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Speech Given by Colin Lindsay MacDougall of Lunga at Grandfather Mountain Highland Games Friday Evening MacDougall Dinner

President, Vice President, Regional Commissioners, Past Presidents, fellow Clansfolk, it is an honor and a delight to be with you today. Sarah and I must thank you all for your wonderful welcome and the generosity you have shown in inviting us to be with you today. While everyone is descended from someone we share something special; we can all trace our descent from Somerled, Lord of Lorne, King of the Western Isles and from his eldest son Dougal.

Why is he Dougal; it is an ancient name. He is both "Man of the People" and the "Dark Stranger" of Celtic mythology. At the New Year no house is luckier than if the Dark Stranger comes first to their door and; every beautiful young girl secretly hopes that the Dark Stranger will come for her. Moreover, Somerled himself was directly descended from Con of the 100 battles, one of the 7 kings of Ireland. This, of course, gives us the right to celebrate St. Patrick's Day with the best if we feel so inclined.

Somerled was not a man driven by ambition; his conquering was forced on him to drive out the invading Vikings. After defeating their fleet at a battle at the Isle of Man, the flaming brand at the masthead of the Galley of Lorne on our badge was the rallying signal of that night battle. Somerled made peace and married Reginald, the daughter of the King of Norway. She brought with her the Raven Flag, the sign of Odin, which Somerled flew thereafter, now the flag of the MacDougalls.

You have heard of Dunollie Castle, Gylen and Dunstaffange but in fact Somerled, Dougal and his heirs, the MacDougalls, built nearly sixty castles around the West Coast of Scotland, enough for one each and I very much



Colin Lindsay MacDougall of Lunga with Sarah, Judy & Walter Macdougall.

hope that you may come and explore this wonderful territory some day. I would certainly love to be able to show you around.

I should briefly introduce myself. The MacDougalls of Lunga are descended from the MacDougalls of Raray, the senior branch of the Clan Dougal. Raray lost its strategic importance when the Campbells took over the String of Lorne and our branch moved to Ardmaddy and Ardencaple. Nearly 150 years later they lost this too to the Campbells after a legal wrangle over a supposedly bigamous marriage. The family moved to Lunga Island and developed a successful business trading in small boats around the Western Isles. They had land in Kintyre, Easdale, Mull Luing and Jura with family contacts from Bergen to Glasgow and even London.

From 1720 onwards they moved to Dail on the mainland and acquired land from the break up of the Craignish Estate. The Campbells of Craignish had inherited their land by marriage to a MacDougall heiress and there was a strong cousin relationship. The Estate was built up from this small business and has survived to today, although there is little to be made from the small farms and rocky coastline that was once your homeland.

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The Editor's Desk

by Pat McDougal

Computers are the most wonderful tools in the communication world, EXCEPT WHEN THEY CRASH! First hand experience here, repairs and a new address may help and this is it:
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If you had a hurricane in the past 6-months, lift your paddle! We here in the Chattanooga area were flooded badly, and we're glad for the receding waters, as are a lot of you.

We extend our heartfelt sorrow for those who were devastated.

Concerning the CD of Clan MacDougall History, in the summer '04 issue of the Tartan. We wish to also thank our 1st Vice President, Don MacDougall for the work he did with the script, photos and production of this wonderful project. If you have not ordered your copy yet, don't forget this CD as a great Christmas gift to your relatives and friends.

Inside the back page of this issue you will find an application for membership. You can make copies and include this with your Christmas cards and help our membership grow.

May the best you've seen be the worst you see in the days to come.

May the life you are living be the best you can make it and filled with gratefulness.

May the witches leave you alone and the bon-fires burn bright around your house.

May the bagpipes and fireworks be loud at your Hogmanay!

Yours aye,

Pat

Kings In The West - book appeal

Gylen Castle Repairs Are Almost Finished

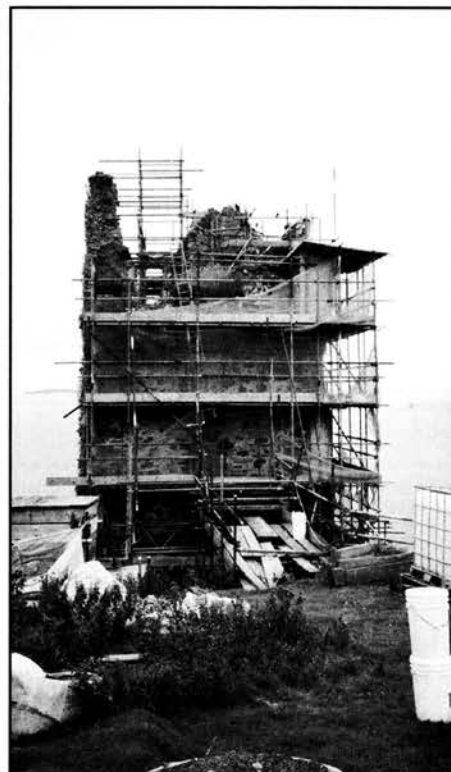
During the International Gathering of Clan MacDougall in Oban in August, a few of us made the hike to the south end of Kerrera Island to take advantage of our first opportunity in years to climb on and in the old ruins of Gylen Castle. I

believe you can be reassured that your gifts and contributions were well spent on the long repair project. It is not restored to its prewar beauty, but it is more sturdy and better able to withstand the elements on its cliff overlooking the ocean.

With work on Gylen almost finished our Chief, Morag MacDougall of MacDougall, with her administrators, is encourage to look to the preservation needs of the other MacDougall historic treasures. Accordingly, a new umbrella Trust has been established to service the preservation needs of Gylen, Dunollie Castle and Dunollie House. Hereafter our gifts, contributions and purchases will be made out to the "MacDougall of Dunollie Preservation Trust." This includes purchases of Bill MacDougall's wonderful new clan history - *Kings in the West...and Beyond the Sea*. I still have almost 3 boxes of books remaining and remind you that they make great and very appreciated Christmas gifts for other clanfolk and relatives. The cost is only \$16.50 U.S., including postage. Just send a check made out as above to: 18 Teresa Dr., Mendon, MA, 01756, and I will send you a book by return mail.

Thank you for your continued support. Think peace.

Dick MacDougall, Past President



CORRECTION: *Bio of Morag MacDougall of MacDougall, Vol. 39 #3 pg. 9*

John & Colina MacDougall of MacDougall - 29th Chief had three daughters:

1. Coline MacDougall of MacDougall - 30th Chief
2. Jean Louisa Hadfield (mother of Morag MacDougall of MacDougall 31st Chief)
3. Hope MacDougall of MacDougall.

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I think that we MacDougalls, although separated over the centuries have kept several things in common. There is a certain look you can often recognise. There is a tendency to run to daughters, maybe why there are not so many of the name. The women were always of strong character and carried their traditions far beyond the name. There has been a tendency for MacDougalls to be proud of being sound citizens, good and skilled professionals but without overwhelming ambition. In the City of



London, the ancient Guild Hall remains, now loaded with gold and silver, all the apparatus of huge ceremonial dinners, worth visiting for there on the walls are the names of past Aldermen and Craftmasters and many of them are MacDougalls.

Walter Macdougall often credits me with being a fund of stories but alas it is just bits of history strung together and of course there are no jokes about MacDougalls. I like this little tale, popular at Ceihdh on the isle of Luing in my youth. It shows the West Highland view of the world. Duncan MacDougall was a stalwart from the island who was very proud of his fine carthorse, Polly. On a brisk October day they were out together, carting the peats. It was a long hard day and towards the evening with the peats stacked cunningly like a huge ginger bun upon the cart and the light drawing in and a thin peevish rain, Duncan was eager to return to the farm for his tea. Alas the weight of the well loaded cart and the stamping of the impatient Polly had drawn the cart too far into the peat bog and the wheels were sinking into the soft ground. Duncan pulled at the bridle and urged the horse on the homeward way. The horse struggled, Duncan encouraged, swore and abused the horse and threshed in the soft mud but all to no avail. Finally, covered in the soft brown and smelly stuff Duncan gave up and unharnessed the horse. He set up the breast on land and put himself between the shafts. He pushed and pulled, heaved and twisted and eventually the well loaded cart was dragged from the hole. "Ach you poor horse," he said, as he harnessed him back in the shafts, "no wonder you couldn't do it. I could scarce do it myself."

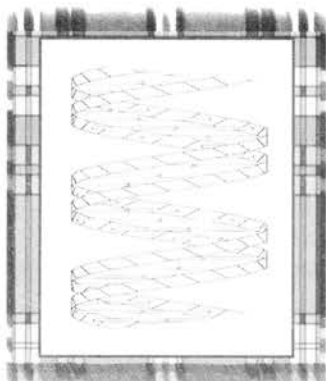
Enough of the past, its great to share the old tales but what really matters is the future. I really enjoy getting my copy of *Tartan* and read it from cover to cover. One of the things I like about it is the efforts you make for children and how you are always coming up with new ideas of how to include them and encourage an interest in their heritage. It's always a hard one that. Children have a habit of rejecting anything that is thrust on them. I have a lovely cousin who has worked much of her life in Africa mostly Ghana and Nigeria as a Community Developer. I asked her what that entailed and she explained that she could go to an outlying community and sit, sometimes for days, under a Boab tree. Eventually, the villagers would come and ask her what she was doing. By a process of only ever answering a question with another question they were led to explaining all about their lives, their problems, hopes, fears and perceived solutions. When it came to working out what could be done to help them all the ideas had come from themselves so they were easily accepted. So with children, I often think that our clan dress and ensignia are markers for our children to ask questions about. We must look for more to attract their interest. I have brought a couple with me to show you. First my jabot brooch, the old gold thing at my neck with the strange centre. This is a lock of the hair of Bonnie Prince Charles; given by him to Colin MacLachlan of Craigturris who was his A.D.C. til Culloden. Colin MacLachlan was captain of the French Royal Body Guard and worked for Louis 14th. His commander was Cameron of Locheil who had a beautiful daughter call Lucia. Colin fell in love with Lucia and in due course they were wed in the Chapel Royal. Louis 14th gave the bride away. They had a lovely daughter called Annie, the darling of the Court and goddaughter to Louis 14th. She grew up and married John MacDougall of Lunga and brought with her the brooch with the lock of hair, a snuff box also given by the Prince and her mother's wedding dress for Versailles, both safely kept at Lunga.

The other thing is the Seal, which hangs below. It is called the Barony as it carries the arms of the MacDougalls of Lunga and shows that they held their land direct from the King and were hereditary Sherrifs till after the '45 when such rights were abrogated. We have kept these and other stories alive in Scotland and have developed some traditions of our own.

It is wonderful to see that you have kept your own traditions, some older than ours and developed good traditions of your own. I was so delighted to be played into this wonderful dinner by a MacDougall piper and to hear such fine piping and Scottish piping and the American is the truer and older tradition, hardly discernable but a hint slower and with a slightly stricter time, letting the music speak for itself as in the old days when people had time to listen.

So I will end with my thanks to you for your kindness in listening to me - with the words, learned as a child when I asked about the (moss covered) stones of the empty old croft in the empty glens words which have finally brought me to meet up with you all. 🍷

*"The lone sheiling and the Misty Isle, Mountains divide us, and a waste of seas
But still the blood is strong, the heart is highland. And we in dreams behold the Hebrides"*

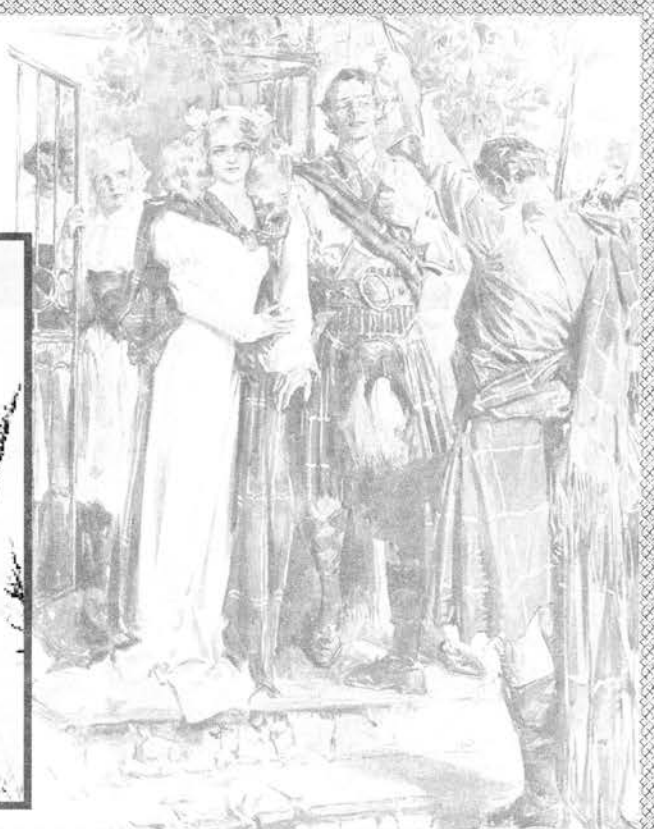


Anyone interested in the DNA project for adding your DNA to the MacDougall/MacDowell bank may contact the Administrator, Charlotte McDowell Baker at charlotte_baker@tds.net or call 1-512-758-4727.

New member at Stone Mountain Game is **Karla Sullivan**, a harpist, and newly married to Keith Sullivan. Having learned the “*Dunollie Castle*” music from the macdougall.org web page, Karla played beautifully the piece for the MacDougall’s in the clan tent. We all wish you well in your music and in your new marriage.



*Buzzy Bramble and Susan Reid were married
September 25th at 6:00 PM
on the Isle of Palms, SC.
They are now living in Atlanta, GA.*



Oban students get quick N.C. tour

BY BENNETT HOLLEMAN STAFF REPORTER

Students from Laurinburg's sister city of Oban, Scotland, have been undergoing a fast-paced two-week tour of North Carolina and the county recently.

The annual Laurinburg/Oban student exchange program coordinated by the Laurinburg Rotary Club brings a group of students from Oban, Scotland, to this area every year in October to experience two weeks of North Carolina hospitality. A group of Laurinburg students make the trip to Oban every June.

The Scottish guests got to see all parts of North Carolina after their arrival Oct. 7. They traveled to Ocean Isle Beach for some fun in the sun over the weekend, then headed up to the North Carolina mountains to see the fall colors this week.

The students also traveled around the Laurinburg area to learn about this area. Thursday the students toured the Campbell's Soup manufacturing facility in Maxton.

Quality Assurance Manager Joe Bennett talked about the facility.

"You are in the world's largest soup factory," Bennett said. "We produce between six and seven million cans of soup per day."

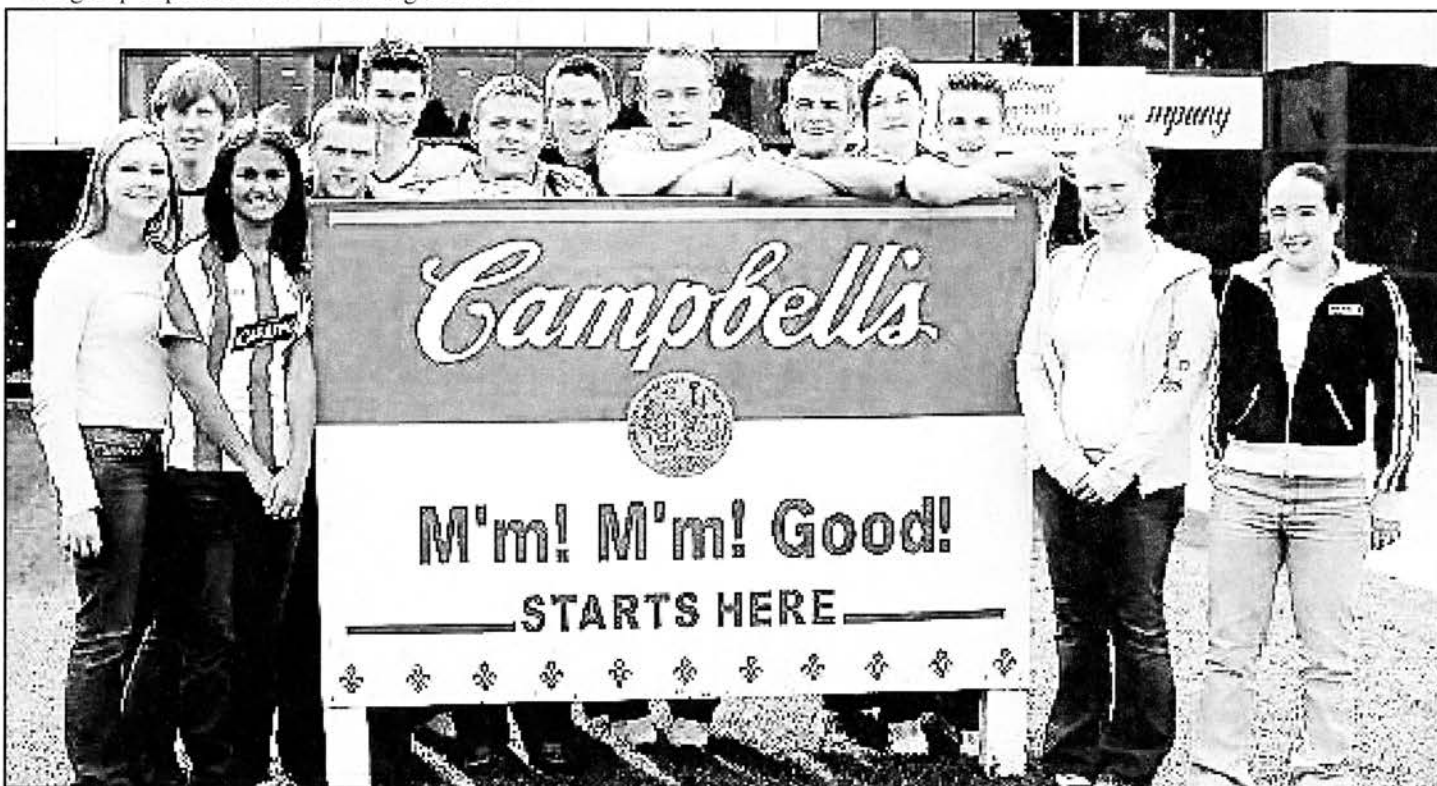
The Laurinburg and the Oban Rotary Clubs are the major sponsors of the program, although donations come from many other groups in Laurinburg.

"This is the 12th year we have done the annual exchange," Rotary Immediate Past-President Beacham McDougald said. "It's a cultural experience for them. It helps dispel a lot of preconceived notions about America."

"They really enjoy it. They get to see the ocean, they get to see the mountains, and they get to see industry. It's really a learning experience for both sides. They really admire Americans, and instead of taking them to New York or someplace like that, we are showing them regular Americans."

Along with attending the football game, the students visited Laurinburg after Five, sat in on Scotland High School classes, and plan to travel down the Lumber River Monday in canoes.

The group departed from Laurinburg Oct. 21. ●



Caption for picture: Pictured are: (from left) Scotland High School hosts Abbie Spaciel and Michaela Bennett, Oban students Robert Hannah, Allen McLellan, Innes Paterson, Oban chaperone Donald McLeod, Oban students Michael McCuish, Robbie McDonald, Lindsay Gunn, Amy Mitchell and Christine Cameron. The students also traveled to Ocean Isle beach and the mountains of North Carolina during their two-week visit.

MacDougall Victory at the Oakland Scottish Games

by Susanne MacDougall (Catherine's Mom)

On July 11, 2004 Catherine MacDougall took first place in the Beginner Class (all ages) at the 2004 Oakland Scottish Games at the Dunsmuir House Estate in California. Her individual dance scores were: Highland Fling (2nd), Sword Dance (2nd), Seann Triubhas (3rd), Flora (1st) and Scottish Lilt (1st). Since Catherine had the highest aggregate score for a Beginner, she was also awarded the Julie Anne Johnson Memorial Trophy.



Catherine recently moved up to Novice from Beginner Class with a Second Place finish as the Monterey Scottish Games on August 8, 2004.

She practices dancing everyday and even does high cuts in the pool. Her teacher is Norine Harmon of San Jose, who has instructed dancers for 35 years and is well known and respected in the San Francisco Bay Area. Catherine is one of the few dancers who competes and performs in her tartan. When not competing, Catherine also performs with two local pipe bands: the Stuart Highlanders Pipe Band and the MacIntosh Pipeband. ☺

Left: Catherine proudly showing the MacDougall Tartan in the Sword Dance.



Trophies Galore: A very appy dancer relaxes with her trophies at home.

Stone Mountain Games ■ October 16-17 2004

by Pat McDougal

These games are held at the beautiful Stone Mountain Park in Georgia under a spreading canopy of pine. The cool weather gave the Scots the chill of the highlands and the drums and pipes helped with those feelings.

John A. McDougall sponsors these games and clanspeople come from all around to attend, thank you so much, John. Several new members joined and even performed for us. The Georgia State Rep. Buzzy Bramble married Susan three weeks before the games. They had a nice wedding on the beach with John A. (grandfather) and Priscilla in attendance.

For those of you who have never attended these games, the carving on the mountain is of the Civil War Confederate President Jefferson Davis, Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson. It measures 90'x190' and with the background it measures 3 acres of carved granite and you can walk to the top.

Also see: www.stonemountainpark.org.



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