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Tom Wallace, President of the Federation of Scottish Clans in Nova Scotia

From the President's desk...

My Friends and Fellow Scots:

Many of us are aware of the adjectives typically used to describe members of the Scottish community: frugal and industrious. While I will not comment on the first stereotype at this time, I must say that I very much agree with the second. If anything, the Scots are industrious, indeed.

Since becoming Federation President, I have personally witnessed how much time and effort that our members give to the promotion of our culture in terms of time and resources. Members of the Scottish Community in Nova Scotia demonstrate their diligence and dedication to advancing our cause on a regular and sustained basis. They are building for the future.

A principal project in 2007 is the International Gathering of the Clans in Nova Scotia. Every four years, since 1979, Nova Scotia has had the honour of playing host to the global Scottish community... and we do a bang-up job of it with very limited resources

I would like to offer my heartfelt thanks to Past-President Mel Baird and his Committee (Tom Brown, Jean Watson, Bill Sutherland, Helen MacRae, Carol Dobson, Audrey Manzer, Lindsay Rankin, Sheila MacDonald and Rob MacLean) for the excellent preparations they have made to ensure that the IGC-2007 is a success. Without them, there would be no International Gathering of the Clans in 2007. The members of the Federation owe each of you special thanks for a job well done.

Organizationally, I am delighted with the growth and expansion that is taking place. Since our last communication, membership in the Federation has increased to 42 member clans and societies, and 16 individuals have purchased memberships for themselves. This is terrific news! Members of the Scottish Community are actively demonstrating support for the aims of the Federation in a very visible and meaningful way.

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TARTAN DAY REACHES CANADA'S HOUSE OF COMMONS

JEAN WATSON RECIPIENT OF THE 2007 SCOTTISH STUDIES FOUNDATION SCOT OF THE YEAR AWARD



A gala event will be held in Toronto's Casa Loma on Wednesday, April 18, 2007. Find ticket information online <http://www.scottishstudies.com/950tartanday07.htm>



Jean Watson, Past President FSCNS
"Mother of Tartan Day"

The executive and members of the Federation of Scottish Clans in Nova Scotia are delighted that MP Peter Stoffer has shepherded a bill to have Tartan Day, April 6, recognized nationally through first reading in the House of Commons.

"Tartan Day was first proclaimed in Nova Scotia 20 years ago," Tom Wallace, the president of FSCNS says. "The germ of the idea to create a 'Canadian' commemoration of the Scots' contribution to our country came from Jean Watson, of Lower Sackville, N.S. Almost single-handedly, Jean has convinced every provincial legislature to proclaim this day. But she has not stopped with Canada alone. The US Senate has recognized Tartan Day and it is now celebrated throughout the world. In fact, New York has created its own "Tartan Week" every April to celebrate the Scots.

Mrs. Watson's contribution to Scottish culture throughout the world will receive national recognition on April 18th when she will be honoured as Canada's Scot of the Year, by the University of Guelph's Scottish Studies foundation, at a gala dinner at Toronto's Casa Loma.

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2007

2007 – 2008 HIGHLAND GAMES

ACPBA Sanctioned Games		2007	2008
Antigonish Indoor	Antigonish NS	To be set	To be set
Summerside Highland Games	Summerside PE	June 23-24	June 28-29
Canada Day	Pugwash NS	July 1	July 1
Gaelic College	St Ann's NS	June 30	July 5
Halifax Highland Games	Halifax NS	July 7	July 12
Antigonish Highland Games	Antigonish NS	July 21-22	July 19-20
New Brunswick Highland Games	Fredericton NB	July 28-29	July 26-27
Eldon Highland Games	Eldon PE	August 4	August 2
Maxville Highland Games	Maxville Ontario	August 3-4	August 1-2
Montreal Games	Montreal PQ	August 5	August 3
Hector Festival	Pictou NS	August 12	August 17
Festival of the Tartans	New Glasgow NS	August 18	August 16
Woodleigh Games	Woodleigh PE	August 25	August 30

Forward event information to info@scotsns.ca for posting on the web site.
Visit www.scotsns.ca Click on link to "Events"



The Broadsword welcomes members' input – articles, event dates, photos.

Email: newsletter@scotsns.ca, or mail to: The Broadsword Editor,
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FIRE PREVENTION ON HIGHLAND GAMES GROUNDS

Clans planning to have a presence on any Highland Games' grounds in Nova Scotia during 2007 **MUST** meet provincial requirements for fire prevention and safety (details page 4-5).

➡ **Group Tent rental for the Halifax Highland Games is available through Tom Brown – pg 6**

➡ **VENDOR:** Rental is available from **WCS Event Tents** www.wcsltd.ca For group and/or individual rental for other the Halifax Highland Games' locales, contact: Wayne King, **WCS Event Tents** – 860-3279. If several clans get together, it may be possible that the rental fee could be lowered.



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Halifax Highland Games and Scottish Festival 2007

Memorandum

To: All Clans

From: Audrey Manzer, Chair

Re: **Tents or canopies at Highland Games**



For the past two years, the discussion and stress about this subject has been ongoing. We barely escaped being shut down the day before the Games over this issue, last year. The Fire Prevention folks at HRM have been warning us for some time that strict new regulations would prevent us from using our older and non-conforming tents and canopies in public places, i.e. at the Highland Games.

Lynn Foley, of my Committee, has been in touch with those responsible, and as a result of much discussion and visits to their office, has got a very clear picture of how we are affected and I attach an official letter from them, explaining the situation (see page 5).

The new regulations are now firmly in place (as of late 2006) and we must conform or risk not being allowed to hold the Games. This is provincial legislation, which is enforced in each municipality by municipal personnel. There is no room for negotiation and as of now, we must conform by having tents or canopies which bear the label **CAN/ULC – S109M Standard**.

This is now a province-wide requirement. I understand that a fire inspector has now been appointed for Antigonish, for instance, and will now be monitoring those Games. The old fire retardant spray has now been withdrawn from the shelves and is no longer an alternative.

Please understand that this applies to everyone. The Halifax Games will have to scramble to replace the canopies we have been using throughout the field for other purposes, for example. So, bottom line is: You can obtain new canopies that conform (Canadian Tire and Walmart carry some with the proper label, I am told) or you can use the 10' x 10' space which we give to you, along with the table and two chairs, and just set up without a canopy, perhaps using a golf or patio umbrella for shade.

I do hope you will be able to work within this new regime, as we value your presence at the Games and look forward to having you with us – we'll help all we can. After all, our staunch Scottish ancestors overcame worse problems than this!

Cheers!

Audrey

Halifax Highland Games and Scottish Festival
**TENT ALERT – FOR \$50 CLANS CAN RENT
AN APPROVED TENT FOR THE HHG.
CONTACT TOM BROWN – DETAILS PAGE 6**





Ms. Audrey Manzer
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*Confirmation of the fire
safety issue for Highland
Games is found in this
letter to the Halifax
Highland Games, kindly
provided by Audrey
Manzer, Chair*



2007/01/25

Dear Ms. Manzer,

I've been asked by Lynn Foley to correspond with you regarding Fire Services stance on tents, canopies and shade screens used at public venues. I offer the following for your consideration.

This has been an ongoing issue for quite a number of years and not limited to this event. In early 2006 this office revised its policy regarding tents and application of the National Fire Code for special events held on HRM property. We cannot in good faith condone use of these canopies at one event and prohibit their use at another.

Advance notice was given to event organisers in writing that 2006, would be the last year we would accept non-compliant tents/canopies. This is further compounded by recent changes in the 2005 Building and Fire Codes which were formally adopted by the Province in late 2006 and have expanded to include other materials used at public venues. I feel that with the advance notice this decision should come as no surprise to anyone who participates and sufficient time remains to procure tents or canopies meeting the CAN/ULC-S109M Standard. Shelters that do not have a label attached confirming they meet the above standards will not be accepted at these events and ordered removed.

Yours truly,

Craig MacDonald,
Divisional Captain
Fire Prevention and Life Safety

HALIFAX HIGHLAND GAMES TENT RENTAL – TOM BROWN



The Federation is advising Clans that they have consulted with a vendor who can supply canopies for the Halifax Highland Games & Festival that comply with **CAN/ULC=S109M fire code.**

The cost of rental is \$50.00 includes delivery, set up and take down.



FSCNS needs a minimum of 10 member clans to rent a canopy to make take advantage of this offer. At present, we have 7 that have agreed to do so; if you plan to attend the Halifax Games and require a canopy contact **Tom Brown** at (902) 865-9665 or thomasbarbbrown@eastlink.ca



April 21st – CULLODEN MEMORIAL DAY KNOYDART NOVA SCOTIA

An invitation to attend from www.culloden.ca : Each spring, on the closest Saturday to April 16, the Heritage Society in Antigonish together with St. Mary's Church in Lismore, host an annual Culloden celebration to honour the anniversary. This includes a ceremony at the cairn followed by Scottish music, food and drink at the community centre. This event draws approximately 350 people a year from across the Maritimes. More information and a map can be found on the web site: info@culloden.ca.

CLAN STEWART/STUART TARTAN DAY DINNER April 14th



The Clan Stewart/Stuart Association is holding a "Tribute to Tartan Day Dinner" on **April 14, 2007** at St. Margaret's of Scotland Church. Tickets are \$18.00 for a roast beef dinner with entertainment to follow. Tickets are available from: Jean Watson - 864-1994, or, Allan Stuart, (902) 835-5611

Clan Stewart/Stuart Association of Nova Scotia
67 Brenda Drive Hammonds Plains, NS B4B 1K1

HALIFAX TARTAN DAY APRIL 4TH

TIME CHANGE
⇒ **START TIME IS 10:00 A.M.**



The Executive of the FSCNS invites the public to the **Halifax Legislature** (Hollis Street) to celebrate

Tartan Day – Wednesday April 4th

Hear the **20th** Declaration of Tartan Day
Enjoy dance, song, and a light lunch
beginning at 10 a.m.

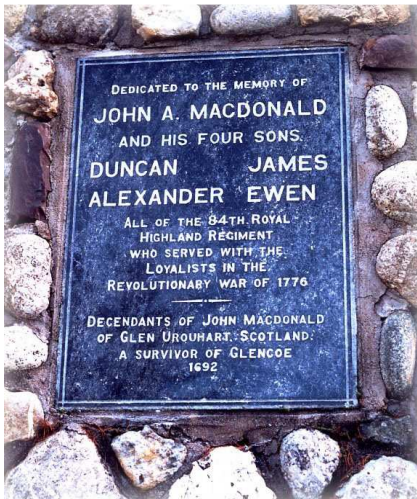
A great day to wear the tartan!



GLENCOE MEMORIAL SERVICE

Report – Pat Christensen Photos - Brundage MacDonald

GLENCOE , Nova Scotia - The annual Glencoe's Memorial Church Service was held at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Glencoe, Pictou County on Feb. 10th. Hosted by Clan Donald, Rev. Don Shepherd conducted the service. Commissioner Pat Christensen read from scripture and Elizabeth Kennedy presented a floral arrangement. Burns MacDonald, organist, led us in Scottish Hymns. A ceilidh and social time followed the service and a good time was had by all.



*Above and below left:
Glencoe Cairn Pictou County*



*Above: Rev. Don Shepherd,
Commissioner Pat Christensen.*



*Above: Hector MacKenzie, Angus and Earle
MacDonald entertain at the Glencoe Ceilidh.*

*Right: Sanctuary of St. Paul's Presbyterian
Church, Glencoe, Pictou County, NS.*





Email Scams

By David A. Wimsett

Many of our readers have questions about computer usage. David Wimsett, 1st V-P of Clan Lamont, removes some of the mystery with helpful articles on major topics.-Ed.

Even opening one of these letters can trigger a signal back to the sender.

The Internet and email began in the 1960's as a way for people in universities across America to communicate with one another. In the 90's the Internet expanded to the general public. The information super highway has become a wonderful tool for research, eCommerce and keeping in touch with friends and family.

Unfortunately, it has also become riddled with Internet highway robbers.

Everyday, people receive emails from complete strangers that ask them to confirm their financial accounts, send away for a great offer or help someone get money out of a foreign country. These are Internet scams and they are the modern day con job.

I recently received a letter that appeared to be from a major bank. It said there was a problem with my account and asked me to click on a link to confirm my financial data. It contained the bank's return address and logo. I became suspicious, however, because I do not have an account with that bank.

This was an Internet scam, fired off to thousands, perhaps millions of people in the hope that some would reach that bank's customers and a few would click the link. Those that did would be sent to a bogus web site that had nothing to do with the bank. The one in this particular letter was located in Czechoslovakia, though these sites are found around the world.

They ask for a person's SIN, account numbers and passwords. The people running the scam then use this information to contact the real bank and drain the victim's account, in effect stealing his or her identity and becoming that person to the bank.

Another popular scam is a letter from someone claiming to have money trapped in a foreign country, such as Nigeria or Kuwait. The sender needs a bank account number in the west to wire the money to. If you will just send your account information, a direct deposit can be made, usually in the millions of dollars. As an incentive for being such a good soul, you will be allowed to keep 10% of the money. For those who do reply, their own bank account is plundered.

The list of schemes is nearly endless. Often, you can be tipped off by an unlikely situation, the need for secrecy, an emotional appeal to a tragic situation or the use of poor grammar. One letter that claimed to be from a British citizen stated, "Two years ago I was diagnosed with prostate cancer and this week my doctors have just informed me that i have few month to live." Note the lower case "i" and the phrase "have few month to live". The letter had other grammatical errors and the lower case "i" appeared several more times.

Other email will have a friendly greeting, saying things like "The information you requested" or quoting a passage from the bible. When they are opened they will try to sell you anything from sure stock deals to lotions that will enhance your sexual performance.

The basic rule of thumb in dealing with the Internet is, "If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is." Legitimate financial institutions never send letters to customers asking them to confirm their accounts. Honest people don't send blanket letters to move money out of a country. Legitimate stock brokers don't sell dubious stocks over the Internet. Those who do are nothing short of electronic bunko artists.

When you see a letter from someone you don't know, be cautious. Even opening one of these letters can trigger a signal back to the sender.

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TEENAGE ENTREPRENEUR HAS A TASTE FOR HERITAGE



*Above: Finished product
Shown is a Clan Sutherland cake.*

CELTIC CAKE WORKS

Victoria Sutherland is a grade 11 student at North Nova High School in New Glasgow and is studying Gaelic as one of her academics. She also works part time in Sobeys Bakery, where the skills she's learned in cake decorating triggered an idea that has grown into a part-time home business. One that feeds her passion to involve herself in things Scottish.

Vicki bakes cakes and – with a designer's flare – whips frosting into replications of various Clan badges and other Scottish symbols requested by customers. Her business is named *Celtic Cakeworks*.

"I'm working on pricing for the cakes because I am offering them in all different sizes, and trying to make them as reasonably priced as I can," Vicki says.

As we go to print, Victoria is busy doing school work, finishing exams, going on expeditions with the cadets, and, of course, busy working in the Sobeys Bakery.

Below:: Rolling out homemade marshmallow fondant – note the special cutter at the bottom of the photo that, with help from her father, was made to form the belt. She has cut out and frozen several of these at a time to have on hand when the orders start coming in. The cakes will be a variety of different sizes. The one shown is the smallest.





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SAINT COLUMBA – PART TWO*First in a Christian heritage series by Lindsay Rankin (Part 2)**Part 1 may be found in issue 16 Fall 2006*

One of the best and most used sources for information about Columba is from the writings of Adomnan. Adomnan was Abbot of Iona from the year 679 to 704. About the arrival of Columba to Iona from Ireland, Adomnan writes this: "In the second year following the battle of *Cúl Drebene*, when he was forty-two, Columba sailed away from Ireland to Britain, choosing to be a pilgrim for Christ." The Latin word Columba and his fellow monks used for pilgrimage was *peregrinatio*. The word, which has no close translation in English, suggests more than just a pilgrimage. Along with the concept of being a pilgrim, Columba also voluntarily offered himself in penitence because of his earlier struggle, not only with the Irish princes, but also with his calling to God's service.

Like many before him, Columba answered God's call only with great reluctance and only after much wrestling with the possibilities of the life God set before him. In accepting this call, Columba found himself in the company of many biblically identifiable people who also followed a pathway of *peregrinatio*; people like Abraham, to whom God said, "Leave your own country, your kin, and your father's house," (Genesis 12:1). The Gospels also tell us that Jesus many times over called upon those who would follow him to leave home and family behind. This, then, was the kind of pilgrimage that Columba embarked upon. It was a pilgrimage from which there was no turning away. It was also in the form of penitence, *peregrinatio*, and Columba along with the others who came with him to Iona were known as *peregrini*.

The Irish monks brought with them a kind of Christian lifestyle with which most people today, even those of the church, are not familiar. The origins of their faith came, not from the western Roman branch of Christianity which had spread throughout Southern Britain, but from an earlier source in the east. Along with the Irish church from which Columba had separated himself at least physically, the calendar followed was of the Eastern church, a distinction that set the Irish monks apart from the Roman church to the south

Easter, for example, was celebrated at a different date.

"The Celtic Christians followed their own version of the Julian Calendar, a Calendar they said they inherited from St John the Theologian. This led to the calculation of a Celtic Easter that was different from the one celebrated by everyone at the time throughout Christendom. We may read of incidents in the history of the British Church where a King is celebrating Easter while his Queen is still fasting, both being on two different Calendars.

The Council of Whitby in the seventh century decided against the Celtic Easter, although a number of Celtic Saints and Fathers withdrew into the desert (disert) to keep their ancient traditions."¹ Another difference was in the shaving of the head in the manner called a "tonsure." Celtic monks shaved their heads from ear to ear only, unlike the St. Peter tonsure of the Roman church. As far as is known there were also distinct theological differences in certain sacraments, particularly in baptism.

The monastic life appears not to have been as strict as for those who opted for life as a hermit, shutting themselves away from society in an effort to live the purest life possible, and offering a ministry of prayer for the world's ills. There appears to be a duality to Columba's life that tends to set him and his fellow monks apart as monastic representatives of the Church at that time. Having said this, even although not adopting a life as a hermit, Columba seemed bent upon complete separation from his origin in Ireland. There is a tradition which reports of Columba landing first on the island of Oronsay, but quickly leaving after he realized he could still see the coastline of Ireland from there.

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St. Columba *Continued from page 10*

When he arrived at Iona, Columba is reputed to have climbed to the highest point on the island to satisfy himself that Ireland could not be seen. A cairn was erected atop this hill. The hill together with the cairn today bears the name *Carn Cúl ri Erenn* (the cairn of Back towards Ireland). Nevertheless, the journey from Ireland by Columba and his followers reflects the characteristics not only of pilgrimage and penitence, but also a sense of adventure which would continue with Columba and others as they journeyed in the highlands, in what is now Scotland. Many poems have been written as part of the Columba saga, by those who came after Columba. Beccán mac Luigdech, a hermit living on the island of Rum in the six hundreds writes in a poem:

*In scores of curraghs with an army of wretches
he crossed the long-haired sea.
He crossed the wave-strewn wild region,
foam-flecked, seal-filled.
Savage, bounding, seething, white-tipped, pleasing,
doleful.²*

Another poem from the same author evokes the idea of Columba's offering himself up as a sacrifice:

*He crucified — not for crimes —
his body on the grey waves ...
He left an Ireland, made a pact,
he crossed in ships the whale's shrine.
He shattered lusts — it shone from him —
a bold man over the sea's ridge.³*

Lindsay Rankin :*In the next part of the Columba saga, the saint's early missionary journeys in Scotland will be discussed.*

Sources of information for this series are as follows: Ian Bradley - *Columba, Pilgrim and Penitent*; W. H. C. Frend - *The Rise of Christianity*; Leslie Hardinge - *The Celtic Church in Britain*



Hello,



May I take this opportunity to introduce our recently formed Scottish organization, namely Crann Tara. Our aims and objectives are to promote Scotland's future through understanding her heritage, culture and history.

We are a non-political and non-religious organization, and we welcome the views of others who share our world.

We invite you to visit our website and enjoy the many articles and facilities provided by our organization. We would very much appreciate any feedback you could give us on the website, as it is important to us what people think of our efforts. <http://www.cranntara.org.uk/>

We look forward to your visit and thank you for taking the time to read our mail

Yours Aye

David Murdoch
Webmaster Crann Tara

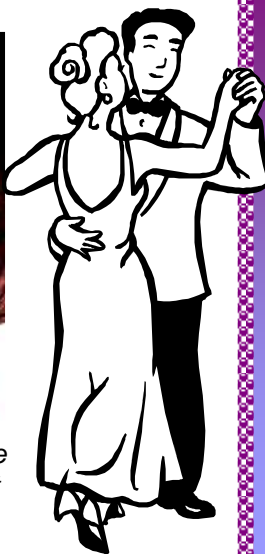


Antigonish in August – plan to be there!



The Antigonish Highland Games will take place July 20 – July 22nd. Events schedule and ticket purchase are available on line:

<http://www.antigonishhighlandgames.com/>



25 August 2007: IGC-2007 Highland Ball & Gala

*Presented by the Federation of
Scottish Clans in Nova Scotia*

Charles V. Keating Millennium
Centre

**St. Francis Xavier University,
Antigonish, NS.**

Menu and prices TBA. Details will be
published in the June issue and on line.

*This will be a cornerstone event
of the 2007 International
Gathering Festival.
Mark your calendar today!*

Robbie Burns Night Dartmouth and District Pipe Band Tribute

The evening of January 27, 2007, was truly a night to remember with a twenty-five percent increase in attendance over previous years! The Dartmouth and District Pipe Band held their sixth annual tribute to Robbie Burns in Halifax, which included all of the pomp and circumstance befitting such an occasion. Peter Harrison hosted the evening's festivities that included the address to the haggis, several poetry readings, the toast to the lassies and their response. Dinner was excellent and included a carved hip of beef with all of the traditional trimmings. The evening's entertainment included pipe band performances, the Amethyst Dancers and an old fashioned Ceilidh. As a man who relished life, laughed heartily and valued friendship highly, Burns himself would have been honoured by such a fine event.



Above: Address to the haggis. From left to Right : Chef, MC Peter Harrison, Jim Bain and Piper Ryan Fraser



CLAN DONALD'S ANNUAL LOBSTER SUPPER AND CEILIDH

Friday, June 15 – 6:30 pm.

The annual lobster supper and Ceilidh will be hosted by **Clan Donald, Pictou County**,
Where: Summer Street Industries
Cost is \$25.00 Get your tickets early.
Contact person: ebmac@ns.sympatico.ca



**Snippets from Clan Association
newsletters will be published in
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organization's newsletter to the Editor:
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2007 INTERNATIONAL GATHERING OF THE CLANS IN NOVA SCOTIA



NOVA SCOTIA PREPARES FOR GUESTS



Mel Baird
Chair, 2007 IGC

Events continue to
be updated on line:
www.igc2007.ca

The planning for the International Gathering continues. Recently members of the Committee have been to meetings with the organizers of Tartan Day in Pictou where we will be raising the International Gathering Flag for the first time this year, thus signifying the official opening of the Gathering. Note that since our meeting with them the event has changed from Friday afternoon the 6th of April to Thursday evening at 6.30 pm on the 5th of April. A successful meeting with Mayor Kelly of HRM has confirmed the arrangements for the Mayor's Reception on 6 July and we will be forwarding him an invitation list in due course. Meetings with the Pipefest committee have confirmed the route of the Piper's Parade through Halifax and what our participation should be. You will see the necessary form in another part of this Newsletter if you want to march with your Clan Banner and/or Flags.

The IGC Committee is holding regular meetings at two week intervals and as a result of these, the events list is being updated on the Federation website which is itself being updated to be more appealing and user friendly. If anyone notes any errors in our events listing or would like to suggest any additions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Clan organizations are reminded to advise Tom Brown of Clan dignitaries who will be attending the Gathering. We need this information in order to ensure that they receive invitations and recognition as appropriate.

JULY 6TH – HRM MAYOR'S RECEPTION – CITY HALL TOM BROWN



Also of note is that the HRM Mayor's Reception at City Hall in Halifax on the evening of July 6th is by **invitation only**. Presidents of Clans are asked to notify Tom Brown if they wish to have representatives of their Clan attend.

The name of each individual, title, and mailing address is required as the total allowable to attend is limited. The reception commences at 6:00 pm and ends at 7:15 pm when those with tickets for Clan Night at the Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo will be piped across the street to Metro Centre.

Contact: **Tom Brown** at (902) 865-9665 or thomasbarbbrown@eastlink.ca.

Submit your information soon to ensure your place at the event!!

2nd Annual Spring Scottish Dinner-Auction 28 April 2007.

Eureka Nova Scotia

Presented by the Federation of Scottish Clans.

Plated Highland Beef Dinner with Tatties, Neeps and Dessert and Tea/Coffee.

Tickets: \$15.00

Contact **Fiona MacLean** fionamaclean@eastlink.ca (902-863-2233)

for more info or for tickets.

Viewing: 5 p.m. Dinner 7 p.m.

Admission for non-dinner bidders: \$5.00





President's Message *Continued from page 1*

An important tool for future growth has been the Federation website. In 2006, our Immediate Past President Jean Watson tasked me with developing a new Internet presence for this organization, and in short order, I created a basic website. Too quickly, however, it became apparent to the Executive that a better website was required, and that we required the services of a professional web-designer.

On Tartan Day, April 6th, the Federation will simultaneously launch two new websites: www.scotsns.ca and www.igc2007.ca. The new websites are key communication tools as well as vehicles for future growth. I invite each of you to visit the websites, and to provide feedback. Your input is always desired and welcome.

Speaking of industriousness, the next eight weeks will be tremendously active for the members of your Executive. Key events for the Federation will be Tartan Day at Province House on April 4th, the Official Opening of the International Gathering at Pictou on April 5th, the Tribute to Tartan Day Dinner in Halifax on April 14th, the Culloden Memorial Ceremony at Knoydart on April 21st, the 2nd Annual Auction-Dinner at Eureka on April 28th, and the semi-annual FSCNS General Meeting at Truro on May 5th. As we move into summer, the number of events will increase dramatically. Should you wish more information on these and other events, contact us. The Executive is here to keep you informed about Federation activities and business.

In closing, I hope that you enjoy this latest edition of "The Broadsword." I wish to acknowledge the consistent effort put forth by our editor, Helen MacRae. As well, Helen welcomes additional content. If possible, forward your submissions to her electronically at newsletter@scotsns.ca.

I look forward to meeting with you all in the very near future.

Yours, aye.

Tom

Thomas (Tom) E.S. Wallace, President
Federation of Scottish Clans in Nova Scotia
Host of the 2007 International Gathering of the Clans in Nova Scotia



In Pugwash July 1st & 2nd

JULY 1ST

Opening of the International
Gathering of Clans

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JULY 2ND

Pugwash Gathering
of the Clans and Scottish Festival

<http://www.pugwashvillage.com/gathering.html>
Contact: villagecommission@pugwashvillage.com

Telephone for information: (902)243-2946



<http://www.townofbictou.com/index2.ht>

Wi' A Thousand Pipers an' a' an' a'...



Want to be a part of one of the most spectacular events in Halifax this summer?

On Sunday, July 8, more than 1000 pipers will be parading through the streets of Halifax as part of Pipefest 2007.

The Federation of Scottish Clans of Nova Scotia has been asked to provide marchers carrying clan banners to march between blocks of pipers for this parade

Here are the details:

- Marchers **MUST** be able to form up at 12:45, in groups of six as directed by the marshals, march at 90 beats per minute over the parade route – Citadel Hill – Sackville Street – Summer Street – Spring Garden Road – Brunswick Street – Duke Street.
- The Parade of Pipers begins at 1:45 p.m. and ends at Metro Centre at 2:30 sharp. Fall out for marchers will be the Duke Street concourse of the Metro Centre.
- Pre registration is required by JUNE 15, 2007

Clan: _____

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

**Return to: Federation of Scottish Clans in Nova Scotia, PO
Box 477, Lower Sackville, NS B4C 3G4 or email to
igc2007@ca.inter.net**



This recipe comes by special request of Jean Watson. They are easy to make, tasty with a bit of jam and cheese anytime of day, and they freeze well. – Ed.



CORNMEAL MUFFINS

Helen MacRae

Preheat oven to 350F Makes 18 regular-sized

Mix and set aside for 5 minutes:

1 ½ c. cornmeal

2 ½ c. milk

Beat together 2 eggs & ½ c. vegetable oil

Add to cornmeal and milk

Stir together:

2c. flour

2/3 c sugar

6 tsp. baking powder

2 tsp. salt

Add wet to dry

*The original recipe calls for a 400F oven for 20-25 minutes.

My oven is a tad on the hot side, so 350F for 18-19 minutes is all that's needed for them to be table ready!



Email Scams...continued from page 8

Such malicious letters can look into your computer and transmit your address book, passwords and financial data. The best thing to do is delete the letter without opening it. Move your mouse over the letter, click the right button and select **Delete**. Empty your email trash afterward.

If you feel you must inspect the letter, physically disconnect your computer from the Internet first. If you are using a dial-up service, log out. If you use high speed access, unplug the Internet cable.

Before re-connecting to the Internet, clear the cookies. These are small pieces of information that many web sites leave. Malicious email could leave a cookie with an instruction to contact a web site when you next re-connect.

On Microsoft Internet Explorer 6, click **Tools** on the main menu and select **Internet Options**. A dialog box appears. Click the **General** tab on the top, then the **Delete Cookies** button. On IE 7 click **Tools** then **Delete Browsing History**. Make certain the Cookies box is checked.

For Mozilla FireFox 2.0, click **Tools** then **Clear Private Data**, or press **Ctrl+Shift+Del**. Again, make certain the Cookies box is checked.

After deleting the letter and clearing the cookies, you can re-dial to log on to the Internet or plug your high speed cable back in. If you do open a suspicious letter, on or off line, never open any attachments linked to it. These could damage you computer even if you are disconnected from the Internet.



Bursaries For Scottish Language and Arts Studies

Several clan newsletters report bursaries and other financial support is available to students. Funds are also offered through a number of educational institutions. *Get the news out – post information on line* – Send bursary criteria and contact information to Tom Wallace:
president@nsscots@chebucto.org



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CLAN NEWS BITS

Watch for updates, changes, additions to clan news on the web site, IGC itinerary links.

- Clan Donald:** 14 July 2007: Clan Donald Awards Banquet at Arisaig, NS. Tickets are available from Jack MacDonald at jack.macdonald@ns.sympatico.ca
12 August 2007: 2:30 p.m. – Memorial Service at the Clan Donald Monument on the grounds of the NS Information Centre, Pictou Rotary, Pictou, NS.
- Clan Farquharson** 05-09 July 2007: Clan Farquharson Gathering (Halifax).
- Clan Stewart/Stuart:** 07 July 2007: Clan Stewart/Stuart Gathering (Halifax).
- Clan MacNeil:** 03 August 2007: Clan MacNeil Day at Christmas Island, Cape Breton. Contact Mike MacNeil at 902-567-0138
- Clan Moffat:** 05-08 July 2007: The Clan Moffat society AGM for 2007 will be held in Halifax, Nova Scotia, at the Halifax Citadel Hotel, in conjunction with the 2007 International Gathering of the Clans and the Halifax Highland Games and Scottish Festival. Registration details are online: <http://www.clanmoffat.org/Gatherings/Halifax2007/>
- Clan Sinclair:** 13-15 July 2007: Clan Sinclair Gathering at Cavendish, PEI. Email Roger Sinclair, rsinclair@sbwdirection.com or call 902-425-6438 for more information.
- Clan Sutherland:** The International Gathering of Clan Sutherland will be held in Halifax, Nova Scotia, July 5th to July 12, 2007.

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Find contact information for membership on page 2 of this newsletter
and on the downloadable PDF file form.

A copy is forwarded to members requiring newsletter delivery by post.



FSCNS Semi-Annual General Meeting

05 May 2007

Executive Meeting: 10:00 - 12:00

Light Luncheon 12 noon - 1 p.m.

General Meeting 1:30 - 4:00 p.m.

Location: Colchester-East Hants Public Library, 754 Prince Street, Truro.

Committee Chairs and Clan Reps are expected to provide a written report to the President no later than 28 April 2007 for inclusion in the Semi-Annual Report document.

Come as you are. Kilts and tartan are welcome!

Donations of finger foods and sweets gratefully received.



ATLANTIC GAELIC ACADEMY

Acadamaidh Gàidhlig an Atlantaig

*A new Gaelic language school based in Nova Scotia, the **Atlantic Gaelic Academy (AGA)**, has been established.*



The new school will offer in-class and online courses in the Gaelic language and has a mission to increase the number of Gaelic speakers across the region.

The AGA is a non-profit corporation and its executive is comprised of Angus MacLeod, President, of Goose Cove, Cape Breton, Michael Linkletter, Vice President, of Antigonish, N.S., and Bob Leonard, Treasurer, of Fredericton, N.B.

"We created the Atlantic Gaelic Academy to bring this historic language to a whole new generation of interested students of the culture", said President MacLeod. "It's something we're very proud of and we look forward to serving many thousands of students of Gaelic in the years to come".

The AGA will provide programs mainly for part-time students of the language and offer a unique structured approach to learning the language. It will conduct classes at specific locations and make live Gaelic-learning classes available to remote locations through computer technology.

The school will offer a three-year program consisting of Beginner, Intermediate, and Advanced levels with each level running from September through May of the following year. The program is designed to teach students to read, write, and speak Gaelic with 75% of class time devoted to Gaelic conversation. CDs and online sound files by fluent speakers are available to students on a continuous basis, and students can study and speak the language together using the AGA's on line technology.

President MacLeod is enthusiastic about the endeavor, "I am pleased to be associated with the AGA. I have conducted many Gaelic courses over the years and I find the AGA's program to be unique and designed to overcome many of the problems encountered by students in learning the language. Best of all, it has proven to be quite successful."

The AGA's program is available throughout North America, and there are AGA representatives across Canada and the Northeast United States. Additional information is available on the AGA website at: www.gaelicacademy.ca.



Gaelic Conversation Table

An invitation is extended for you to join Gaelic learners and speakers in the Halifax area for a weekly Gaelic Conversation Table.

Where: the Johnston Building, 1672 Granville Street

When: Thursdays from 12:00pm-1:00pm

Bring a packed lunch and join us for Gaelic conversation. You will need to sign in at reception, where you will be directed to our meeting room, Boardroom 103.

PUGWASH 2007 The 56th GATHERING OF THE CLANS FESTIVAL AT PUGWASH Sunday, July 1st and Monday, July 2nd, 2007

The **2007 Gathering of the Clans Festival** will be held on **Monday, July 2** this year only as July 1st falls on Sunday. The **theme of this 57th Annual Festival is PUGWASH 200**, denoting the 200th anniversary of the first house in Pugwash. We will welcome all guests in period costume, a settler's look, free at the gates and ask them if they want to join our mile-long parade. We're also asking families to gather their clans and bring them to Pugwash and enter a competition for the largest "clan." There's a trophy at stake!

July 2nd will begin early with a **sanctioned highland dancing competition** on the main stage in Eaton Park. The tartan clad dancers will compete in fling, flora, village maids, bluebonnet, and the sword dance. All Highland dancers are reminded to get their applications in immediately.

By ten o'clock, the **Grand Street Parade's** components will be organized, spacing floats and pipe bands, antique cars and tractors, horses, fire department equipment with the Parade Marshall and the 2007th festival's Queen and Princesses, along with all former Festival Queens. There are many categories for parade trophies and awards and the competition is intense. Come join our parade.

Following the parade, the gates to Water Street's main stage and **concessions** open. There will be twenty plus **local artisans** and their high quality goods for sale, various **food booths** with fares to make your mouth water, the Pugwash Peace Exchange's café featuring their famous **lobster roll**, **Maritime Midway** with their rides and booths, providing the carnival atmosphere that festival goers in Pugwash love. Up at the Cyrus Eaton House, **piping and drumming competition** will take place with drum fanfare and drum major tests, marches and jigs played solo and in ensembles. Your senses will be thrilled with drone and whirr of the pipes accompanied by the ta-ta-ta-ta of drums. Watch miles of plaid swirl in the ocean breezes.

The **Heavyweight Games** with cabers and stone toss, weight and hammer throw divisions with entertain you for hours while these Scottish clad giants vie for the prizes and the bragging rights afforded by winning at these sanctioned games.

Children's Parade on Water Street is a major draw early in the afternoon. The wee folk numbered over forty last year and delighted the hearts of all watchers.

Opening Ceremonies are the official opening for the main stage entertainment with the town crier crying, local dignitaries greeting, and the dedication of the new Pugwash flag.

Then the stage will be hopping with our slate of **family entertainers**, including Banshee, Eric Freesia and the Offspring and other local groups. They will play until the evening **headliner performances** by bluesy rocker **Matt Minglewood** and the high energy Celtic rock group, **Banshee**. You'll be dancing on the lawn until the darkness enfolds Pugwash in midnight black, heralding time for our grand finale, a spectacular **fireworks** show sponsored by P.D.V. Fire Department.

For a small entry fee, proceeds of which are returned to community groups such as the hospital, fire department, ground search and rescue, library, schools, you could experience all these activities and more. Come and bring your clan to our Gathering of the Clans celebration.

Let us entertain you on Canada Day weekend in Pugwash!

Cliff Hutchinson

Chair, 2007 Pugwash Gathering of the Clans

PO Box 220, 124 Water Street

Pugwash NS B0K 1L0

URL: <http://www.pugwashvillage.com/gathering.html> Tel: 902.243.3178

A REQUEST FROM ELECTRIC SCOTLAND'S ALASTAIR MAC INTYRE...

The following invitation was sent to Electric Scotland's newsletter recipients. It was forwarded by Jean Watson, and is reprinted with permission (with some abridgement due to space constraints).

I would like to try and build a set of clan maps using the site at <http://www.streetmap.co.uk>

For example, when looking for the lands of Clan MacIntyre, I went to this site and entered "Glen Noe" and checked the GB Place box and got a url:

<http://www.streetmap.co.uk/newmap.srf?x=207500&y=733500&z=3&sv=glen+noe&st=3&tl=Glen+Noe,+Argyll+and+Bute+&searchp=newsearch.srf&mapp=newmap.srf>

I then zoomed out to

<http://www.streetmap.co.uk/newmap.srf?x=207500&y=733500&z=5&sv=207500,733500&st=4&mapp=newmap.srf&searchp=newsearch.srf&ax=207500&ay=733500>

This second url gave me an excellent road map of the general area. When I zoomed in from there you get the height lines so giving people an idea of what kind of walk they might have if they intended to do some walking or hiking :-). And so if I quoted this second url under Clan MacIntyre people can go to this general area map where Glen Noe is highlighted on the map and from there you can zoom in to get more detail.

Some clans of course have larger clan areas so we might need to give up to 4 or even 8 or more locations for the clan lands. My thoughts are to...

1. Provide urls to the clan maps that cover the clan area.
2. Where more than one map is required then mark them as such
3. Identify specific places of interest on the clan lands

A special page could be created for the maps and then each clan. Some clans might be prepared to add some general text or even pictures (with descriptions) to enhance the service.

I have discussed this with the Streetmap folk and they are happy for this to happen and if it takes off I'll provide them with the links to this resource which they might highlight on their web site.

I might add that I do also plan on working through my pages at Historic Places to see in Scotland to add maps to that page as well. Where I can get decent additional information I'll also add a specific page for those places.

A lot of work but I think it will be useful. I have created a starter web page at <http://www.electricscotland.com/webclans/maps/> with just two entries up so far just to let you see what is possible.

So... do you think you could help with this project or if not do you have any contacts that you think might help and perhaps forward on this email to them? Many thanks for your help with this and taking the time to read it :-)

Kind regards

Alastair McIntyre

Sgoil Ghàidhlig an Àrd-Bhaile's Gaelic (The Gaelic Language Society of Halifax)

Offers courses and workshops in April, May and June 2007, including:

Beginner/ Intermediate Level (Total Immersion Plus), Advanced Level (Total Immersion Plus)

They are open to all Gaelic learners and speakers, beginners to advanced.

Inquiries by email: Kathleen Reddy [kathleen.g.reddy@gmail.com] Phone 461-4688.

Dates are subject to change, so it's always a good idea to call or email before attending an event

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- ❁ To foster and maintain the Scottish culture and the Gaelic language in Nova Scotia.
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- ❁ To provide a coordinating function for major Scottish events such as The International Gathering of the Clans in Nova Scotia.