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Chief: The Right Honourable Earl of Annandale and Hartfell

A Special Tartan Day is Coming!

By Jackie Johnston

We will be celebrating the tenth annual Tartan Day in the United States. Our efforts to dedicate one day a year to celebrate Scottish heritage and history have really taken root. Tartan Day has become an international event and celebrations are found around the globe. Check out this website for a full list of the locations for events from Argentina to West Virginia. <http://www.rampantscotland.com/features/tartanday.htm>

Tartan Day is celebrated on April 6 to commemorate the signing of the Declaration of Aboroath which some historians believe was one of the documents that Thomas Jefferson used as inspiration for the wording of the United States Constitution. Since April 6th is not always on a weekend, the celebrations will be found around the country from the weekend before to the weekend after.

This is a good time to start planning how you will celebrate Tartan Day. You can attend a celebration in your state if there is one. If not, perhaps have a potluck with some of your Scottish friends or family members and talk about your Scottish heritage. Wear a Tartan Day button, or a bit of tartan like a tie or scarf to work on April 6th or if you have one, wear your kilt. (If you don't have any Johnston tartan, you can find many products on our merchandise pages and still have time to order in time for Tartan Day.)

One couple I know, donned their Scottish Attire and hit the town. They went to famous places in Minneapolis and St. Paul and took photos of each other in their finery and put together a scrapbook. They had fun and a lot of people stopped to ask questions as to why they were wearing Scottish clothes. It was a chance to educate people about Tartan Day and our Scottish heritage.

There are a lot of ways to celebrate Tartan Day. Send us some photos of you and/or your family and we will publish as many as we can in the next Spur and Phoenix. Happy Tartan Day!

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From the Editor

* Please read the newsletter policies in the Winter 2006 issue for information on submitting articles. If you need a copy of the policies, email me. *Jackie*

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Next Newsletter Deadline

May 2, 2009

President's Letter

By Stephen Johnston

Here's hoping the economy isn't too much on your mind. Whether it is or not, let me suggest a few diversions.



Spend time checking in on what's going on in our ancestral home, Scotland. I would suggest signing up for a subscription to the Scotsman, a free on-line newsletter that features four timely articles every day. It is published by Johnston Press, and the web site is www.scotsman.com. Also, keep up with the plethora of events that are going on this year as part of Homecoming Scotland (www.homecomingscotland.org). The celebration of the 250th anniversary of Robert Burn's birth (January 25, 1759) is over, although some of the participants may still be having lingering side effects. The high point of Homecoming Scotland is the International Gathering of Clans in Edinburgh beginning in late July. CJA will not be attending as a group for reasons cited in the last issue of our *Spur and Phoenix*, but please don't let that deter you and your friends from attending.

Delve more deeply into your Scottish heritage though other means. One way to do so is to read all the extensive Johnston/e history on our web site, www.clanjohnstone.org. Another is to read Russ Honey's book *The "Gentle" Johnston/es*. Russ was a long-time member and officer of CJA, and his very informative and very readable book is available from our Merchandise Manager, Arthur Johnston, at lucknbooth@aol.com. Spend time researching your genealogy, including participating in our DNA testing program – you can find information to help you with this on our web site.

I would also suggest participating in nearby Scottish Games, Festivals, Fairs, etc, and look especially for other Johnstons in attendance. We post on our web site the Scottish Games where we plan to sponsor a clan tent and have Johnston materials (and lots of fun and fellowship) available. If you're interested in helping out, please notify our National Membership Commissioner, Betty Watts, at louiseryan2001@yahoo.com.

I'm looking forward to attending a Scottish Heritage Symposium at St. Andrew's Presbyterian College in Scotland County, NC, in March. I especially hope to learn more about tartans from a real authority, Dr. Philip Smith (who I call "the real Dr. Phil"). Dr. Phil is a retired professor who authored *A Tartan for Me* and co-authored the extensive three volume series *Tartans* with our own Bill Johnston, who founded CJA and served as our first President. Join me in delving deeper into our Scottish—and especially our Johnston/e – heritage, and in participating in Scottish and CJA events. You can't help but feel impressed, and I'm sure you'll conclude by congratulating yourself on such a wise and rewarding use of your time.

Cead Mile Failte
A hundred thousand welcomes
to our new members.

Christina Johnston - Renoldsburg, OH
M/M Robert N. Johnston - Anderson, SC
M/M Thomas M. Johnston - Snellville, GA
Pam Drawhorn - Lawrenceville, GA
Dr. Elizabeth Perry - Newton, NJ
Helene Johnson - Gorham, ME
M/M Andrew P. Johnson - Smithfield, VA
M/M Derrick M. Huther - Prince George, VA
M/M Donald C. Johnston - Chesterfield, VA

Clan Johnston Joins MySpace

by Catherine Postier

In an effort to reach a wider range of people interested in Clan Johnston/e in America, we have put up a page on MySpace.

The web address is:

<http://www.myspace.com/clanjohnstone>

Please check back often as we will update the page with information pertaining to clan news, meetings, games, dance, music and more. If there is anything specific you would like to see, please send an e-mail to SecretaryCJA@gmail.com.

CJA Website Update

by Will Johnstone

In order to make it easier for you to find information throughout the Clan Johnston/e in America web site, and to make it easier for the various search engines in the Internet to find us as well, our webmaster has been going through many of our web pages and providing a new set of links at the top, a new table of links on several of the main pages, and a new subset of links in the Lochwood Tower area. Also, many pages are being renamed to make it more obvious that they are tied directly to Johnstons and Johnstones and to the Clan; again, this is to help the search engines find us. All of the old page names still exist so that your web "bookmarks" will continue to work. Many of those old pages have also had their links updated, but now and then you may come across some that have not. They too will still work fine. The website is www.clanjohnstone.org

Genealogy Corner

Barbara Hockman, Genealogist

Have you ever considered joining the Johnston/e DNA project but considered the price of the test too expensive? Well, Ancestry has lowered the price of its 33-marker Y-DNA test to \$79. Check it out at Ancestry.com by clicking on the tab for DNA and reading about what they have to offer. You can check out the Johnston/e project and get your questions answered at: http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~hjohnson/New%20Index/index/j-j-j_index.htm. Contact Lee Johnson, the administrator, by clicking on his name at the bottom of the page.

Lisa Kudrow's genealogy-reality show on NBC is scheduled to premiere on April 20th at 8:00 PM EST. Modeled after Britain's "Who Do You Think You Are" series, professional genealogist will trace the roots of celebrities. It will give great insights on how to go about doing a case study and the importance of getting proof of facts. And who knows, you may realize that you are actually related to one of the subjects.

What is the difference between http and https? HTTP stands for Hyper Text Transport Protocol, which is a fancy way of saying it's a protocol or to the lay person, a language. For information to be passed between web servers and clients, the import thing to look for is the letter S which stands for "Secure". If you visit a website or webpage and the address in the web browser is just http://, then your computer is transferring data in the "un-secure" mode. This means it is possible for someone to "eavesdrop" on the data going between your computer and the website. If you fill out any forms on the website, others can "see" the information you are sending. It is only when the web address begins with https:// that you know you are transferring data in a secure language and should be closed to prying eyes. Always check for the "S" in the web when you are dealing with any information that you do not want others to have access to.

A great website to check out is <http://nycnuts.110mb.com/links.html>. Although mainly directed toward New York research, there are links to genealogical topics of every description and area of the country. Be prepared to spend hours checking out all the different links.

Another site that will keep you at the computer for quite a while is <http://openlibrary.org/>. This is a site of scanned books that can be read for free. Entering Johnston in the search box and checking the box for "scanned books only" just underneath the search box brings back a long list of books about or written by Johnstons that you can read on line. Have fun altering your searches for other names, locations and record types.

Be sure to check <http://www.worldvitalrecords.com/> on a regular basis. When they put a new database on line they allow free searches for a short period of time. Only by checking on a regular basis can you take advantage of the free access of the databases.

Happy hunting!

Check out these great websites!

Les Hewitt of New Zealand sent us many websites to check out. Thank you Les!

For genealogy:

<http://www.gla.ac.uk:80/departments/scottishwayofbirthanddeath/>

www.practicalfamilyhistory.co.uk

www.findmypast.com

www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk

www.discovermypast.co.uk

<http://www.scotlandspeoplehub.gov.uk/>

www.ancestry.com

For maps: www.nls.uk/maps/os/6inch/

The Lord Lyons website for heraldry: www.lyon-court.com

For social networking with Scots: www.scot-talk.socialgo.com

And this one from Dee Johnston, www.scotster.com.

Resources



Editor's note: This letter from the Earl of Annandale arrived after our deadline for our Winter issue. We wish the Earl and his family a wonderful New Year filled with peace and joy.

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October, 2008

Dear Clan Members,

As I sit in the Estate office, looking out of the window to see yet more rain pouring down, those of you who live down under, desperately need!

My thoughts turn to Christmas which is coming round all too quickly for which as yet I have done no planning or searching for Christmas presents.

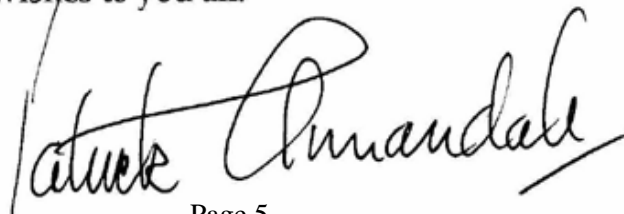
However I would like to send out our family message for the festive season to all Chief Commissioners and editors of the Clan magazines, for this message to be included in the next newsletter print which you should receive before Christmas.

May I and Susie; David, Penny and the family, Julia, Barney and their family in Annandale send our Christmas greetings and best wishes for the new year to you all, wherever you are scattered around the world, wishing you a quieter and satisfactory year ahead.

May I also thank all those who have contributed articles to their respective newsletters, all of which I have read! This very much keeps me informed on local events world wide.

There have been quite a few visits of Johnstones or their relatives this year which are welcome. Not all of whom I have been able to help as they would wish. This years events will be topped off with our local AGM on the 25th October at Raehills, attended by some 25 - 30 members and their friends. To be followed by a dinner at Moffat House Hotel in the evening.

Once again best wishes to you all.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'The Earl of Annandale', written in a cursive style.

FAMOUS JOHNSTONS – Sir Thomas Johnstone Lipton

by Bart Johnston



Although the Potato Famine drained Ireland of its people and hope, it blessed North America and the British Empire with millions of people ready to succeed in environments often hostile to Irish immigrants. Two of those were Thomas Lipton and his wife Frances Johnstone Lipton of County Fermanagh. In 1847 they decided to return to the land of their ancestors and booked passage for Glasgow, Scotland. Three years later, Thomas Johnstone Lipton was born, the youngest of five children.

In his childhood, his parents started a market that dealt in ham, bacon, butter and eggs. It was from Frances that young Tom learned his first business maxim: eliminate the middleman and share his profits with the customer. Weekly, Frances would send Tom down to the Clydeside docks as the boats from Belfast came in with Irish farmers and their produce. He would buy directly from the producer while sharpening his skills in bargaining. Later in life he would still purchase from these farmers but he would also own farms, plantations and packing houses.

At the age of fourteen Tom booked passage to New York to seek his fortune. He worked hard in Virginia tobacco fields and in the office of a Carolina plantation as well as several other jobs but eventually ended up back in New York City. There he worked as a grocery assistant in a prosperous store and learned lessons that would help make him a millionaire many times over. He credited America with teaching him the value of advertising and presentation of products. These ideas were practically unheard of in Britain. Lipton wrote, “People must eat . . . and the store that tempted people to buy goods would never be empty of customers.” He devoted his business life to following the three rules he had learned as a child from Frances Johnstone and the Americans.

When Tom returned to the family business in 1869, he had difficulty getting his father to market goods the way Americans did. Where his father knew his place and was comfortable in it, Tom was driven to succeed and turned the family store into a success. Two years later he opened his first store in the dark, foggy streets of Glasgow. The grocery was so brightly lit that it was a beacon for the whole neighborhood. By 1876 his eighteen hour days, zany advertising, tempting presentations and smart purchasing from the same Irish farmers had resulted in eight stores. By 1880 he had twenty stores and he was a millionaire; by 1890 he had three hundred!

In the 1880s, tea dealers in London recognized Lipton’s genius and tried to get him to market their teas in his shops. Tom studied the market and realized that this upper-class drink could be popular with the working classes as well but he would have to cut out the dealers to do it. Therefore, he hired tea blenders at twice what they were making and bought tea in the London exchange, blending it for each store. He greatly lowered the price and the popularity of the drink exploded. His next move was to replace the Chinese tea in London with Ceylonese tea grown on his plantations and later his Indian tea paddies. “Direct from the tea gardens to the tea pot” became his slogan. Now the working class savored tea as much as the wealthy.

Parades of actors dressed as Ceylonese escorting tea wagons to the stores in Glasgow, herds of swine driven by “Irishmen” past Lipton stores and pipe bands leading huge wheels of American cheeses at Christmastime all became part of the Lipton theater which drew ever-increasing crowds. He bought a warehouse on the Hudson River in Hoboken and painted his name on so that it could be seen from the entire New York Harbor. *(Continued on page 7)*

When his mother died in 1889, he wrote that he had lost his best friend and most trusted counselor. Shortly after, his father died as well. Thomas then moved his operation to London, where most of his business was. He became a close friend of Edward VII of Britain and Queen Alexandra of France. He was known as a ladies' man and there were many rumors of an early marriage and illegitimate children. However, he wrote that he was never married and had no children.

As a sportsman, Lipton was hugely popular. He bred and raced horses, sponsored international soccer and cricket matches, and is best known for his five tries for the America's Cup. His Shamrock sailing yachts off the coast of Newport, RI endeared the old gentlemen to the whole sporting world. He never won but enjoyed the competition immensely.

In Scotland and Britain he was known for his philanthropy. He gave hundreds of thousands of pounds to feed the poor, pay medical costs, convert and operate his yacht Erin as a hospital ship in WWI; and the list goes on. Childless, he left the bulk of his fortune to the City of Glasgow.



Frances Johnstone Lipton

Thomas Johnstone Lipton died peacefully in his sleep in 1931 on his English estate. He was buried in Glasgow next to his beloved mother and father. Thousands of Glaswegians filed past his coffin in St. George's Church and lined the funeral route to the cemetery.



Flowers of the Forest

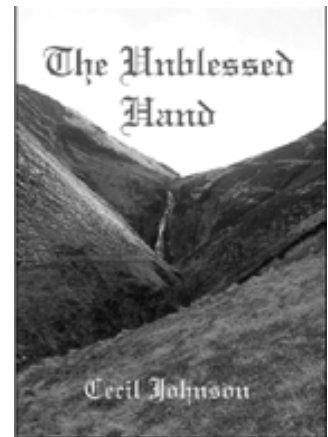
Faison Barnes of Charlotte, NC

Book Review

by Kathleen Sloan

The Unblessed Hand

The Unblessed Hand is a novel based on historical fact of 16th century Scotland. The author is our very own Clan Johnston/e Commissioner for the United Kingdom, Cecil Johnson the Baron of Kilmaine. While visiting Cecil this past August at this beautiful farm in County Durham we discussed his new book over tea. Imagine four young men caught up in extreme politics during the reign of King James VI. The rugged terrain of the Borderlands was mild in comparison to the violent blood feud of that era.



May you enjoy The Unblessed Hand: <http://www.trafford.com/07-1242>. The next time Allen and I drive the Borderlands between Cairnryan and County Durham the landscape will appear different, it will have been altered by history.



Kathleen Sloan with author Cecil Johnson

Kathleen also wrote, "We met Cecil four years ago at the Clan Johnston/e reunion in Scotland and have been friends ever since. He works so hard on anything Clan related, he organizes Clan walks in the borderlands and hosts a tent several times during the year. You may even find a Johnston/e or two mentioned in his book. Cecil is a dear man and we had a lovely time with him this past August."

Cecil Johnson had sent Kathleen and her husband Allen a nice thank you note for their visit and the dinner they had at the hotel.

It's Official -

The Scottish Register of Tartans

As some of you may be aware, the idea of the Scottish Government setting up an official national Register of Tartans has been in discussion for several years. Well, we're delighted to inform you that it is now official. Last week the Scottish Parliament passed a bill to establish a new National Register.

The Lord Lyon (the centuries-old guardian of all things heraldic) will be the 'Keeper' as the figurehead of this new body, as an extension of his ancient office. And the National Archives of Scotland (who otherwise maintain things like genealogical records) will take day-to-day responsibility. This combination lends enormous substance, experience, and authority to this new national Register of Tartans, clearly demonstrating the intention that it is here to stay!

As the world's leading tartan vendors (Scotsweb), we have been at the heart of this process throughout, with our Managing Director, Dr Nick Fiddes, being the Scottish Tartan Authority's nominated governor working on the government's steering committee developing the proposals. We are confident therefore in being able to say that the new Register will bring many benefits to lovers of all things tartan, and no real threats. Advantages will include a single unified information source for the first time, and the strength of a national authority with the power to refuse registration to designs claiming illegitimate representation. But above all it should raise the profile of tartan on the international stage as not just a fabulously flexible traditional and contemporary textile, but a key part of Scottish identity. We will continue to keep you in touch as the launch approaches. [*Scotsweb mailing list.*](Submitted by Les Hewitt)

To all our Irish Johnstons



In the Footsteps of the Reivers

Exhilarating walks in the Scottish Borders combine with the rich and bloody history of the Border Reivers. During Homecoming year, enjoy a special program of themed walks, story-telling and music encapsulating the fascinating colorful history of the Border Reivers and the historic landscape that was their home.

Start Date: Saturday, September 05, 2009

End Date: Sunday, September 13, 2009

Official Event Website:

[http://www.ourscotborders.com/
HomecomingScotland.aspx](http://www.ourscotborders.com/HomecomingScotland.aspx)

Submitted by Billy Johnstone

AGM Committee Meeting October 11, 2008

by Catherine Postier

The AGM Committee for Loon Mountain, NH 2009 met October 11th at "Lochwood West", more commonly known as the home of Butch and Margot Johnston. In attendance were Ian Johnston, Jayne Dockham, Maryann Orcutt, Danny Johnson, Bart Johnston, Lee Thompson, myself and our hosts. With us in spirit, was Jane Elwell who was unable to attend. Further details on the meeting itself are available in the AGM section of this newsletter.

We decided to go with a similar decoration theme as the last AGM in New Hampshire. The clan tent will be a fall theme and the AGM itself thistles and the Johnston tartan. Maryann and Jayne are taking care of the decorations. We will also be having a raffle that Bart will coordinate. Anyone who plans on attending the dinner can bring a raffle item. Dan and Jane, along with Bart and I, will be helping Butch and Margot in the tent for the weekend. I will also be assisting with food and various things. Since I work in Lincoln (five minutes from Loon Mountain), I'll also be assisting with any local logistical matters. If anyone has any ideas or would like to pitch in, please feel free to contact us. Looking forward to seeing you there! (*See page two for contact information.*)

Clan Johnston/e's AGM in 2009

September 18, 19 and 20, Clan Johnston/e in America will host it's AGM during the New Hampshire Highland Games. Now that the NH Games are a week later there is more color in the fall leaves than prior to 2004. If you have never been to the NH Games, we can provide more details. Call Margot or Arthur Johnston 603-497-3281 or Email: Lucknbooth@aol.com.



20 rooms have been reserved at the Beacon Resort in Lincoln, NH – until August 1st. The rooms will be released after August 1st. The AGM Dinner is also at the Beacon in the Clermont Room.

Rooms are \$ 144.00 per night with 8% tax for a total \$155.52, and includes a Continental Breakfast.

The price with the breakfast is for however many nights you stay. The Shuttle Bus stop is near by. You don't even have to move your car.

There is availability to upgrade to a suite (\$230.00 plus 8% tax) if you wish, or a limited number to downsize to a cabin. However, the price of \$99.00 for a cabin does not include the continental breakfast. **Beacon Resort - 800-343-8777. Ask for Group Sales – Clan Johnston/e group.**

AGM Dinner tickets will be \$40.00. Send payment to: Margot Johnston – P.O. Box 71 – Goffstown, NH 03045. Tickets must be paid by August 15th.

There are other places to stay in Lincoln. If you want to rent a condo for yourselves or a few other folks to share, we strongly suggest you put in your reservations before the end of March. There is absolutely no attendee parking on grounds. Shuttle buses are free and run the 3 days.

Tickets for the Games are sold separately. Purchasing ahead saves a good deal of money.

Before May 1st, get ticket information at: 1-800-358-7268, or go to www.nhscot.org

Condos: Alpine Village 1-888-589-8112 Loon Reservation Services 603-745-5666

Hotels: Comfort Inn 603-745-2131 Econo Lodge 603-745-3661
Lodge at Lincoln Station 603-745-3441 Woodstock B&B, 603-745-3951
Lost River Valley Campground, 603-745-8321. Linwood Chamber of Comm. 603-745-6621

For those folks who need to fly in for the Games: Manchester / Boston Regional Airport is only ½ mile from I 93 that takes you directly to Lincoln and North Woodstock and just 1 hour from the Games' site. This was formerly just Manchester Airport. There are 4 or 5 Car Rental companies to accommodate your needs. There is a toll for I 93 of 75 cents a few miles north of Manchester and the same going back to Manchester.

Please sure to get your reservations early as hotels sell out fast and condos even faster. We can't hold the rooms at the Beacon past Aug 1st. We have to have a head count for the dinner by Aug 30th. You can save about \$30 each if you buy your Games' weekend passes before July 1st. That nearly pays for your AGM Dinner tickets.

We hope to see you in September. Please call us with any questions you might have.

Wonderful Weekend in the West Saturday, Jan. 31st - Sunday, Feb. 1st

By Diane Coblenz

Vic Gibson, Billye Telling and I were invited by friends in Clan Robertson to attend their Burns Night Supper celebration this year on January 31st. After not accepting the invitation 5 years in a row, this was almost a mandatory appearance for Vic....his last chance! For Billye and I it was a chance for a fun night with Vic and the Robertson Clan. But, one of the main attractions was our favorite local band, The Gobs O' Phun were the featured entertainment for the evening. Always a pleasure to watch them entertain!

We were invited to attend again next year, and "bring more Johnston's". And we just may have to do that to keep the Robertson's from stealing Vic away from us. He was surrounded by a bevy of beautiful babes the minute he walked in the door....and me without my camera! He didn't lack for attention the entire evening, and was even asked to give one of the toasts.

So, wonderful buffet dinner, good company, fabulous entertainment, what more could we ask for? Except, perhaps a CCJ (Colorado Clan Johnston) potluck the next Day, Sunday, Feb. 1st.

But, we totally forgot about the Super Bowl when we planned it. Vic had the nerve to ask what we were thinking of to plan the potluck on Super Bowl Sunday? Well, duh!! He wanted us to plan it on the same weekend as the Burns Night Supper, so he could attend both events without having to drive down the mountain twice and risk having the pass closed in a big blizzard. And then he tried to put the 'blameage' on us. We did lose a couple to the Super Bowl, and they were greatly missed. Sue and Mary Burton are from Pittsburgh, and needed to be there to cheer their team on to victory.

This was an event that almost didn't happen, though. We were holding the potluck at the clubhouse for the patio homes where I live, and the afternoon before a pipe froze and broke and flooded the clubhouse. I took one look at the mess and wondered how I was going to squeeze all these people, food, homemade beer, etc. into my 'wee hoose'! But, thanks to the heroic efforts of my friends on the board here, and Vic stepping in to help, they found the leak and fixed it, pulled up the carpet and tore out all the sopping wet foam Padding, sucked up the gallons of water and put everything back in place....including the damaged wall. They finished one hour before everyone was due to arrive. One of my friends worked until 2:00 A.M. the night before....but, they did it!. We had sheets over the wet carpet, but it worked. *(continued on page 13)*



Vic Gibson with two Robertson lassies.



Patty Adler

continued from page 12.

The potluck itself was a huge success, as usual. It was great catching up with our old friends, and being able to get to know 3 of our newest members better.

We enjoyed Ken and Patty Adler and one of their sons, and really enjoyed Patty entertaining us on her fiddle. Patty plays the violin in the Broomfield Civic Orchestra, and in fiddle trios and duets. She performed at the Estes Games last year, and we hope she brings her fiddle to the clan tent this year! Perhaps even talking Ken into performing with her.

Doug and Karen Johnston are active in the Rocky Mountain Raptor Program. A volunteer program that has evolved into a community-wide effort to feed, medicate, and rehabilitate injured raptors for release back into the wild. You will find them at the Estes Park Highland Games with their birds of prey. It was a fascinating program.

Almost forgot to mention Doug is one of our beer makers. He brought coffee beer and Cherry beer this time.

Jill and Ken Johnson are beer makers, too. In fact, Ken's beer comes in a bottle with a wonderful tartan label Saying Colorado Clan J/J/J Ale. It was very impressive looking, as well as quite tasty. Since Ken traces his roots back to the South like Jim and Betty Johnston and a few others, maybe it is time for us to look into having a still and brewing CCJ Moonshine!



Betty and Jim Johnston, Martin and Doug Adler enjoying the meal.

Spring Games Schedule 2009

April, 25 - Southern Maryland Celtic Festival and Highland Gathering. Po. Bos 209, Prince Frederick, MD. 60679. CJA Contact: Lee Cattel, (410)-257-0936, email: lmc3550@yahoo.com

May 9 - Minnesota Scottish Fair and Highland Games. Dakota County Fairgrounds, Farmington, MN. CJA Contact: Micah Stuart Johnston, 4558 Colfax Ave. N., Minneapolis, MN. 55412. Email norboden@att.net

May 16 & 17 - Livermore Scottish Games, Robertson Park, Livermore CA. CJA Contact: Karen Johnston Klein, KKlien@astound.net

June 5 & 6 - Greater Greenville Scottish Festival and Highland Games, Furman University on US Hwy, 25 N., Greenville, SC. CJA Contact: Charles "Buz" Johnson, 304 Birchwood St., Eusley, SC. 29642, 864-859-8251, cell: (869) 907-2596. Email: buzjohnson@bellsouth.net

June 13 & 14 - Annual Blairsville Scottish Festival and Highland Games. Meek Park, Blairsville, GA. www.blairvillescottishfestival.org CJA Contact: Dennis Watts, (706)549-0130 or email: majrgr@yahoo.com

June 19 & 20 - Illinois Saint Andrew Society 22nd Annual Highland Games, Oak Brook Polo Grounds, Oakbrook, Ill. CJA Contacts: Margaret and Harry Teiwes, 2200 Stirrup Land, Wheatley, Ill 60187, (630)260-0929 or email Harry: mthat@sbcglobal.net

The only games listed here are those through June that will have a CJA tent at the event. For a list of all games throughout the country and for those listed later in the year, check out our website at www.clanjohnstone.org. More events will be listed in the Summer issue of the Spur and Phoenix as more information is reported. Send us photos of you and your family at the games at jackiejohnston@mchsi.com. Have a great time at the games!



CANADA REPORTS

Greetings to the great Canadian members who support CJA by their interest and paid memberships. I do hope you all enjoyed a healthy and happy Christmas and New Year season..

Wherever you might be living you, like me, have been enjoying (?) all the snow that has been dumped on us. By the time you receive this Spring issue, however, hopefully the snow will be receding.

A membership reminder: Joan Diminie, of Cobourg, is the new Canadian membership person not me. See page two for Joan's contact information. So if you're thinking of giving a CJA membership as a gift to anyone you send the information and the funds in Canadian dollars to Joan and of course your own membership renewal in September.

At this time of year it's rather difficult to plan definitely about Highland Games for the summer. I am hoping there will be a CJA tent at the Cobourg Games, hosted by Joan; a tent at the North Durham Games in Uxbridge end of July hosted by Nikki and Paul; Joe Johnston to host the Maxville Games tent and me at the Fergus Games. I will confirm this with all those people and the Summer issue of the Spur and Phoenix will provide information as to dates.

This is a very short report as to be honest I'm having difficulty getting my head around writing this while planning to leave next week for a 20 day holiday in Malta. It is Peter's and my first time in the Mediterranean and this is also our first time going with a tour group. We've always travelled on our own when overseas. A real adventure and from everything we've read and heard Malta, though small, is a lovely place and full of interesting history. Come to think of it perhaps the summer issue won't be about Games but about Malta!

Best wishes,
Carol Koeslag

New Hampshire Games 2008



Margot Johnston, Dan Johnson, Jane Elwell, Catherine Postier, Bess Urban & Will Urban, Lee Thompson and Bart Johnston



Lea Thompson, Bart Johnston, Arthur Johnston, Sarah Postier and Dan Johnson



Sarah and Catherine Postier

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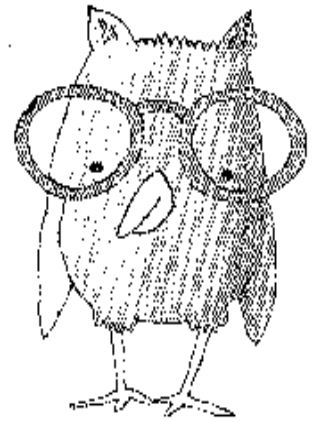
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by Billye Tellingner

Hello, my young friends ~ Since I have been letting you get off easy for a couple of issues of the Spur & Phoenix, I think it is time to test your knowledge of things Scottish again. And, give you an opportunity to earn a \$10.00 prize if you are *way* smart. When you have it all figured out, mail your answers to:

Billye Tellingner, 7473 Dale Court, Westminster, CO 80030. Deadline is Tartan Day, April 6! Have fun and Good luck



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| 8. Bannockburn | h. Oatmeal and sheep's stomach |
| 9. Haggis | i. Move 'em out! |
| 10. "First Footer" | j. "Crown me!" |
| 11. Queen Elizabeth I | k. Send the English HOME! |



Something else we have not done for a while is teach your tongue to twist itself around some Scottish words ~ as in:

SCOTS' SPEAK

Creeshie ~ Something that is *creeshie* is greasy or dirty.

Creeling ~ A *creeling* is the name given in some parts of the country, such as in Lanarkshire, to the pre-wedding custom in which the bride and her female friends and relatives parade through the town in outlandish dress, banging on pots and pans.

Any man the group encounters is expected to give them money and in return is Allowed to kiss the bride. Elsewhere, for instance in Glasgow, this is known as **Bottling**.

Haar (pronounced **hahr**) ~ A thick, thick, *thick* cold fog or mist which last for days from the North Sea which frequently occurs along the East coast.

Habble ~ A *habble* is a clumsy, not particularly successful, attempt to carry out a physical task. *He was having a habble trying to open the childproof lid.* A **habble** is also a mess. "*You've made a right habble of that bedroom.*"

Flakie ~ To throw a *flakie* is a Glasgow expression meaning to become obviously extremely angry. "*Ach, when Ian's team lost, he threw a grand flakie!*"

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