



Clan MacDougall Society of North America

MONTHLY NEWS



August 2017

Welcome to our monthly report of events and activities of our Society. We are always looking for information to share with our members, so if you have a birth or wedding or know of a special event, please send a photo along with relevant information to kyle@macdougallmn.org.

Scott's Reflections

The Chief of Clan MacDougall is reviewing possible dates for the next Clan MacDougall Gathering to be held at Dundlie Castle in Oban in 2019. Though the 2019 dates and event program are not yet set, activities in past years have typically ranged from a selection of sea based tours and overland bus trips to our clan historic sites, to a fine social evening. More information about our 2019 Gathering will be announced once the plans are confirmed. However, you may begin your own planning by visiting some of Scotland's excellent web sites for visitors, including these two for the Oban area www.visitscotland.com/info/towns-villages/oban-p235801 and <https://www.oban.org.uk/>

President Elect Kyle Jones and I have spent much time in the past month searching out members who had changed email or telephone addresses, or had moved without updating their postal addresses in our records. The good news is that we have found and restored their e-newsletter and The Tartan newsletter delivery to approximately 30 members. As we located members, we had many enjoyable conversations as we became acquainted. For many of them this is the first issue of the e-newsletter that they have received in a long time. However, we have not found some of our members and they remain without newsletters. Please do not let this happen to you. Tell us if you have moved or changed your email or telephone in the past few years and have not already updated your information with the Society. Simply send an email to records@macdougall.org giving us your name and address along with your previous and current contact information. It only takes a minute or two to update us.

We have many dedicated Officers who serve our Society members. I encourage you to look for their visits to an event near you on our web site games calendar at <http://macdougall.org/games-calendar/> and in the column to the right of this message. This month we will begin a new series to introduce your Officers and Representatives to you. If you would like to become more involved in any of our Society activities you may contact any of our Officers and Representatives, or email me at president@macdougall.org

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New Members

Brandon Davis
Waynesville, NC

Casey Cole
Spartanburg, SC

Greg McDowall
Waterdown, ON

Robert Brignell
Sauble Beach, ON

Margaret Elliott
St. Louis, MO

Kevin Kempton
Prescott Valley, AZ

Sean Dowell
Gibsonville, NC

Karen MacDougall
Kingsville, ON

Scot MacDougall
Brampton, ON

*Cuimhnich air na daoine o'n d'fhàinig thu.
Remember the men from which you came.*

Scott MacDougald
President

Scholarship Recipient Sends Thanks



Dear Clan MacDougall,

Thank you again for awarding me a scholarship this year. Your generosity has really helped us out with some of our expenses this year. Even though 2017 is far from over, I would like to update you on some of my results so far.

Since January, we have traveled to San Jose, CA; Long Beach, CA; Phoenix, AZ; Laguna Beach, CA; Sacramento, CA; Toronto, ON, Canada; Costa Mesa, CA; Vista, CA; Charlottetown, PEI, Canada; and Salt Lake City, UT. I did very well at all of these competitions and championships!

Some of the highlights of my year so far have been winning the US Western Regional Championships in May, which was really fun to celebrate with Clan MacDougall members afterwards in Costa Mesa!; attending the Canadian Championships in Prince Edward Island, Canada, in June, where I placed 3rd overall in the ScotDance Canadian Open Championship; and WINNING the US Championships last week in Salt Lake City, UT!

A hearty welcome to each of you!

Flowers of the Forest

We are always sorry to learn of the loss of our members. We offer sincere sympathy to their loved ones.

Zellamarie MacDougall
Greensburg, PA

Robert H. McDougale
Los Osos, CA

Gary R. MacDougall
Tacoma WA

John A. McDougall Memorial Scholarships

Our Scholarship Program supports one of the key purposes of our Society. Access our website for the procedures for applying for a scholarship. Donations to our Scholarship Fund help defray costs, are accepted year-round and are greatly appreciated by the Society and recipients. The Society is a 501(c)(3) organization. Contributions to its endeavors may be tax deductible in the U.S.

Tents at Highland Games

September

[Scottish Highland Gathering & Games](#)

Alameda County Fairgrounds
Pleasanton, California, USA
September 2-3, 2017

[Virginia Scottish Games and Festival](#)

Festival Hill at Great Meadow
The Plains, Virginia, USA
September 2-3, 2017

[Long's Peak Scottish & Irish Games](#)

Estes Park, Colorado, USA
September 7-10, 2017

[Middle Tennessee Highland Games](#)

Andrew Jackson's Hermitage
Nashville, Tennessee, USA
September 9, 2017

[Fresno Scottish Gathering and Games](#)

Kearney Park
Fresno, California, USA
September 16, 2017

[NE South Dakota Celtic Faire](#)

These past few months have been amazing and I can't wait for the rest of the year! I will be leaving for Scotland in a week and I hope that I will come back with more exciting results from the 6 championships I will be competing in there! I am working very hard to make sure that happens!

I am attaching some photos for you. One is of me dancing at the Canadian Open Championship in Prince Edward Island, Canada, and another is from the US Championships last week of me with the beautiful trophy that I earned as the 14/15 year old Champion. Thank you again for your support!!! My mum and I appreciate it so much!

Sincerely,

Beret Dernbach

Chris MacDougall Receives Appreciation Award



Chris MacDougall (center) receives the Appreciation Award from President Scott MacDougall and Ontario Representative Valerie McDougall

In his life outside the Society Chris MacDougall is a member of the Public Library board, works as an instructor at Georgian College, a community college, and is a volunteer hockey referee. Inside our Society he is the Regional Commissioner for the Ontario Region, the Site Administrator for our Society web page, a member of our Board of Directors and Secretary of the Society.

Chris first represented the Clan MacDougall Society in 2008 by putting on our Society Tent at his local Highland Games in Bracebridge, Ontario. In 2009 he became our Ontario Provincial Representative. In 2012 he attended the Board of Directors meeting and made a Vimeo video presentation about his 2000 mile round trip to Grandfather Mountain and the Society events he attended there. Since April 2013 he has served as Ontario Regional Commissioner for the Society. In 2014 Chris volunteered to be Secretary of our Society and is now a key administrator as the keeper of our records.

His activities include creating graphics for the Clan MacDougall International Gathering in 2014, adapting the MacDougalls of Lorn PowerPoint CD presentation to a DVD format in English, French and Spanish (which is currently being finalized), turning the content of The Clan and Kindred of MacDowall into a DVD, participating on our Society' web site committee and our Internet

Aberdeen, South Dakota
September 16, 2017

[Ligonier Highland Games](#)

Idlewild Park

Ligonier, Pennsylvania, USA

September 23, 2017

October

[Chesapeake Celtic Festival](#)

Living Heritage Village

Snow Hill, Maryland, USA

October, 7, 2017

[Seaside Highland Games](#)

Seaside Park

Ventura, California, USA

October 14-15, 2017

[Central Virginia Celtic Festival](#)

Richmond Raceway Complex

Richmond, Virginia, USA

October 28-29, 2017

Volunteers

Our Society is a volunteer organization needing contributions of time and skill from its members. If you would like to help at our events or volunteer in another capacity, please contact your Regional Commissioner or your State/Provincial Representative listed on our web site or send an email to telling us of your interests to president@macdougall.org

We have need of representation at local events.

Contact Us

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Internet

Web site :

www.macdougall.org

Content Committee, operating our Society's Facebook and Twitter accounts.

When he was being nominated for our Board of Directors in 2013 Chris described his interests this way:

As a member of the CMSNA Board, I would like to focus on:

- 1) Preservation - promoting the preservation of Clan culture and heritage in North America and in Scotland.
- 2) Technical matters - increasing the levels of communication between Society and members via the Society website and various social media options.
- 3) Growth - growing Society membership, especially in Canada.

I believe in both the preservation and promotion of the past, as these are the foundations of how we outline the present. Clans MacDougall and MacDowall have a strong, rich history that defines who we are, and as a member of the CMSNA board I would continue to devote myself to promoting our values and traditions, building membership across all age levels, strengthening alliances throughout the larger Scottish/Celtic community, and reinforcing my commitment and dedication to the extended family across the world that I am a part of.

This year our Awards Committee, Chaired by Sandra MacDougall, has awarded our Appreciation Award to Chris MacDougall. This Award is our way of expressing our special appreciation to members who are exceptional in their support of our Society and our two clans.

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<https://www.facebook.com/clanmacdougall/?fref=ts>

Twitter

twitter.com/Clan_MacDougall

Membership Year

Membership Dues are on a calendar year basis ending on 31 December. Dues may be paid, or prepaid, online for one or more calendar years through Paypal at:
<http://macdougall.org/membership-information/>

Submissions

Persons wishing to submit articles, photos, or items of interest to our newsletters may contact:

Tartan Editor

editor@macdougall.org

or

Newsletter Editor

kyle@macdougallmn.org

Your Contact Information

Please help us keep our records up to date by sending your email, telephone, or postal address changes to:
records@macdougall.org

The Facebook logo, consisting of the word "facebook" in white lowercase letters on a blue rectangular background.

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To be invited to our new Member Section, send your Facebook email address to
kyle@macdougallmn.org.