnston WA
11. Mr John P. Curran GA
12. Ms Katherine Mary Johnstone GA
13. M/M George T. Tabor NV
14. Ms Makayla Johnston IA
15. Susan Ferrari & Mark Lauterbach CO
16. Ms Keren Jhonston Stoll CO
17. M/M Scott Clark Johnston CO
18. M/M John W Johnston CO
19. M/M Robbie Bryant CO
20. Ms Shirley Spears CO
21. Mr Edwin Hodder WY
22. Ms Terri Owens CO
23. Ms Janna M Bremer MA
24. Mrs Cheryl Tredo MA
25. M/M Andrew Scott Johnston MA
26. Mr Jack B Winword NH
27. M/M Brian Johnston Partridge CO
28. Mrs Nancy Jean Foreman IA
29. M/M Jeffrey Schonzeit NV
30. Mr Leonard Johnston CA
31. Mr. Bruce McNeil MD

To Life Memberships Since June

1. Mr James Clark Johnson WA
2. John A. Johnston UT
3. David F. Johnston, Sr. VA
4. Mr. Kevin Johnston NH
5. Raymond L. Johnston CA

 **Flowers of the Forest**
Georgia Mulkay, Kansas

Appointments of Chief Commissioner and Regional Commissioners to Lord Annandale in North America

In May of 2006, Lord Annandale has re-appointed Arthur Johnston as His Chief Commissioner in North America a long with Regional Commissioners listed below with contact information. These appointments are for a three year term and will end in May of 2009.

This is not to confuse the Regional Commissioners with the State Commissioners for CJA, which are appointed by the Council of CJA. The Chief Commissioner and his Regional Commissioners are liaisons to Lord Annandale to the U.S. and Canada and represent, in his absence, Lord Annandale, Chief of the Arms and Name of all Johnston/es (Clan Johnstone).

The Chief and Regional Commissioners also gives direct support to and serves the association of Clan Johnston/e in America. All Commissioners are members of CJA and some serve on the Council.

The Chief and Regional Commissioner system was set up by Lord Annandale in May of 2000 with the passing of William H. Johnston, the founder of Clan Johnston/e in America, and then Lieutenant to the Chief, Lord Annandale. This was to unify the U.S. and Canada with the Clan Johnston/e Associations in Australia, New Zealand and the U.K. which also have individual associations.

If you or someone you know has a question in reference to Clan Johnston/e as a whole, please contact the Regional Commissioner in your area. We will do our best to answer any and all question or concerns.

If you or someone your know is planning a visit to Scotland and would like to meet Lord Annandale or visit Raehills, please contact Arthur Johnston, Chief Commissioner, and he will be able to help you with the information and contact.

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Editor's note: This was to go into the last newsletter but I misfiled it and I forgot to publish it. My apologies to Lord Annandale and to Arthur Johnston.

JOHNSTONES BUSY AT WILLIAMSBURG FESTIVAL

by Carol Boebel

Saturday, September 23 there were six very busy Johnston/es at the Williamsburg Scottish Festival. Carol and Don Boebel, tent sponsors ably manned the tent with Hal Dodds, the Maryland and Virginia Commissioner, assisting (pictured in jacket). Visitors were greeted, homemade short-bread was shared, and history was retold to many that stopped by!



Susan Alis, Coordinator of the Athletic Events, and her daughter Mackenzie, (who helped with the announcing) managed to keep all the activities flowing smoothly and on time.

Peter Johnston was the Chief Judge for all Athletic events. (Pictured in the back). Also pictured is David Mackenzie, (center), long time friend and mainstay of the Athletic competitions. Don, Hal, and Mackenzie carried our newest Johnston/e banner in the clan parade. A fine time was had by all.

New Hampshire Games - September 20, 21 & 22

By Margot Johnston

Many folks were thrilled that the Games were back in Lincoln, NH after three years at the Hopkinton Fair Grounds. Even though it was more crowded than the fair grounds, everyone missed the ambiance and the friendly support of the locals. Friday was absolutely gorgeous, a bit cool but sunny. We had a really busy day, perhaps one of the busiest Fridays ever. Saturday it rained, not really hard but just enough to keep folks covered in rain gear. Even the Massed Bands wore their Inverness Capes. Several Johnstone/s stopped by with one being a renewing member and one new member.

Although it really wasn't a very pleasant day, the Clan Reps kept joking and clowning around as usual. As you can see by the picture of Fr. Peter Preble (who is a Johnston) you can have fun in the miserable, wet rain. Simply wearing one's hood of their Inverness Cape backwards can bring on a few smiles, to say the least.

Sunday brought showers to start out with. We didn't have any folks stopping by. Then came the warning that the storm was heading our way. We started packing up and then came the rain. With help from the Urbans (visiting again from Scotland), Dan Johnson, Jane Elwell and Kathy Postier, we packed things away. Arthur moved the van back into the parking lot and we all went to the entertainment tent to hear the Brigadoons. The rain came down in buckets.



By the end of the show and our goodbyes to Denis, Luane, Rob, Jackie and Bonita (and a couple others too) we were all hungry and a bit soggy. It took 3 days for the carpet of the van to dry out. It really was a great Games, anyway.

Picture by Margot Johnston with permission of Fr. Peter Preble



FLOURISHING FRIENDSHIP

by Billye Tellinger

Back in 1991, my sister, Diane Coblentz, sent in an article about “Making Friends Through the Spur & Phoenix.” In 1990 four of us sisters had visited Scotland together. Debbie Johnston of Baxter, Iowa saw the story and immediately wrote one of us (whose name and address just happened to be published in the S&P since she was the 1,000 member). Debbie wrote because she, her mother, an aunt and cousin had just returned from the same kind of trip.

I answered her letter and a couple of months later invited her and her family to the Estes Park Highland Games, since at the time there were no games in Iowa. Debbie, her mother, Dorothy and aunt, Kathleen Johnston flew in, and immediate “bond” was created! My sister Diane and I refer to them as our “Iowa Sisters.”

Sixteen years later, this bond continues to be more than just a “friendship.” In early October, Kathleen Johnston, Nancy Foreman and Linda Gauch (Nancy and Linda being more cousins from Iowa who subsequently came out to the Estes Games) flew into Denver for four days of “quality time” visiting, sight-seeing, laughing, and just enjoying ~ yes, even marveling about ~ a friendship that would never have happened if it had not been for our connection to Clan Johnston/e!

So, even if you do not find long-lost kith or kin through the Spur & Phoenix, you might be as lucky as we were when we “found” our Clan sisters! Good hunting.



Diane Coblentz, Linda Bauch, Billye Tellinger, Nancy Foreman, Kathleen Johnston

Season's Greetings!



43rd Annual Colorado Scottish Festival and Rocky Mountain Highland Games

by Diane
Coblentz



Kendal Norby

The weekend of August 5th and 6th found Vic Gibson (our ‘tent guy’) and I at the 43rd Annual St. Andrews Highland Games in Highland Ranch, Colorado. It was a simply beautiful weekend in Colorado, and after weeks of intense heat, the Scotland-like cloud cover was very welcome!

It was a very successful weekend too. This St. Andrew’s Games had 60 clans participating which was a record and we had 12 sign-ins and that was more than we have ever had at these Games. Vic and I were there both days and Saturday, we were given some help from Ben and Trina Norby and their 15th month old ‘attention getter’, Kendal in her wee Johnston kilt. Judging from the picture, that kilt may need to be enlarged soon!

In addition to the usual Games activities, this year, they held a ‘Bonny Knees’ contest for the men in kilts. Vic was sure he would win, but he forgot to reckon with the ‘bribe’ element so he didn’t even place! He is already plotting to be prepared to BUY the award next year!

The announcer for the games this year was one of our clan members, Jim Johnston. In our totally unbiased opinion, he did an excellent job and was a credit to the clan.

With so many clans in attendance this year, it was like Old Home Week, and we enjoyed seeing so many of our old friends.



Vic Gibson and Victoria Johnston



Steve Tilson, Victoria Johnston and friend, Diane Coblentz, Sally Johnston Tilson, and Vic Gibson

Diane Coblentz reports that she and her sister Billye Tellingier as well as J.J. and Beverly Johnston of Colorado, attended the CJA AGM at Stone Mountain this year. She will send photos for the next S & P.

Longs Peak Scottish-Irish Highland Festival, Estes Park, Colorado

By Diane Coblentz

The first weekend after Labor Day always finds our local CJA group in Estes Park, Colorado for these prestigious games. The weather can be "iffy" at this time of year, but I still find it hard to come up with new adjectives to describe this awesome mountain setting. And, since the festival organizers decided to put all the clan tents together under one large tent a few years ago, the weather is not usually a problem. This year the rains did hold off long enough for the clans to march in the big parade through Estes Park on Saturday morning. Our Johnston group this year was one of the smallest we have had in years. Marriages, moves, new babies, etc. have taken a toll on our membership. We are working to build it back up again.

The weather gods did send us home early Sunday afternoon this year after a sudden downpour managed to send a river of water underneath the big tent. There were cries of "Flood" as the water came surging in. Everyone was scrambling to get things off the ground and onto the tables as they rolled up their pant legs and gathered long skirts out of harms way. When all of that was accomplished, and we all tired of squishing around in water well over the ankles, everyone decided it was time to head for home.

Before that excitement, the Games were going well and eight of the thirty people who signed in at the tent actually joined CJA then and there! To all our new Colorado members, we say "Welcome, Welcome, Welcome!!!" We look forward to seeing these new faces at our clan tent next year.

We are hoping for an unusual ceremony next year which will see the Johnstons and the Maxwells 'burying the claymore' as they put an end to the 'fuedin, fussin, and fightin' between our clans. Vic Gibson and Shane Maxwell, the tent guys for their respective clans, made a big step toward this bonding experience as they closed down the bars together in downtown Estes Park Saturday night. We hope to have more on this later. Our ancestors may be turning in their graves!



Diane Coblentz and Billye Tellingier.



CANADA REPORTS

By Carol Koeslag

The 2006 Games box has been sorted, repacked for 2007 and put away for another year. The Glengarry and Fergus Games were both great events and both had excellent weather. We enjoy attending the Games and the many interesting people we meet.

It was great to have Vice President (East) Bart Johnston and Leigh drive all the way from Burlington, Vermont area to lend their support and provide a Johnston presence, as well as Joe Johnston from Ottawa at the Glengarry Games in Maxwell. Another CJA member, Hugh Reekie, was representing St. Andrew's Society at Ottawa and shared some of his ideas about the proper way to wear a kilt. No sooner had I returned to the CJA table from that conversation, than the perfectly attired Bart arrived.

(Editors note: Hugh has sent an article on the subject but space did not allow for the printing in this issue. Perhaps he will resubmit in the spring just in time for the games.)

It was an honour to sign up new members, brother's Derwyn and Kevin Johnston and Murray and wife Mary Johnston at the Glengarry Games. It is always a pleasure to have member Carol Ann Arcand and her husband stop by for a visit sharing their news of a long trip planned to visit their son in Fort McMurray who is a heavy equipment operator.

There was just enough time to re-pack the Clan box with more "Gentle Johnston" books and we were off to the Fergus Games. Another fine day and once again, a large number of clans represented. If a person can't find their Scot's background at Fergus, I am not sure where they would have to go. All the representatives are friendly and helpful and just plain enjoy the set-up and getting together. At Glengarry, the set up is in two different large fairground barns so there isn't quite the openness and camaraderie as with the Fergus clan street plan. Another recent addition for the Clans is the option to share a delicious Scottish meal and entertainment after the Saturday packing up of the tents which gives a nice finish to the day.

At Fergus, there were lots of folks interested in CJA who took our materials but no new members. Having the opportunity to meet and talk with CJA member Andy Johnston of Mississauga whom I had only known through correspondence was a special pleasure.

Andy was at the Games representing the British Airborne Forces Association, Canada. As we chatted, I learned that he was originally from Paisley, Scotland and still retains his pleasant Scottish brogue even though he has lived in Canada since 1967. He retired as a millwright having done his apprenticeship in Renfrew, Scotland. He is actively involved in many activities of the BAFA. The Association publishes a journal twice a year that is full of photos, articles, information and news for veterans. Andy gave me two copies and I found them so interesting that I had to read them both all the way through. This didn't surprise me as I found Andy is the dedicated author of the Journal. Andy has what I call the "Johnston look" which is twinkly blue eyes, round cheeks and a wide smile. I find those features in my family and Johnstons I met in the village of Drum County, Monaghan in Ireland!



Andy Johnston & Carol Koeslag

One last personal item about these two games, my eldest sons are twins and one lives in Ottawa so we visit him at Glengarry and the other lives in Orangeville area so his home is ours when we are at the Fergus Games. No, I didn't plan it that way but it is sure convenient.





Bart Johnston getting his kilt length checked at the Glengarry Games in Maxville.

Birthday Greetings to Myrtle May Johnstone

In the last issue, we sent birthday wishes to Marrie and Russel Honey. Now I'd like to honor one of our most elder stateswomen, Miss Myrtle May Johnstone. I just learned from Myrtle May, when she mailed in her annual membership, that she had celebrated her 95th birthday on June 18, 2006. I talked with her by phone and learned she is fairly well, living in an apartment in Brighton, Ontario. Myrtle had read about CJA in the 1980's when she was working on her genealogy and contacted Russell Honey to become a member. Myrtle's paternal great grandparents emigrated from the area of Dumfries, Scotland to Halton County in Upper Canada. They then relocated to Huron County where they farmed. Myrtle was born in Lucknow, Bruce County where her father was working. In 1998, after her brother died, her niece moved her widowed mother to be with her and asked Myrtle to move to Brighton to be close to her sister-in-law for company. Myrtle is a member of Community Care and enjoys its activities and her friends in the community.

Belated birthday wishes, Myrtle, and congratulations on 95 well lived years!

Will Scottish Games Flourish or Flounder?

I certainly hope that after all the praise I've given about the Celtic Heritage magazine, (www.celticheritage.ns.ca), a lot of you will have subscribed to it. Our Clan is listed along with many other for readers to contact.

In a recent issue, there was an article indicating that the "Highland Games in Scotland, face a bleak future as fewer competitors have taken up the sports and rising costs make staging some Games prohibitive. Yet, there are some signs that Games that have been staged for nearly 700 years may yet continue for another 700." It seems that there have been eight Scottish events in the last decade that have been lost due to apathy, red tape and lack of finances. Stevie Ryder, president of the Scottish Games Association, predicts worse will follow. He doesn't see that those Games that have gone will be able to come back. It cost an estimated \$36,000 to put on a fairly modest Highland Games and this is proving a serious problem for smaller events.

The article goes on to say "Scottish organizers cast an envious eye across the ocean where crowds of up to 50,000 are attracted. However foundations to build stronger links are in place with many Canadians traveling to Scotland to compete.

In Dunoon, the three day Cowal Highland Gathering attracts up to 30,000 spectators and 3,500 competitors are from Canada, USA, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa.

The World Highland Dancing Championships are a permanent fixture and it hosts one of the five major pipe band competitions in the world. Ontario's Collen Rintamaki has won ten world Highland dancing titles in the last 11 years. In 2006, there were 86 Canadians among the 140 Highland dancers from overseas. Event manager Malcolm Barclay says "the majority of the top Highland dancing awards go to Canadians. They seem to take it more seriously."

The article ends with the information that a Liverpool based couple have successfully introduced junior Games events to entice young people to the heavyweight events. This information just makes us realize how fortunate we are that people across Canada are dedicated enough to volunteer time and effort as well as raising money to stage the hundreds of Highland Games we enjoy.



Peace and goodwill to you all as the Christmas season approaches. May the blessings you enjoyed this year be multiplied in the coming year and your heart and hands reach out to others who would benefit from your caring.

Scottish Highland Games & Gathering, Pleasanton, California

by Karen Klein

The Scottish Highland Games and Gathering in Pleasanton, California took place on Sept. 2-3, 2006. The weather was glorious and we had about 32 Johnston's sign our guest book. My husband, Scott and son, John also joined



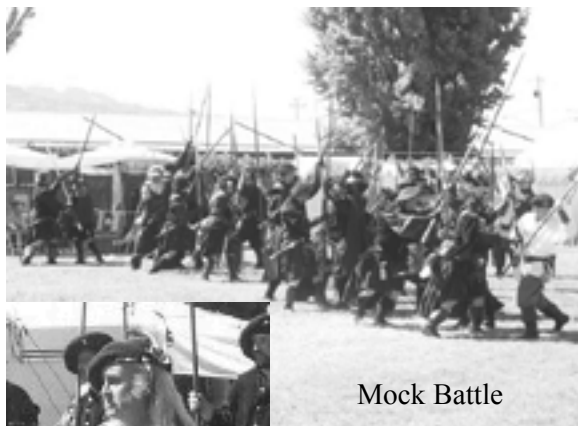
Karen & son John.

me in hosting our tent. Sally Johnston Epler, former registrar for Clan Johnston, came all the way from Florida. It was delightful to meet, and get to know her. The Gathering of the Clans was a beautiful sight. All the banners marching to the race track. We also met the honored guest, the Hereditary Chief of the Clan of Graham, the 8th Duke of Montrose and his wife. At one point, my husband and son were in our tent when some men dressed as the Queen's army walked by and said, "Aye, the Johnston's, we're going to get you, but not today, tomorrow!!" Scott and John were



Karen Johnston Klein and Sally Johnston Epler

kind of stunned, but it turns out the Johnstons took some of the Queen's cattle and they were going to re-enact a mock battle. It was quite a battle even though the Johnstons lost. Calling all Johnstons—next year come by and visit us at the Scottish Games in Pleasanton, California.



Mock Battle



The actor playing Lord Johnstone.

John and Karen Klein, Michelle Johnston and her daughters.

Photos by Scott Klein



30th Annual General Meeting, Stone Mountain Games 2006



Left to right - Arthur Johnston (Honorary President), Margot Johnston (Registrar), Bart Johnston (Vice President East), Dennis Watts (Secretary), Billye Tellingier (Member At Large), Steve Johnston (President) and Barbara Hockman (Genealogist). *Photo by Carol Boebel*



Carolynne MacDonald of Florida doing the 'Barracks Johnnie' whose purpose was to lure recruits into the Scottish Military. She was one of the recipients of the CJA Scholarship.

Photo by Margot Johnston



Arthur Johnston & Don Boebel
Photo by Carol Boebel

From Allen Miles Johnston, CJA member #6 and former CJA merchandise manager who now resides with wife Shirley in a retirement village in Carlisle, PA. It is a very brief history of his Johnstone family and the chorus of his signature song which he has sung several times at CJA AGMs:

The Johnstone family left coal mining in Fife, Scotland in 1867 for America. They experienced several years of adventure in this developing country by leading wagon trains and working a silver mine. In 1885, my great-grandfather and his family followed by my grandfather and his family in 1888 homesteaded in what is now North Dakota.

"Dakota Land, Dakota Land

Upon this badger mound I stand
And gaze across the burning plain,
Praying to God that it would rain.

We raise no oats, we raise no hay,
We're too poor to move away

Dakota Land, Dakota Land so fertile and
RICH.

You really are a honey!

Next Annual General Meeting

July 27, 2007

Enumclaw, Washington

The Clan Johnston/e in America (CJA) Council has selected the **Seattle Scottish Highland Games and Clan Gathering** to be host site for our 2007 Annual General Meeting (AGM) this summer. These games are held at the King County Fairgrounds, Enumclaw, Washington, July 28th & 29th, 2007.

For more about the Seattle Scottish Highland Games and Clan Gathering, see their website at www.sshga.org

More details to follow in the next Spur and Phoenix, but if you have questions that can't wait, send an email to clanjohnston-e@comcast.net

Clan Johnston/e in America Annual Meeting 2006



Minutes

October 21, 2006, Tucker Georgia

IN ATTENDANCE

- 44 People attended, 39 members including the 7 Council members and 5 entertainers.
- 253 consenting Proxies were received as reported by Secretary Dennis Watts
 - NY State law requires 10% for a Quorum. 596 total members divided by 245 attending and proxies equals 48%, establishing the necessary quorum.
 - Note of Interest: 15 States were represented in attendance at this AGM.

OPENING – STEVE JOHNSTON, PRESIDENT

- Welcomed all in attendance, introduced council (current and former), and gave brief history of CJA and general remarks.
- Thanked members for a successful year and thanked Margot for working hard and starting a rebound in membership.
- Expressed appreciation for all the tent sponsors around the country whose efforts are backbone of CJA and promote fellowship, heritage, and connection.
- Flowers of the Forest played by Dana Dubock, one of our two scholarship winners.

BUSINESS - STEVE JOHNSTON, PRESIDENT

- *Election of Officers*
 - Nomination Committee (Billye Tellingner) submitted names on slate (all incumbents).
 - Genealogist: Barbara Hockman
 - Registrar: Margot Johnston
 - Member-At-Large: Joe Johnston
 - Vice-President, West: Lindsey Johnston
 - Secretary: Dennis Watts
 - Request for any floor nominations. None submitted.
 - Motion to elect nomination slate made by Sally Epler. Seconded by Billye Tellingner. Unanimous approval
- *Reports:*
 - Treasurer's Report – Stephen Johnston, "We're solvent."
 - Balance Sheet and Changes in Fund Balance
 - Cash on hand \$270 represents checks for AGM not yet deposited.
 - Reserve for Lockwood Tower restoration \$1,650.50. Historic trust of Scotland has designated Lockwood Tower as ruins which prohibit restoration. Status of designated funds TBD
 - Motion to accept Balance Sheet and Changes in Fund Balance – Passed unanimously
 - Budget
 - Motion to accept Budget – Passed unanimously
 - Registrar's Report – Margot Johnston
 - Total of 596 members
 - 130 not renewed
 - 412 paid /renewed for 2007
 - 180 life members
 - 4 Honorary members

Through our 30 years as an organization CJA has had approximately 2030 members listed. Member numbers are never reused.

- Publications Report – Jackie Johnston (Read by Bart Johnston)
 - Remittance envelopes are working well
 - Thanks to all for sending in articles for the S&P [Note from Bart, please keep sending them in!]
 - Council approved submitted publication policy.
- Merchandise Report – Arthur Johnston
 - We are currently looking for new and different products to offer.
 - Some vendors have gone out of business, so we are currently researching new suppliers.
 - There will be increases in price and shipping fees due to exchange rates, general industry trends, etc.
 - We have sold a total of \$1683 in merchandise. \$902.50 by mail order, and \$760 at games. It is cost prohibitive to send merchandise to other than the larger games, such as New Hampshire, Stone Mountain and a few others. Looking to create catalogs (separate from S&P) for game tent sponsors.
- Chief Commissioners Report – Arthur Johnston (Full Report Available from Arthur)
 - Detailed who and what the regional commissioners are and do.
 - Eyes and ears for Lord Annandale.
- Scholarship Committee:
 - Two Winners: Dana Dubock and Carolynne MacDonald
- Genealogy Report – Barbara Hockman
 - An extensive database (almost through all the folders) has been created, a copy of which was posted at the Clan tent for the SMHG.
 - There is still currently a shortage of information from new members and many existing members have not updated their information. Requests will be made during the year for people to send in whatever current genealogical information they have to add to the database.
 - If anyone would like to volunteer to help with research, please contact Barbara.
- *Remarks:*
 - Thanks to Betty Ryan for organizing AGM and Steve’s wife Pat for arranging entertainment. The entertainment included our two scholarship winners, five additional highland dancers, and a closing song composed and sung by Allen Miles Johnstone and his wife Shirley Johnstone as a tribute to CJA.
 - First priorities will be to create growth in finances and membership, as well as geographically with an emphasis on the US West Coast and Canada.
 - Request for members to participate in the Clan organization through committees and volunteer efforts.
 - New committees for next year, Finance, By Laws, Donations.
 - May need to move archived materials from Odum Library in Moultrie GA. Steve will look at potential new location, St. Andrews Presbyterian College in North Carolina.
- *Honors/Presentations:*
 - Recognition of Allen Miles Johnstone for his dedication to CJA and he and his wife Shirley’s wonderful singing abilities.

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted, Dennis Watts, Secretary

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By Dr Nicholas J Fiddes

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www.scotweb.co.uk/nick/buyingyourkilt



Congratulations Makayla!

Makayla Johnston, age 12, is one of the newest members of CJA. She won the Iowa State Fair Grand Champion 4-H Pony Pleasure on August 9th, 2006. She represented Jasper County. Her horse, What a Joy is 30 years old and is one of the oldest ponies to win the title. She is in the 7th grade at Baxter Community School and is the daughter of Shelly and Dave Wallace and the late Doug Johnston. Makayla also placed 3rd in Junior Pony Showmanship. In addition to horseback riding, Makayla enjoys reading the youth page in the Spur and Phoenix. *Submitted by her proud aunt, Debra Johnston.*



Hawick Reivers Festival 2007 March 23 & 24

On 23rd March 2007 the town of Hawick in the Scottish Borders will again step back in time to the mid 1500's and over the next few days will re-create the sites and sounds of this turbulent period – so important in the town's history.

Through drama, music and song the town will allow the visitor to experience the truth of life in the 16th century, a period of hardship and violence, of family against family and nation against nation. A period which did much to shape the character of the modern day Borderer and his relatives throughout the world.

The Union of the Crowns brought an end to lawlessness with many of the perpetrators given the option of death or forever leaving the Borderlands. Armstrongs, Elliots, Johnstons and Turnbells to name but a few set off to settle in Ireland and further afield, making their mark on the “New World”

This year's festival, the 5th such event will coincide with the opening of a new Family History Centre in Hawick. This state of the art facility will allow access to Border archives and records, to assist the researcher

(both experienced and beginner) to trace their family history in the heart of the Border Country.

If you are interested in more information about the festival please contact celliottwalker@aol.com or if you wish information on the Family History Centre visit web site www.scotborders.gov.uk/council/specialinterest/heartofhawick



Clan Johnston/e in America



Merchandise & Price List

Effective December 1, 2006

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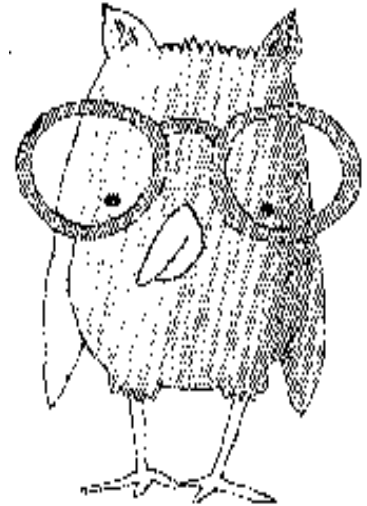
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Youth Page

by Billye Tellingner

Are you kids ready for another contest? Want to impress your folks and make a few Dollars? If so, see what you can do by matching up the first and last names listed below. All those under 16 who successfully match the names will receive \$10.00 from Clan Johnston/e. Ready – Set – GO!

William	McDonald
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John	Greyfriars
Flora	Baliol
Walter	Stuart
Mary	The Bruce
Rob Roy	McIntosh
Bobby	Lord Annandale
Charles Rene	Scott
Patrick	Wallace



Please mail your answers to: Billye Tellingner, 7473 Dale Court, Westminster, CO 80030, no later than December 20, 2006. Good luck!



SCOTS' SPEAK

It has been quite a while since there have been New Scots words to twist your tongue around. Here are a few fun ones:

tapsalteerie (pronounced tap-sl-tea-ree)
Something which is *tapsalteerie* is upside-down. Tapsalteerie also means untidy. The word is a Scottish form of *topsy-turvy*.

Teuch (pronounced *chooCH* or *chuCH*)
Food which is **teuch** is tough and hard to chew.
This steak is a bit teuch!

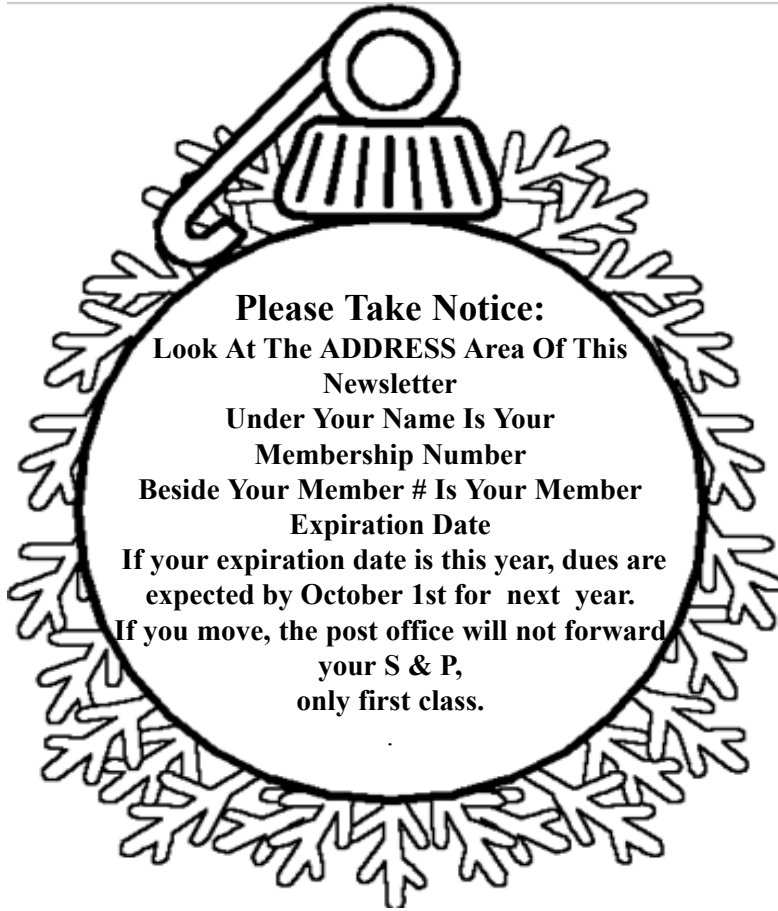
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1847 – Alexander Graham Bell born in Edinburgh.

1971 – Decimal currency introduced - abandoning 12 pennies (pence) to a Shilling and 20 shillings to a Pound.





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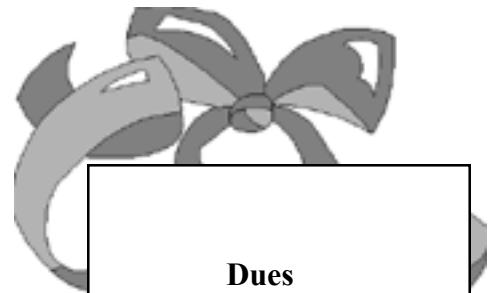
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