



The Spur and Phoenix Winter 2010



Chief: The Right Honourable Earl of Annandale and Hartfell

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

This issue of the Spur and Phoenix is coming to you well before the holiday season to allow you enough time to place orders for merchandise orders for the Christmas season. Since the next deadline won't be until mid February, we wish you happy holidays for all the holidays between now and then. Please check out our merchandise pages to find great gifts for those special occasions. This is your chance to buy that something special for a family member and a great way to honor your heritage.



Don't forget that other winter holiday. It is a good time to buy something for that sweetie. How about a membership in Clan Johnston/e for family members too. It's another great gift.

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From the Editor

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Next Newsletter Deadline

February 19, 2011



President's Letter

Our CJA contingent attending the Scottish games and our Annual General Meeting (AGM) in Pleasanton, CA the first weekend in September had a great time! The location and weather were wonderful, as were the hospitality and accommodations. Thanks especially to Karen and Scott Klein for hosting our CJA tent, and to Lindsey Johnstone, our Vice President – West, for organizing and convening our AGM. Our AGM next year (our 35th anniversary) will be held the second weekend in September at the Long's Peak Scottish Games in Estes Park, CO, and our Colorado Johnston's are well underway in planning for this big event.

At this year's AGM in Pleasanton, we were confronted with our most severe budget situation in several years. This tight budget is the result of both a decline in revenues and a rise in expenses. We had to cut back in several areas, including our newsletter. Despite the tight budget, I'm excited about the upcoming year, especially because we have such a strong CJA Council and many dedicated and hard-working members. You can help our fiscal situation by making a donation to CJA (it's tax deductible); switching to electronic delivery of your newsletter (if you haven't done so already) by notifying our Registrar, Margot Johnston, at lucknbooth@aol.com; and buying CJA merchandise (great Christmas presents) advertised in this issue of our newsletter.

Scottish games and festivals are in full swing across most of the country, and CJA is represented at several of them. Many thanks to our tent sponsors, who are the "face" of CJA for most attendees at these games and festivals. We currently have a committee studying how to better serve our tent sponsors. If you have any concerns or suggestions, please send them to Betty Watts (louiseryan2001@yahoo.com) or Cathy Postier (cpostier@roadrunner.com). Please contact Betty if you're interested in hosting a CJA tent.

A very important facet of CJA is our support of the Scottish arts via scholarships awarded to participants. Our scholarship recipient this past year is a very talented highland dancer (and long distance runner too!), Jean Stein of Elgin, IL. Elsewhere in this issue, you'll find a wonderful letter from Jean reporting on her use of our scholarship award, preceded by a brief introduction by Dr. James K. Johnston, our Scholarship Committee Chair. Many thanks to Dr. Jim and to Jean!

Here's wishing you and yours a wonderful holiday season, and success in pursuing your Johnston/e heritage. Last but not least, thanks so much for your efforts on behalf of CJA!



Steve & Lindsey Johnstone



Karen & Scott Klein



Karen Johnston Klein



Lindsey Johnstone, Pat & Steve.

Aye Ready,

Happy Thanksgiving!

Steve



Genealogy Corner

Barbara Hockman, Genealogist

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www.Johnstongenenes.blogspot.com If you haven't heard, I now have a blog going for "Stories, links and research for those of the Johnston/e families". This is a fully monitored blog and only information deemed suitable will be posted. Want to make a comment, ask a question, and have something posted? All you have to do is click on "View my complete profile" and a new screen appears. Click on "email" in the contact box and it should open your email account with my address in the "to" box. As I said, nothing is posted on blog until it has been deemed appropriate and relevant to the sight. In the upper left-hand corner you can find links to Clan Johnston/e's web page and to the DNA web page. If you have turned in your pedigree and would like to have it posted, please let me know and I will post it as an Ahnetafel.



Ancestry has purchased Footnote.com. For those not familiar with Footnote, they are known for their digital images of historical documents. Revolutionary pension files are a big one for them and they are in the process of imaging Civil War Widows Pensions. It will be interesting to see how this purchase affects their content and access.

A great resource for research guides is Familysearch's research Wiki. This is the expanded version of the paper research guides you used to be able to pick up at Family History libraries. Look for them at <https://wiki.familysearch.org>.

Most of us have ancestors that spent some time in Virginia and the Library of Virginia has a wonderful digital collection. Some interesting digital collections are:

World War I History Commission Questionnaires - survey completed by returning soldiers or their surviving kin.

Virginia Colonial Records Project- fully-searchable index to almost 15,000 reports that survey and describe documents relating to colonial Virginia history that are housed in repositories in Great Britain and other European countries. Survey report images are available online with references to microfilm reels for the original documents.

Chancery Records Index - Each of Virginia's circuit courts created chancery records that contain considerable historical and genealogical information. Because the records rely so heavily on testimony from witnesses, they

offer a unique glimpse into the lives of Virginians from the early 18th century through the First World War.

This is a collection well worth spending some time searching. You can find them at

http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/collections_a_to_z.



Barbara & Nick Hockman

Happy Hunting!





Captain Samuel R. Johnston – Robert E. Lee’s Engineer

By Bart Johnston

Victory has a thousand fathers but defeat is a motherless child. Suspected parents of the Gettysburg defeat have ranged from Jeff Davis and Robert E. Lee to every other general officer in the Army of Northern Virginia. The one exception to only generals taking blame is a lowly captain on Gen. Lee’s staff.

Samuel R. Johnston was born in Fairfax Co., Virginia in 1833 and became a civil engineer in northern Virginia prior to the Civil War. A week after the start of the war, he enlisted as a lieutenant in the 6th Virginia Cavalry. Gen. JEB Stuart soon recognized Johnston’s engineering abilities and used him regularly. In the late summer of 1862, when Gen. Lee needed an engineering staff officer; Stuart recommended Sam, describing him as extremely talented. His work on Lee’s staff was exemplary and he was highly valued by the general before the Gettysburg campaign.

At Gettysburg on July 1, 1863, Lee’s troops unexpectedly ran into the Federal army and drove the Yanks back onto Cemetery Ridge. The subsequent Confederate attack on the Union right was repulsed. That evening Gen. Lee decided to attack the Union, left the following day and roll up Gen. Meade by driving north up the ridge. At 4 a.m., July 2, Lee called for Capt. Johnston, giving him the simple order to reconnoiter the Union right and report the location of Union troops. Johnston left immediately with Gen. Longstreet’s engineer, Major Clarke, and two or three others. They rode south in the heavy early-morning fog and returned after 7 a.m., whereupon Capt. Johnston found Generals Lee, Longstreet and A.P. Hill studying maps at Lee’s headquarters.

Johnston reported that his party had ridden south, past the known positions of Sickles’ III Corps on Cemetery Ridge, and Buford’s Cavalry Division in the Peach Orchard. They then headed east onto Little Round Top. Climbing the hill, they could see the whole Union line. Lee asked if the hill was occupied and Johnston reported that it was not. The only Yanks they had seen were four cavalymen heading down the road. This information gave Lee’s plan a greater chance of success and he ordered Longstreet to move his corps into position for an attack on the Round Tops. Sam was ordered to assist Longstreet in the deployment.

Unfortunately for Longstreet’s men, the Union had plenty of time to move troops south and extend their lines. By the time the assault started at 4 p.m., the Yanks held Devil’s Den in front of the hills and were rushing Col. Chamberlain’s 20th Maine Infantry onto the formerly unoccupied Little Round Top. Gen. Hood’s Division of Longstreet’s Corps took about 2000 casualties in the futile assault. Once again, Lee’s flanking attack was thwarted.

Years after the war, Johnston was accused by some members of Longstreet’s staff, of poor reconnaissance which resulted in an attack on a heavily defended hill. But did Johnston really fail in his job? He did not. Some point out that there were a few Union signalmen on Little Round Top that Sam should have seen. At five a.m. it is likely that the Yankees were on the east side of the hill to stay out of the sight of rebel snipers. They would have also been busy brewing coffee and cooking breakfast. Neither side was aware of the other.

General Lee did not tolerate incompetence and if Capt. Johnston had failed in his duties, he would not have been subsequently promoted to Major and Lt. Colonel by Gen. Lee. Lee’s staff was notoriously undermanned and his officers worked extremely hard. Only the best and the toughest could endure working for Gen. Lee. In fact, Johnston’s most notable accomplishment was designing and building much of the defenses around Petersburg, VA which held up Gen. Grant and delayed the war for months. *(Continued on page 6)*

Cead Mile Failte

A hundred thousand welcomes to our new members.

Richard Jacobsen - Twain Harte, CA
Glen Johnstone - Riverdale, NY
Willa Jon Tracosas - Brooklyn, NY
Peter W. Johnson - Frankford, ON, Canada
Alan J Cribb - Tampa, FL
Douglas Herrmann - E. Syracuse, NY
John F. Johnston - Miami, FL
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Georgia Griffin - Corpus Christi, TX
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John J. Caracoglia - Greenville, NC
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Catherine Boomus - Rossmoor, CA
Steve Rustigian - Rossmoor, CA
Emily Johnston Wood - Rossmoor, CA
William S. Dunning - Brunswick, ME
Randy Kinser - Seattle, WA
Steven D Johnston - Hillsborough, NJ
Matthew D. Johnston- Hillsobrough, NJ

Emily Wood and Matthew Johnston are both Juniors

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Flowers of the Forest

Robert Patterson Johnston
Plant City, FL (3/30/2010)

Robert Douglas Johnston
Winston-Salem, NC (8/28/2010)

Archibald Johnston
Chester Basen, NS Canada (1/23/1010)



Captain Samuel R. Johnston (continued from page 5)

Years after the war, accusations of blame flew bitterly among the former generals. Longstreet blamed Col. Johnston for his allegedly slipshod work at Gettysburg, and Gen. Mc Laws asked Sam to reply. Johnston, who now worked as an engineer in New Jersey, took the high road, saying only that he had no interest in assigning blame. He wrote that Gen. Longstreet had always treated him with the utmost kindness and respect and he would not engage in any correspondence that might diminish Longstreet's reputation. Sam Johnston died, a true Southern gentleman, in East Orange, NJ in 1899 and is buried near his home in Fairfax Co., VA.

St. Andrew's Society of Connecticut Scottish Festival

October 2, 2010



*Cathleen Johnston Quirion (Tent Sponsor, Bristol, CT),
Glen Johnstone (First Festival, Riverdale, NY)*



Bill Millin, D-Day Piper Dies at 88

by Bart Johnston

The piper immortalized in the movie, "The Longest Day," has died. Millions know him for his brave piping on Sword Beach, Normandy on D-Day. Lord Lovat ordered him to pipe the British commandos ashore and up the beach, against British Army orders dating to WWI because pipers drew fire. Young Private Millin reminded Brig. Simon Fraser of the order and Lord Lovat replied: "Ah, but that's the English War Office. You and I are both Scottish, and that doesn't apply." Later Millin would find out the Germans didn't aim at him piping on the beach because they thought he was crazy! Bill was born in Glasgow in 1922, lived in Canada as a child and returned to Scotland before the war.

Maine Highland Games – Topsham Fairgrounds, Topsham, Maine, August 21, 2010

by Catherine Postier

Greetings to all from Northern New England! First, my thanks to Danny Johnson, Betty Watts and Butch and Margot Johnston for all of their help and advice. This was my first attempt at sponsoring a tent and I couldn't have done it without them. I arrived at the fairgrounds Friday afternoon and Danny was there to help. We got the tent and tables up and tied things down in case of wind. We had a nice dinner at Captain Mike's in Brunswick and then went our separate ways to our hotels.

Ironically, I ran into some Maxwells at the hotel. We struck up a conversation because a gentleman later identified as Ron Maxwell was commenting about his Vermont upbringing to someone else. My friend Suzanne, who had come along to help, mentioned that she was from the next town over, so we chatted a bit. At that time, Ron had heard vaguely about the feud, but didn't know much about it. He didn't understand why I was suddenly looking at him funny and putting up my fists. I filled him in, telling him the basic facts and showing him pictures of Caerlaverock Castle and Dryfe Sands from our gathering in 2004. He expressed his thanks and bid us goodnight.

We arrived back at the site early Saturday morning to set up and decorate. This is the first year at a new venue and I must say that things went very smoothly considering. Congrats to Andrew Higbee and the St. Andrew's Society of Maine for a job well done. As I was watching the opening ceremonies from our tent, two young girls came up to me and said, "The man at the Maxwell tent wanted us to tell you that we're on his side." I thanked them for the message and plotted my revenge. When I was able I took a stroll down to Maxwell land and reminded them that we had already proven once that numbers were of no consequence to us. Once I had put my two cents in, we shared a wee dram and had a very pleasant conversation. Ron and his wife Deb are great people and I hope to spar with them often. The rest of the day went very well. The weather was wonderful and we had some terrific people stop by for a chat. We loaded up around 5:00 and headed over to the Sea Dog Brewing Company for another good dinner. All in all, a great time was had and I'm already looking forward to next year.



Cathy Postier & Danny Johnson



Danny Johnson, Cathy Postier making peace with Ron & Deb Maxwell.





Canada Reports

By Paul Johnston, Richmond Hill, ON.

Greetings!

During the recent Clan Johnston AGM, I was elected to the position of Canadian Commissioner. I'm very enthusiastic in accepting this role and I look forward to working with our Canadian Members as well as the CJA executive committee. At this time I would like to thank Joan Diminie, our outgoing Canadian Commissioner for her hard work in contributing to the Spur & Phoenix, processing member's dues, and hosting tents at various Scottish Games. Great work Joan!

I live in Richmond Hill, Ontario with my wife Nikki and son Ryan. We have been CJA members for several years. Ontario holds a number of Scottish Games throughout the summer and we have enjoyed visiting and hosting CJA tents on a number of occasions. Its great way to meet current and potential clan members, and I would encourage everyone to attend and possibly host or co-host a clan tent.

I was frankly quite surprised to see that the Canadian membership is such a small group! So one of my first challenges to this group is to get out there and recruit new members. If every current member finds just one new recruit, we will double our membership! So please start thinking about a relative or friend who might join the Clan. Is there a son or daughter; niece or nephew, who is showing an interest in their Scottish heritage or genealogy? Sign them up! Are there other Scottish Associations in your area with Johnston members? Let them know who we are and sign them up! We all know that there are many more Johns(t)on(e)'s out there, so let's try to get them involved with our Clan.



In addition the Canadian members are given exclusive pages in the quarterly Spur and Phoenix. We welcome contributions from all members. So please send me a photo or story about your experiences in Canada relating to your heritage or Scottish experience. Please send these articles to me and I will coordinate them with the S&P editor.

Please feel free to contact me directly if you have any questions or suggestions. My contact information is noted at the beginning of this newsletter or you can e-mail me directly at pnr.johnston@sympatico.ca

Aye Ready,
Paul Johnston



Canada's New Governor General David Johnston

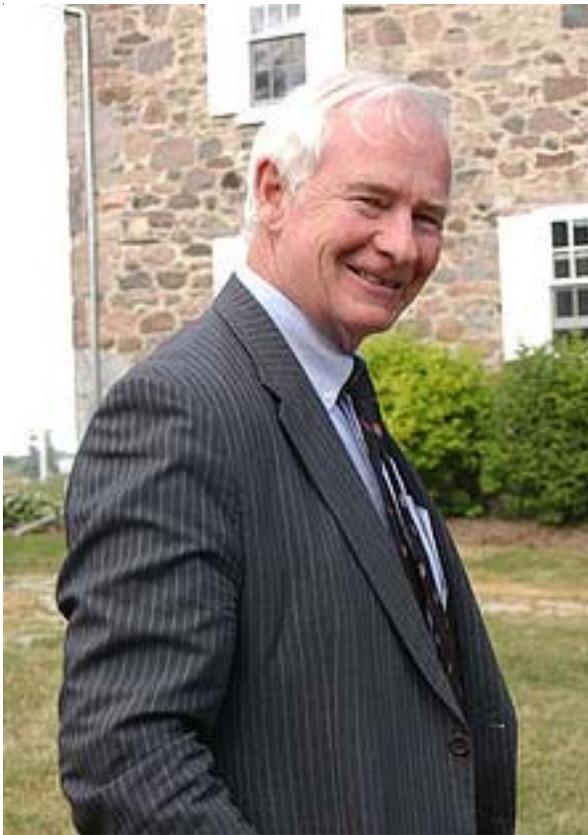
On October 1st, 2010 David Johnston was sworn in as the 28th Governor General of Canada. In his address to the Canadian Senate he noted that he will focus on support for families and children, reinforcing learning and innovation, and encouraging philanthropy and volunteerism during his 5 year term. He envisions Canada as a "smart and caring nation."

The Governor General of Canada is the official representative of the Canadian monarch, Queen Elizabeth II of the United Kingdom. Although Canada has an independent Constitution and parliamentary democracy, the Queen remains the formal head of state. The Governor General acts within Canada on her behalf. The candidate is approved by the Queen based on a recommendation from the Canadian Prime Minister. Many of the responsibilities of this position are ceremonial, such as being the formal head of Canada's Military. However there are also many important responsibilities involving direct approvals within the Canadian Parliamentary system. For example in December 2008 the then acting Governor General made a controversial decision to suspend Parliament at the request of the Prime Minister in order to avoid the formation of an opposition coalition government. This critical decision illustrates the power of this position. The Governor General's official residence is at Rideau Hall in Ottawa

His Excellency the Right Honourable David Johnston has a rich academic and legal background. He was born and raised in Sudbury Ontario. He attended Harvard University and later Cambridge and Queen's Universities. He was dean of law at the University of Western Ontario, principal of McGill University, and president of the University of Waterloo. He also played hockey at Harvard during the early 1960's and was (despite being Canadian) two-time All American! He and his wife Sharon have 5 daughters and 7 grandchildren.

Congratulation David!

It's inspiring to see another Johnston rise to such a level of prominence in Canada.



*His Excellency the Right Honourable
David Johnston*



Happy Holidays from Canada

TRENTON SCOTTISH/IRISH FESTIVAL

by Joan Diminie

The 20th. Anniversary of the Trenton Scottish/Irish Festival was held on September 10-11, 2010 in Centennial Park in Trenton, Ontario welcoming a pleasant weekend. The festival opened on the Friday night with a Military Tattoo followed by Shaneyganock, a group of four with their stirring ballads, shanties, jigs and reels.

A Saturday morning parade was held through the downtown to the park with nine pipe bands, Trenton Citizen's Band and the Ulster Accordion Band marching onto the field for the Opening Ceremonies and Massed Bands followed by the Massed Highland Fling. Throughout the grounds three stages hosted performances by the individual pipe bands, Highland Dancers, Irish Dancers, Step Dancers, Scottish Country Dancers and Celtic music groups. There was a large showing of vendor tents along with Youth Activities, Guitar and Violin Demonstrations, Drama and Historical talks. This year the Clan tents increased to three from two last year.

Clan Johnston/e was quite popular with people either being a Johnson, Johnston/e or a connection wanting to talk about the Clan.

Cobourg's, Rev. Dr. Kevin Fast was Chieftain of the day, he is well known in the Heavy Events circuit, also for holding a Ripley's World Record and eleven Guinness World Records for pulling trucks and planes, just setting his 11th. record in Cobourg on Sept. 18th. by pulling a 74,145 pound house and trailer. On Oct. 2nd. he was at a Special Olympic's event in N.J., USA pulling a Boeing 737 plane. The audience was entertained with all of the regular Heavy Events. The day came to an end with the Massed Bands marching onto the field and the closing ceremonies with the Kirkin O The Tartan.



Nichelle, Joan, Don & Todd Diminie

Pleasanton, CA and CJA AGM Sept. 4th & 5th

By Karen Klein

The 145th Scottish Highland Gathering and Games in Pleasanton, California took place on September 4th and 5th. The weather was warm and our tent was in the shade! There were so many Johnston/e's that visited our tent we filled up seven pages in our guest book. A large number of those people that visited our tent just found out for the first time about their Johnston/e heritage. Scott, John and I loved meeting all the members from Clan Johnston/e that came to the Games for the AGM. We enjoyed hearing all the Johnston/e stories that our Clan President Steve Johnston told. Lindsey Johnstone also told a story or two and his T-shirts were a big hit with everyone. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves at the tent.

The AGM dinner was lovely. It was held at The 4 Points Sheraton in Pleasanton on the patio. Trish Johnston, who is a floral designer, made beautiful flower arrangements in glass bowls with lovely little tea lights that shimmered as the sun went down. Scott and I enjoyed our dinners and visiting at our table with our Clan Johnston/e President Steve Johnston and his wife Pat and also Dr. Jim Johnston and his wife Anita. The entertainment was fun with Lee Seiucchetti and his re-enactment actors reliving the story of how Lady Johnstone finished off Lord Maxwell with the keys from Lochwood Tower.

This year was one of the most enjoyable experiences we have had since we started hosting a Johnston/e tent 4 years ago.



Karen Klein



Dr. Jim and Anita Johnston

Lee Seiucchetti



Reinactment of Lady Johnstone and Lord Maxwell with Lee Seiucchetti.



Pleasanton, California



Dr. James Johnston, Sally Epler, Karen Klein, Steve Johnston



Steve Boomus & Catherine Johnston Boomus. Steve is a Maxwell.



Steve Johnston, Sally Epler & her granddaughter Lilly Freeland



Steve & J.J. Johnston, Lindsey Johnstone



Dr. James Johnston, Steve Johnston, Lindsey Johnstone, John & Scott Klein



Steve & J.J. Johnston

For more photos of Pleasanton games see pages 3 & 4.
Photos submitted by Karen Klein & J.J. Johnston

New Hampshire Highland Games, Loon Mountain, Lincoln, NH Sept 17-19, 2010

Attending the New Hampshire Highland Games somehow always feels like coming home to me. It was the first Scottish event I ever attended and I have only missed one year since 1995. It was nice to see friends old and new again this year. We were missing a few of the usual crowd due to illness, but hope to see them next year, if not before.

After a bit of rain Thursday evening and some wind issues Friday morning, we had an absolutely beautiful weekend. There was a terrific crowd on Saturday and we had done a good amount of merchandise sales before noon. We managed to fill 3 plus pages on the sign in sheets. The CJA tent was humming all day long with friends, family and other visitors. There were some great entertainers and events this year as well. The 35th NHHG was home to the World Drum Major Championship, with special guest pipe band, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. On Saturday morning, the participants formed the Saltire on the parade ground, setting the world record for the most drum majors in that formation. We also had the Red Hot Chili Pipers, Albannach, and the return of bagpiper Neil Anderson to Loon with his band Rathkeltair. And, of course, the ever popular Brigadoons.

Sunday was a bit less crazy, but there was still a good number of people around. We spent the day visiting, taking in the entertainment and shopping (of course). Mom and I helped Butch and Margot get all packed up at the end of the day and then headed north and home. As always, we had a great time with some magnificent people. Can't wait for next year.



CJA Tent at New Hampshire Highland Games



Fr. Peter Preble on Talk Like a Pirate Day at the New Hampshire Highland Games.



Frank Leary & Fr. Peter Preble



The Longs Peak Scottish Festival

by Diane Coblentz

The Games in Estes Park, Colorado Sept. 10-11-12 were held in the most glorious weather we have had in about 10 years. Sadly, there were wild fires in a couple areas that may have scared some people off the highways, and the bad economy is still a problem. So, attendance was down again~ to the point of almost being boring on Friday. We had only 2 sign in at the tent all day... a new record. We spent most of Friday visiting each other's tents and catching up with old friends.

Saturday, however, was quite busy. And Sunday was OK, too. Many family members showed up on Saturday, so it was a mini family reunion for a while. There was lots of traffic, but only one new member. James Johnston and his wife Judy renewed his membership after a two-year lapse while he was overseas. And, it was nice to put a face with his name after several e-mails. Welcome home, James, and our grateful thanks!

Clan Ferguson sent us some homemade Irish Cream...yum! Later, they sent one of their group to our tent with a large empty cup and wondered if they could 'borrow' some of our homemade shortbread. We were pleased to oblige. The clans at Estes have such friendly connections, with a few exceptions. We had buried the hatchet with the Maxwell's, but now a new group has taken their place, and things are looking a bit menacing again. See the photo of Vic Gibson (our tent dude) and the Maxwell tent sponsor. Those of you attending the AGM in Estes next year may be seeing another feud erupting, or another burying of the hatchet.

Since we had some slow periods Friday I was able to catch one of our newer members, Doug Johnston, at work at the Raptor tent. Doug and Karen have been volunteers at the Rocky Mountain Raptor program for years. This is an organization that helps feed, medicate, and rehabilitate injured birds of prey for release back into the wild, through raptor rehabilitation and public education. Doug's lecture with a beautiful bald eagle was informative, clever, and funny at times. Those of you coming to the AGM next year should be sure to stop by the Raptor tent and catch some of the lectures/shows. And, speaking of the AGM next September, the Registration form will be in the Spring Issue ~ so be sure to look for it. In fact, be sure to look for it, fill it out and send it in at your earliest convenience! We look forward to seeing you next year.



Billy Telling & Diane Coblentz



Vic Gibson on right feuding with a Maxwell.



Doug Johnston at the Raptor Center



Billye Telling, Judy & James Johnston with baby Charlie, Mary Burton, Vic Gibson, Diane Coblentz and Doug Johnston.

The Fun Folks in Estes Park, Colorado



Vic Gibson (The Tent Dude) charming the lasses of Clan Robertson.



Family fun at the Clan Johnston/e tent. Shea Roberts, Billye Telling, Vic Gibson & Lisa Roberts.



Billye Telling with daughter, Lisa Roberts and grand daughter Shea Roberts.



Cousins at the Clan Johnston/e tent: Shea Roberts, Trina Norby, Lisa Roberts, Ben Norby, Billy Telling.

Join in on the fun for 2011 by planning to attend the Clan Johnston/e in America Annual General Meeting in Estes Park, Colorado. More information for registration in the Spring Spur & Phoenix.

Clan Johnston/e in America

Merchandise & Price List

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If you have the skills and would like more information, contact Steve Johnston for a job description. The position will be filled at the next Annual General Meeting in the fall of 2011.

I have loved being the newsletter editor for the Spur and Phoenix but it is time to retire to do some other projects that have been on the back burner. I have 3-4 more issues to go and will be available to mentor the next editor for an issue or two.

We have used a copy editor since 2004 and it is helpful to have another set of eyes on the newsletter before we go to print. It has been nice to have that help so if you don't think you can be an editor but can assist the editor by checking spelling, punctuation and grammar, contact Steve and let him know you are interested.

Jackie Johnston
Editor - Spur & Phoenix



Editors note:

A thank you to Les Hewitt and David Johnston for keeping us in the loop with forwarding emails to me about their situation. We are very pleased to hear there were no injuries. I know that our newsletter is read in New Zealand, Australia and in the UK. I also receive theirs. I am happy to add the report from Les on CJA of New Zealand members safety. The report was taken from an article in their newsletter.

Schedule of Scottish Games and Festivals

10/23-24/2010 Richmond Highland Games and Celtic Festival <http://www.statefairva.org> Richmond Raceway Complex, Richmond, Virginia Hosted by: T.J. Johnston at tj@celticrichmond.com

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St. Andrew's Games, Colorado

By Diane Coblenz

August 13-14th found Clan Johnston at the St. Andrews games in Highland Ranch, Colorado, where we are usually complaining of the hottest weather of the summer. This year we were surprised with warm, pleasant days, made even more bearable with the great new clan tent donated by Brian Johnston Partridge. We were basking in comfort all weekend. Thanks again, Brian!!

We had more than the usual number of sign-in's at the tent, but no new members. The crowds continue to be smaller, fewer vendor tents, bands, etc. Guess it is still the economy....or we need another Braveheart to pique the Scot's interest again.

Clan Johnston/e in New Zealand Members Survive the Earthquake

By Les Hewitt

I am sure that like me, all members were shocked to hear of the recent earthquake that hit Christchurch and districts early in September. Your Secretary David, Taumarunui, and myself contacted a cross-section of members online to let them know we were thinking of them (as were all our members I am sure) and were concerned at their circumstances which affected so many and in differing ways. All appeared to have sustained damage to their properties and assets to some degree and, in some cases had sought alternative accommodation with family or close friends. All were awaiting inspections by the appropriate agencies and at the time of contact, their future prospects were uncertain, to say the least. A month on, we all trust that their circumstances have changed for the better and they are getting on with their lives within the bounds of their particular circumstances. As for the balance of our members, considering the number of after-shocks and earthquakes elsewhere around the country recently, best we all adhere to our motto "Never unprepared" and follow the instructions on the back cover of the phonebook!

Scholarship Report



After serving for four years on the CJA Scholarship Committee I continue to be impressed by the dedication and ability of the young people that CJA is able to assist with their studies of the Scottish arts. Each of the scholarship recipients has submitted a report of their workshop experiences to the Committee and I wanted to share with you the most recent one. Jean Stein is an accomplished highland dancer, the only applicant we awarded a scholarship to in 2010.

The CJA scholarship program has been successful, although limited in the number of young people we can help by the funds available. If you would like to see the program expanded, any contribution will be appreciated. Remember that we are a tax exempt organization and the full amount will be put to good use. Thank you for your consideration. Jim Johnston, Chair."

Dear Clan Johnston/e in America,

Of course, the School of Scottish Arts was a blast! I had the opportunity to spend all day for a week taking highland dance class from two great teachers. What more is there to ask for?

The first day was an evaluation and technical class with the purpose of letting the teachers see what levels we were at. Each day after that, we got up, ate breakfast, and dance class would begin. We began each morning with a class on a highland dance -the Fling, Sword, Sean Trubhias, or Reel- perfecting the 2010 championship steps. We danced until lunch, after which was some free time until classes resumed. Typically in the afternoons, we practiced national dances, including all of the ones we needed for upcoming competitions -namely the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games and the United States Inter-Regional Weekend of Dance. By the time we were done cooling down, it would be time for dinner. After that, it was a meeting to learn about Scottish heritage (this year the theme was castles and fairy tales) and sing traditional Scottish songs. Lastly, it was time for craft hour. We made creative, fun little crafts such as paintings, leather tags, and SSA T-shirts that we designed and tie-dyed ourselves. Finally, personal time, bed, and then get up and repeat.

The classes were definitely helpful- I received many critiques to work on that I had not heard before, and I'm-glad I did so that I was able to fix them before the Grandfather Mountain Championship--- and USIR. Of course, it was also fun and exciting to be able to hang out with my dance friends from all over North America, and even Canada. Especially prank night. My favorite time of the day was the optional half hour before regular classes resumed where you could receive one-on-one time with the teachers. This was so helpful in finding and correcting those little, odd problems.

Highland Dance camps are the best time of the summer, and I was so glad I was able to attend not only the School of Scottish Arts, but also the Ohio Scottish Arts School, Mid-Michigan Highland Dance Camp, and the Ann Milne Highland Dance Camp in Ontario as well. After my three-week dance camp marathon (from Michigan to Ohio to North Carolina), my mother and I traveled to (and camped at!) the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, where the Atlantic International Highland Dance Championship (on Saturday) and a national dance competition (on Sunday) are held. I think attending the camp right before the competition (and also USIR and Cowal) helped me to compete more successfully.

Besides from SSA and Grandfather, I traveled all over to numerous other dance functions. From the Queen Mary Championship and workshop in California, Marguerite Reid Memorial 3 day in Pennsylvania, Glengarry Championship and Montreal Games in Canada, SSA, USIR, and finally the World Championships at Cowal, my summer has been jam-packed with highland dancing, and I enjoyed every moment of it!

The USIR was definitely no exception. This competition, the biggest in the US, was held in Traverse City Michigan. To compete in it, dancers must first qualify in their region. The championship was held on Saturday, but there was also a national and choreography competition on Friday and the North American Championship on Sunday; all in all a very fun and memorable weekend. Additionally, I competed at the World Highland Dancing Championships held in Cowal, Dunoon, Dunoon, Scotland. The experience and atmosphere really is one-of-a-kind, and it was an honor to compete against the best highland dancers in the world.

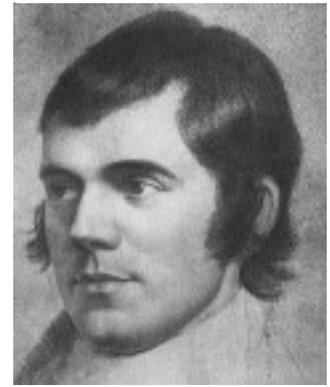
I'd like to thank Clan Johnston/e of America once again for awarding me the generous scholarship as it helped me pursue my goal of becoming a better highland dancer and, soon enough, teacher and judge. The School of Scottish Arts was such a valuable and fun experience, and I'm already looking forward to next year (I heard that the school had such a good turnout, another teacher was going to come!).

Sincerely,

Jean Stein

Forever Young

By Dee Johnston



Robert Burns

Winter Holidays

Can you match these descriptions with its winter holiday?

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|---|---------------------|
| 1. Also known as Christmas Eve | a. Burns' Birthday |
| 2. Will determine homeowner's luck for the year | b. Sowans Nicht |
| 3. Day to clean and take ashes from the fire | c. Winter Solstice |
| 4. Celebration was banned at one time | d. Boxing Day |
| 5. Lord & Lady of the manor gave gifts to workers | e. St. Andrew's Day |
| 6. Marks the beginning of winter | f. First Footing |
| 7. Recitation of "The Immortal Memory" | g. Christmas |
| 8. Honors "our patron and protector" | h. Hogmanay |



St. Andrews



Color the Scottish deer while they listen to Scottish Santa piping.



Answers to quiz with the dates of celebrations:

1-b (12/24), 2-f (1/1), 3-h (12/31), 4-g (12/25),
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