

The Tartan



Clan MacDougall Society of North America

SPECIAL
Holiday Issue

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Wylie and Mary McDougall,
Founding Editors

All good wishes for a Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year from myself, Richard, Robin and Fiona.

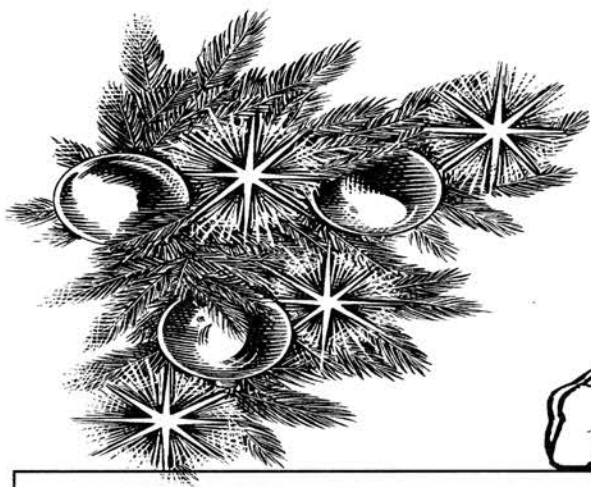
You will be pleased to hear that the second phase of the restoration of Gylen Castle has now started. Our son Robin was able to witness and help with unloading of materials delivered to the Castle by helicopter at the start of the work.

We hope that more of you who love islands will come and visit the island of Kerrera on which this castle stands. It is the land of MacDougall's and will appeal to those who like to get away from modern Civilization for a while and especially to walkers; it takes about 4 hrs if you wish to do the whole 7 mile circuit. Allow 3 hours to walk from the Ferry to Gylen Castle and back.

All good wishes to clans folk,

Morag MacDougall of MacDougall

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Happy



*W*ishing you all a very Happy Holiday Season! At this Christmas time, may we spread peace on earth and our hearts respond to acts of kindness everywhere. Thank you all for your words of love expressed at this time of need. Jim is responding well to treatment and we're hoping to see some of you at the games in the coming year.

Many thanks to everyone who contributed articles to *The Tartan*. If you would like to put something in our clan publication, send it to the editor. It will be welcome, and please note the deadline dates on the back.

Yours aye,
Pat McDougal, Editor ☺



Best wishes from Clan MacDougall of Ontario Canada. For Happy Christmas and prosperous New Year.

Maxwell McDougall ☺



"For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,

Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6

Jeanne and I send our greetings for a blessed Christmas and a prosperous New Year to all our kinsmen and women and friends in the Clan MacDougall Society around the world.

Alan Miles MacDougall
Second Vice President and Chaplain ☺



This is to wish you all once again a very Happy Christmas and a good New Year when it comes.

We do so enjoy deputizing for the Chief and welcoming some of you at Dunollie, when she is tied to her job in England. This summer, for the main part, has been wonderfully warm and sunny. So hot has it been that some people fear that the arctic ice would melt and engulf us! We have been pleased that visitors have seen Scotland at its best. We look forward to seeing more of you in 1998, come sun or rain. Please try to let us know beforehand when you can come so that we can keep free. Telephone Oban 562626.

Hope MacDougall and
Jean and Stephen Hadfield ☺

Merry Christmas and a joyous New Year from the beautiful Pacific Northwest. Hope to see many of you at the 1998 games.

Martin N. McDougall ☺



There are many things that could be said during this holiday season, however I would like to thank the very person "God" to which we are celebrating His birth for keeping me in His arms and prayers through the past 6 months. It is so assuring to have both family and fellow Clan members that are so willing to give when necessary. May this season be a joyous occasion for all of you. To copy another person's phrase "What ever you do today find someone to be nice to". Thank you all for your help.

Jim McDougal, Commissioner S.E. ☺

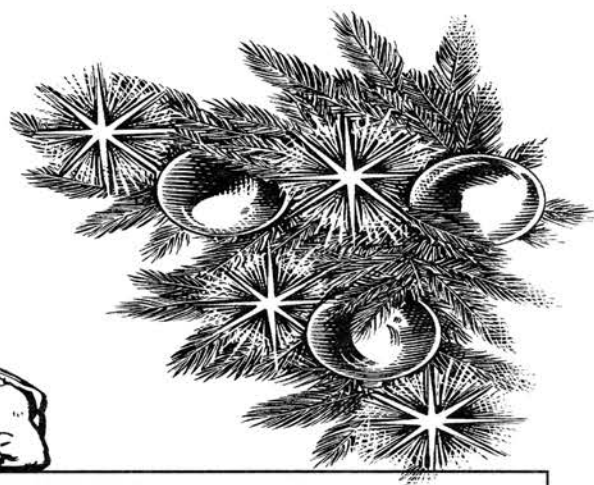
At the 19th annual Maine Highland Games held at Thomas Point, Darren Kenyon of Conn won the MacDougall trophy for class IV piper.

The trophy was given in memory of Arthur R. Macdougall, Jr. Pictured here are Dr. Walter Macdougall, past president of the Clan MacDougall Society, Darren Kenyon, and Jean Macdougall-Harr, state representative.





Holidays



As the Commissioner for the Pacific Crest districts of California, Nevada, and Arizona, I and all of our district members, wish all of the MacDougall's, MacDowall's and our associated members a hearty and warm "Happy Holidays". May your Christmas season and the New Year be safe and profitable for you and your families.

This has been a banner year for the Pacific Crest region, and I would personally like to thank our regional representatives Victor Kottinger, and Darleen Weizs for their gallant efforts in bringing the Clan Tents to the many Scottish games up and down the state

of California, and to Don Northcott for designing the regional news letter.

We here in California, Nevada and Arizona issue a challenge to all of the other regions to increase your area memberships, and to contact those members that have dropped by the way side, and bring them back into an active status with the Clan. We also challenge your areas to generate active participation in obtaining donations and funds towards the Gylen Castle restoration. Let this new year begin with these goals in mind, so that our Clan can develop into leaders of the Scottish Community.

To All our New Officers, and to those who recently stepped aside, we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

First Vice President, Pacific Crest Regional Commissioner
Mel E. McDougal ☺



Christmas Holiday

by Hope MacDougall
of MacDougall

The Christmas holiday began a day or two before Christmas, ending a day or two after the New Year's entry. Even in the old schoolmaster's time, at the end of the last century Christmas was celebrated with a party for the school. These parties are still spoken of by former pupils as being the highlights of the year. One vividly recalls how Mr. Hugh Cameron, head gardener at Dunollie for nearly fifty years, used to come over and set up a Christmas tree in the corner of the school. Each year there was a special surprise, and she remembers a moss-lined tank full of presents, which had to be fished for with a hooked line.

Another looks back sixty-five years to remember her sister's joy at receiving a little workbasket as her gift.

Sometimes the school was invited to a Christmas party at Gallanach, or at Dunollie, with what seemed to small children a huge glittering Christmas tree with the rich scent of pine needles and burning candles. Even at the Christmas Eve parties at Dunollie in the 1950's and 60's this nostalgic smell was not ousted by the more fashionable artificial alternatives.

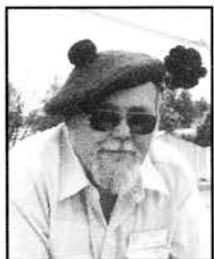
A 'reliable person' was always detailed to stand by with a bucket of water and a sponge on the end of a long bamboo, to tend to any problem the candles might have made with the tree. ☺

The Midwest Regional Commissioner would like to wish all members of the Society, in or out of the Midwest, a very happy Holiday Season and a prosperous New Year.

A wrap-up of the year's activities. A good time was had at the McPherson, KS, Highland Festival. This four-year-old affair is sponsored by the City and continues to grow - attendance at the two-day Festival this year exceeded 5,000 - its proximity to Wichita, the state's largest city undoubtedly helps. In mid October, I attended a very modest Celtic Festival in Cedar Rapids, Ia. This was the first year that they had Clan Tents - there were five of us. Still, attendance was more than 1,000, and they expect to continue to grow. The event is sponsored by the Hawkeye Area Grand Gaelic Isles Society - You have to admire the ingenuity that came up with that acronym!

I invite you all to join us in the Midwest for next year's activities - we're getting busier. On April 18, the Omaha, NE, Gaelic Society is planning their first outdoor Celtic Festival. Janet Wimer, a member of Clan MacDougall Society, is Publicity Chairman for this affair; lets all get out and give Janet's efforts a boost. The Minneapolis/St. Paul Highland Games are scheduled for the first weekend in May. Then on to Kansas City the second weekend in June. The McPherson, KS, Festival is scheduled for the last weekend in September, and HAGGIS expects to repeat the affair in mid-October. So everybody come on out - Kansas City isn't so far from Oklahoma, McPherson is fairly close to both Oklahoma and Eastern Colorado, Minneapolis is near Wisconsin. I hope to see a good turnout of MacDougalls at all these Festivals; and, hey bring your neighbors and kinfolk who would like to Join the Society!

Claud Baker
Regional Commissioner ☺





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