

The Tartan



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CLAN MacDOUGALL SOCIETY OF NORTH AMERICA, INC.

Announces its
Annual Meeting of the Membership
to be held

Friday, July 11, 1997

at 4:00 p.m.

In the Pavilion of the
Eseeola Lodge
Linville, North Carolina

Members wishing to participate in the
business of the Society should attend.



The Editor's Desk

by Pat McDougal

The Highland Games have begun for 1997. The MacDougall's are working the tents in many of the Games and Festivals. Twenty-eight in the States, three in Canada,

one in British Columbia and one in Scotland before this *Tartan* comes into the homes of this membership again. You will be welcome at these tents and we hope you will take the time to meet with fellow clans-people through the year.

Correction for the Winter *Tartan*; the listing of the Clan Chief's on the cover page is not correct. You will find in this issue a corrected list. I'm sorry, but this is not an easy list to type. My grateful thanks to Walter M. Macdougall for the correct list and for his typing skills. This list of the Chief's is taken from his book "*Journeying in MacDougall Country*" and for more information on each Chief, I would refer you to pages 165-171. The Coat of Arms shown is "granted as identifying emblems of particular, landed and titled personages. Such are not associated with a surname in general. Any use of them by others than those to whom they have been granted violates the context in which such heraldic symbols have significance." As members of Clan MacDougall, we are given permission to wear or display the top most part of these arms. This symbolizes the bond between the clans-people and the head of the clan.

I am most grateful for the letters and articles that have come in for use in *The Tartan*. Your help is needed to make this a great paper. Thank you.



EDITOR'S ASIDE

— From the printer a frantic telephone call:

"Can't set type from this copy. Never be able to get the spelling uniform."

"No, no, no! Those aren't proper names, people's names, all different."

"Cripes, don't any of you know how to spell your own name?"

Taken from *The Tartan*, Vol.1-No 1, 1965

Flowers of the Forest

Frederick J. MacDougall, Past Vice President and Director of The Foundation of Clan MacDougall died August 24, 1996. Mr. MacDougall was a retired director of purchasing for Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing Co. and past president of Milwaukee Assoc. of Purchasing Agents. Also served as President of Alps Wire Rope Co. of Elk Grove Village, Illinois.

Mr. MacDougall died of natural causes at his Bay View home. He was 88. Born March 22, 1908. He is pre-deceased by his wife who died in 1993. He is survived by five children: David, Gerald, Frederick W., Mary Emery and Carol Dovi. 14 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

Our sincere sympathy to the family and Clan members who knew him well.



ANNUAL DUES



Regular memberships payable in advance: (US Funds)

\$15.00 for one (1) year.
\$27.50 for two (2) years.
\$40.00 for three (3) years.

Sustaining Regular memberships payable in advance: (US funds)

\$25.00 for one (1) year.
\$47.50 for two (2) years.
\$70.00 for three (3) years.

Additional contributions to
Clan MacDougall Foundation are always welcome.

Mail your US membership dues to:

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Frankfort, KY 40602-1279

Mail your Canadian membership dues to:

Please adjust funds accordingly

Scott Allen MacDougald
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Canada

Nova Scotia and Ontario Chapter members
please send dues to the Chapter Treasurer
or Regional Commissioner

CHIEFS OF CLAN MACDOUGALL



King Somerled m. dau of Olaf, King of Man

Son - Dougall; founder of Clan MacDougall

Son - Duncan: founded Ardochatten Priory

Son - Ewen ; John of Argyll d.1260

Son - Sir Alexander

Son - Sir John of Lorn

Son - Duncan of Dunollie

Son - Ewen

Son - Iain of Dunollie

Son - Dougall of Dunollie

Son - Alan of Dunollie

Son - Sir John of Dunollie d. 1480

Son - Alexander of Dunollie

Son - John of Dunollie d.1535

Son - John of Dunollie d. 1563

Son - Dougall of Dunollie

Son - Duncan of Dunollie

Son - Sir John of Dunollie d.1634

Son - Alexander of Dunollie

Son - Ian of Dunollie

Son - Duncan of Dunollie

Son - Allen of Dunollie d.1695

Son - John of Dunollie (Iain Ciar)

Son - Alexander of Dunollie *(built the manor house)*

Son - Patrick of Dunollie d. 1810

Son - Sir John of Dunollie d.1865

Son - Captain Alexander John d. 1867

Son - Charles Allan of Dunollie d. 1896

Son - Henry Robert Lawrence of Dunollie

Son - Alexander James d. 1953

Dau - Coline Helen Elizabeth d.1990

Niece - Morag Morley MacDougall
of MacDougall of Dunollie

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Jack Kane



In my message this issue there are a number of subjects that I feel should be brought to the attention of the membership.

First, it gives me great pleasure to announce that Mr. William C. Ermatinger has accepted the appointment as Clan Genealogist to succeed Carolyn Vassos who retired from the position due to personal reasons and changes in work conditions. Many thanks to Carolyn for her efforts toward computerizing our genealogical records. William who lives in the Baltimore, Maryland area, is retired from the Social Security Administration. He has been very active in the field of genealogy and is knowledgeable about the use of computers. We look forward to William and his expertise helping us in our genealogical endeavors.

As many of you already know, we now have a Clan MacDougall Society website on the internet. Thanks to the efforts of David MacDougall of Charleston, and Frank Macdougall of Canada, with suggestions from other interested members, we now have a website that we can certainly be proud of, in fact I understand from David that our site was selected by U.S. Scots Online as its "Site of the Week" for December 30. I even helped a little bit by getting our site linked to the Ellen Payne Odom Library website. For those who have computers, our internet address is: <http://www.charleston.net/org/clanmacdougall/>. Additionally, we have a MacDougall forum page for discussion of pertinent topics.

With the coming of Spring and the beginning of the Scottish games season in most areas of the country, it is my hope that the members of our MacDougall Society give serious thought as to how they can best help and support the interests of the society. As usual, your Regional Commissioners and State Representatives need all the help they can get in staffing the tents at the various games and meetings throughout the year. While the games are a good place to socialize with your fellow society members and friends, it is perhaps the best place to recruit new members. We really need our members to assume the responsibility to actively work our tents with the goal of obtaining new members. At our area meeting last September, several State Representatives and Regional Commissioners were tasked with developing guidelines for the responsibilities of the regional commissioners and state representatives with the goal of making our clan tents as productive as possible. These are currently under development and should be completed in the near future.

The MacDougall Foundation which has been funded over the years by donations from the membership, has been seriously depreciated over the years. In other words, the accrued interest and donations have not kept up with the amount of funds paid out for various Society programs. It is my understanding that this Foundation was established as a 501(c)(3) organization, therefore any donations to it by U.S. members could be utilized as a tax deduction. I would like the members to consider a donation to the Foundation this year in order that we can ensure the continuation of our activities.

As most of you are well aware, our annual meeting will be held on Friday, July 11, 1997 at Eseeola Lodge, Linville, North Carolina. Most of the day will be taken up with Executive Committee and Board of Director meetings, with the annual meeting taking place in the latter part of the afternoon. At this time the Directors will elect a new President and other officers and directors in addition to carrying out other vital business. Following the meetings, we will have a lawn party at the lodge followed by our annual banquet at 7 p.m. Arrangements have already been made for entertainment at the banquet. I hope that many of you will plan to join us both at the lodge and at the games up on Grandfather Mountain. I look forward to seeing you in July! ☺

Northeast Regional Report

from Dick MacDougal, VP Clan MacDougal

The Northeast region had a busy and successful season. Our first working tent was on June 22, at the very first Western Massachusetts Highland Games, held at the Northampton airport. It was a small games but it was a good opportunity for Scottish activities in the area and an excellent opportunity for the new Mass. State Rep., Ed McDowell and his right hand gal, Sheila Blackmer to get their first experience at setting up and working a MacDougal tent.

We were busy at the Tam O'Shanter HG in Easton, Mass., on Aug. 30 and the Maine HG in Brunswick, ME on Aug 17. Clan MacDougal is a familiar part of both these gatherings, and we were able to display the new Gylen Castle repair posters.

For more then 20 years the granddaddy of Scottish events in the Northeast has been the New Hampshire HG over the 3 days of the middle week-end of September. It is attended by 40 to 50,000 people, more than 30 bands and nearly 100 clans and venders. The



Pictured from left to right are Ed McDowell, Massachusetts Representative; Dick MacDougal, Regional Commissioner; Thaddeus Sze; John D. MacDougal, New Hampshire State Representative

golf tournament held on Friday produced results for our Regional Commissioner who won a beautiful medal for 2nd low net. For the second year the NE Region was proud to sponsor a trophy to the National Junior Scottish Fiddling Champion. His name is Thaddeus Sze, from Santa Fe, NM. ☺

Arizona Games Report

by Robert A. McDougal, M.D.

The 31st Annual Arizona Highland Games were held February 22-23 at the Mesa Community College, Mesa, Arizona. My wife Lee McCall McDougal and I were helped as in recent years by Don and Denise



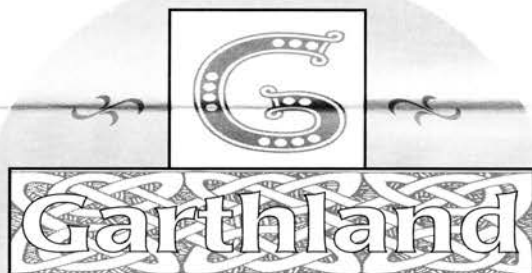
From left are Dr. Lee Cloe, Midwest Representative with Lee & Robert McDougal.

MacDougal of Baldwin, Michigan and Sun City, AZ. The games were two days for the first time with a concert on Friday night. Visitors to the games numbered about 10,000 and our tent had several hundred with 21 MacDougal's signing the registration book.

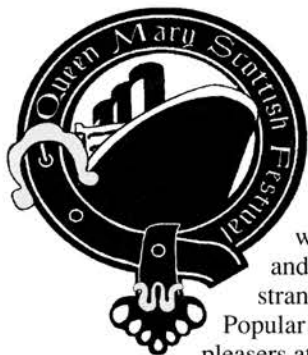


The parade of tartans was at noon on Saturday. Guilford Prickette and his son Dylan carried the tartan flag. ☺

Picture at left are Robert McDougal and Guilford Prickette holding his son Dylan.



At present day Garthland Mains which lies between Stranger and Stoneykirk belongs to the Earl of Stair. It was here that Garthland tower (castle) stood from 1274 to 1812. It rose within its yard or garth, on a mound and was probably surrounded by a mote and wooden palisade in Norman style. The location was a strategic command of the isthmus of the Rhinns of Galloway with a full view of Loch Ryan towards Ailsa Craig in the north and of Luce Bay towards the Isle of Man in the South. The date Stone from the Battlements of Garthland Castle which bears the date 1274 in Roman numerals is in the possession of Fergus Macdowall of Garthland, Chief of the Same, together with the actual sight of the tower. ☺



A Great MacDougall Weekend Aboard the Queen Mary

For the fourth time, the RMS Queen Mary in Long Beach harbor was the gathering place for more than 9,000 happy Scots and a lot of people who wish they were Scottish! The annual event, which began on Friday night of the 3-day holiday, is perhaps the most intimate of the gatherings and games on the calendar because the events are aboard the Clyde-built ship so it is hard to remain strangers with anyone. Music, piping, drumming and dancing competitions flavored the weekend. Popular performers Donnie MacDonald and Jimmy Keigher (known as 'Men of Worth') were crowd pleasers at the Friday evening concert. Alex Beaton performed twice daily and gave the crowd what they always expect from him: a great show! Sunday night's informal Ceilidh Piping Competition in the Observation Bar attracted a huge crowd as pipers duelled for the Andrew Rankine Memorial Prize. For those who remained and wanted more, Monday was devoted to the study of Scottish shipbuilding and, best of all, Whisky.

The MacDougalls were present for the first time and during the daily parade on Saturday and Sunday flourished a newly donated banner featuring the colorful Clan Badge centered on a 24x35 inch field of red. "MacDougall" and "Southern California" in white lettering declared the Clan's identity.

Diane & David McDowell came down from northern California for the weekend. Darleen Weisz set up the clan's display. Floyd Ferguson is always present at the gatherings. Margaret McDonald of Torrance was supervising the neighboring Clans of the Highlands table and reinstated her membership. Don Northcutt from Mission Viejo set up the St. Andrews table. Joining as new members were Doug and Janeen McDougall and their 5 children, from Palmdale.

The future of the historic 61-year old ship in Long Beach was in everyone's thoughts. The ship's management is proposing a 3 to 5 year lease to Japan where it will be refurbished, then returned to Long Beach. As the ship is owned by the City of Long Beach, the city Council in February delayed a decision for 60 days. During the Festival everyone expressed the hope the ship would remain in Long Beach to host more Scottish Festivals. ☺

With appreciation to Don Northcutt. Also, The Southern California Newsletter



Pictured from left to right are Margaret MacDonald, Darlene Weis (Southern California Games Coordinator), Diane McDowell and David McDowell



MacDougall Golf Clubs by Dick MacDougall

Did you know we can buy golf clubs with our clan name on them? I am a golfer. More accurately, I am a borderline fanatic about the sport and in my retirement it is one of my highest priorities. I am not the terrific golfer my fantasies would have me be, but I am better than a hacker. I was delighted to discover an ad in last winter's edition of *SENIOR GOLFER* for the **MACDOUGALL GOLF COMPANY**. At the bottom of the ad was an address and telephone number in W. Lebanon, N.H.

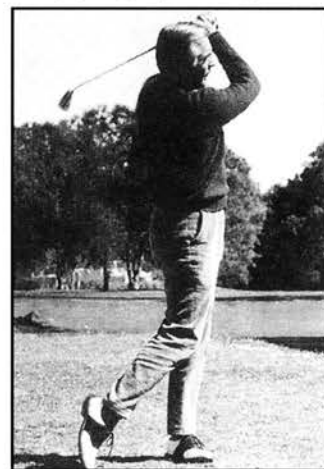
I called and requested a catalog with price list and asked some questions about the new company. I discovered that all of the 35 different kinds of MacDougall clubs are beautiful with interesting and creative nicknames like Moon and Zip and have MacDougall engraved on the bottom. One style has the familiar mailed arm holding the cross on the back of the club. The founder of MacDougall Golf is Stewart MacDougall and he has a home and office in Santa Barbara, California and frequently vacations at his summer home on Nantucket Island, Mass.

Stewart MacDougall is a man of many talents and interests, but professionally he is an architect and designer of houses, boats and furniture. He puts these interests together when he designs

his clubs and has been doing this for more than 30 years for companies like Hogan, Palmer and H & B. Four years ago he decided to start his own company and designs and handicrafts each prototype himself, sends it to China to be manufactured where they are distributed from a company near White River Junction, Vt.

Stewart is a man of efficient but easy going style and philosophy. To him this means having a sense of humor, "I believe humor is everything in life. Without humor you're dead." The swing he uses is called the 'no swing'. It is smooth and easy with power supplied by the club shaft and not the muscles. He has written and diagrammed his swing in just 26 pages of a little book called *THE LITTLE GREEN GOLF PRIMER*. For a man of 69 who still plays to a handicap of 4, he must know what he is talking about.

If you are interested in these beautiful clubs or his book, write MacDougall Golf Co. 197 Main St., Hartford, VT 05047 or 1-800-833-2694 (ES Time, USA).



Using correct club fitting and modern shafts has enabled Stewart MacDougall to maintain the same low handicap for 35 years.



Scot's Wha Hae?

by W. Troy McDougal

What was a "Butt and Ben" house and what was it like to live in?

Scott MacDougald,
Pierrefonds, Quebec, Canada



A "but and ben" house (notice the correct spelling and capitalization) is simply a two-roomed cottage. The cottage would live similarly to an efficiency or studio apartment where you have a bedroom and living/kitchen areas. The term came from combining two words of common usage to describe the cottage. The word but, among its various other meanings, meant the gabled end, outer portion or kitchen area of a house. For example, the common phrase "gang but" meant to go to the outer room of the house. Similarly the word ben is amass with different meanings. The most useful for this discussion are 1) the innermost room of a house, and 2) the best or nicest room of the house. Therefore, the but and ben house was characterized by a kitchen area (the but) and an inner room for sleeping (the ben).

In older times, living in a but and ben house was quiet common among the less wealthy classes, and was quite different from living today. Some of the sources I read imply that the but and ben house was a place of refuge from whatever evil might befall the family, and, therefore, the but of the house was large enough to maintain all the families domesticated animals. Imagine, if you can, having chickens, sheep, goats, possibly a highland cow living under your roof in the outer chamber of the house. Another form of security the but and ben house offered was that the ben opened only onto the but and the only exterior entrance to the house was through the but, save a hidden entrance or window that was generally known only to the occupant of the house. This may explain why burning the house was popular, since the aggressor could then watch from a distance and see the occupants escaping,

rather than breaking down the main door while the occupants fled unseen through the back entrance. I have no proof of this, however. Source: *Scoor-oot: A Dictionary of Scots Words and Phrases in Current Use*, James Stevenson (1989)

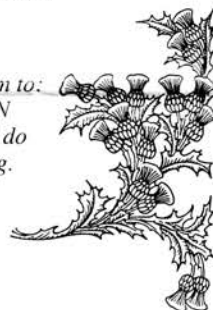
What does the phrase "Yours Aye" mean?

Terry L. McDougal,
Cleveland, Tennessee

According to the Scottish Dictionary I used, the word "aye" has three meanings which are, listed in order: 1) always, ever, continually, on all occasions; 2) still, all the same; and 3) ever afterwards, henceforward. I have seen the phrase "yours aye" used most often at the conclusion of a letter in the place of "sincerely yours." The simple answer to your question in this context is that "yours aye" is intended to be translated "yours always." However, depending on the author of the letter, the *aye* could mean any of the alternate meanings. An author who is writing after a long period of absence could use the phrase to mean "yours still." In most cases the third meaning of *aye* is used with Scottish legal or governmental type of documents. For example, were the government to rename a street, they would probably pass a resolution that would include: "...which shall aye be known as..." meaning "which shall henceforward and ever afterwards be known as."

Source: William Grant, M.A., ed., *The Scottish National Dictionary* (1931)

Type or legibly write your questions and send them to: Scot's Wha Hae?, 8415 Biggs Road, Ooltewah, TN 37363. I cannot return any of the questions, and I do not promise to submit your question for publishing. However, I will read and consider all correspondence.



DUNOLLIE HOUSE

Dunollie stands upon a solid foundation - a great, exposed mass of lava once part of a dike radiating from Mull's ancient volcano. The Iron Age dun builders may have fortified this promontory. The Scots of Dalriada erected a citadel, Dun Ollaigh, (pronounced: done all e) atop the cliffs which became as important in the early realm of the Gaels as Dunadd. The Annals of Ulster

"Dunollie"

as taken from "Journeying in MacDougall Country"
by Walter M. Macdougall

mention that Dun Ollaigh was burned by Tula Hman in 686 AD. It was rebuilt only to be destroyed again twelve years later. In 701, Selbach (the seventeenth King of Dalriada who belonged to the kindred of Lorn, and who was a distant ancestor of the MacDougall Chief's) destroyed Dun Ollaigh and then rebuilt it in 714.

Encircling the present keep of Dunollie, on the north and east, are the buried remains of drystone ramparts which date from the early fortifications of Dun Ollaigh by the Scots.

The date of the building of the existing keep and outer bailey remains unknown. The Royal Commission sug-

gests the mid-fourteen hundreds and ties this assumption to the granting of Dunollie, to MacDougall, the eighth Chief of the Clan.

The castle was besieged by Cromwellian troops under the command of Colonel Robert Montgomery in 1647. The damage sustained by the castle during the troubled sixteen and early seventeen hundreds led to its abandonment and the building of Dunollie House. This house has been the residence of the MacDougall Chief's since 1746 and sits directly behind the castle. This is the home of the present Chief of the Clan, Madam Morag MacDougall of MacDougall and Lorn. ☺



Clan MacDougall Society of North America



The Clan MacDougall Society will hold its annual dinner following the Annual Meeting and social hour on Friday, July 11, 1997. The meal is a sit-down affair, beginning at 7:00 p.m., at Eseeola Lodge and includes all of the normal Scottish festivities: the piping in and the address to the haggis, as well as several toasts. The price for the meal is \$25.00 per person. Please fill out and return the registration form to reserve your place at the meal. Space is limited, so please send in your reservation early.

Also, the officers of Clan MacDougall Society of North America, Inc. have decided to prepare name tags in advance of the annual meeting. If you plan to attend, please complete and mail your registration form below. Registration is not mandatory to attend the annual meeting and there is no fee to attend.

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Registration Form

Please Print

_____ Number Attending Annual Meeting (No Charge)

_____ Number Attending Dinner (\$25.00 per person)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: (_____) _____

Names for Name Tags: _____

Send your completed form and check payable to Clan MacDougall Society to:

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1997 Highland Games & Gatherings

MAY

8-11	Savannah Scottish Games	Savannah, GA	<i>Old Fort Jackson</i>
10	Houston Highland Games	Houston, TX	<i>Bear Creek Park</i>
10	Kiowa Celtic Scottish Games	Kiowa, CO	
15-17	Gatlinburg Highland Games	Gatlinburg, TN	<i>Mills Park</i>
17	3rd Annual Highland Games	Springfield, IL	<i>Illinois State FG</i>
24-25	United Scottish Highland Games	Costa Mesa, CA	<i>Orange County FG</i>
29-1	Glasgow Highland Games	Glasgow, KY	<i>Barren River St. Pk.</i>
31	Tri-Valley Festival	Rio Grande, OH	<i>University of Rio Grande</i>

JUNE

6-8	Texas Highland Games	Arlington, TX	<i>Maverick Stadium</i>
14	Utah Highland Games	Orem, UT	<i>Fort Douglas Parade Grds.</i>
14	Central MA Highland Games	Leicester, MA	<i>Becker College</i>
14	Savannah Scottish Games	Savannah, GA	<i>Old Fort Jackson</i>
14	Kansas City Highland Games	Kansas City, MO	<i>Barstow School Grds.</i>
21	Illinois Highland Games	Oak Brook, IL	<i>Oak Brook Polo Grds.</i>
26-28	Ohio Scottish Games	Oberlin, OH	<i>Oberlin College</i>
28-29	San Diego Games	San Marcos, CA	<i>Rancho Sante Fe Park</i>
28	Tacoma/Pierce Highland Games	Graham, WA	<i>Pierce County FG</i>
28	Western MA Highland Games	Northampton, MA	<i>Northampton Airport</i>

JULY

10-13	Grandfather Mountain Games	Linville, NC	<i>MacRae Meadows</i>
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