

# CLAN DONNACHAIDH NEWS

*Rocky Mountain Branch*

## Frae the President

By Becky Robertson

Our summer calendar is filling up and the council is busy setting game schedules and clan picnics. I'm hoping we will be breaking attendance records this year. Friends and family of members are welcome and encouraged! RSVP if you are bringing more people than usual, but most of all come! It has been suggested to me that during the good weather months we should have a clan get together each month. So I am inviting any of you to let me know if you have something special you would like to host or organize.

In the month of June, we have a BBQ at Bob Robertson's in Evergreen. Car-pooling is encouraged. Details and map are included in the following pages. July is the ice cream picnic that will be hosted by Dennis Smith at his home in Broomfield.

August and September brings us to the Highlands Ranch and Estes Park games. We have included in this issue a request for volunteers to greet visitors at the booth. Most clan members attending stay for an hour or two at the booth anyway. So please, sign-up for a two hour period. You can request to be with someone more experience if you are new at this. It's really not difficult! Just greet people, have people sign our visitor's book, give out clan brochures, stamp the kids passports, and do what comes naturally for you. I am not the greatest historian but I'm good at talking about our clan and the events we have scheduled. Russell on the other hand is great at answering clan history questions.

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With a full schedule of volunteers we will each have more flexibility to enjoy the total game experience.

In order to expand the clan membership, we have included in the event line-up three games outside the Denver Metro area. Our clan is not participating this year in the Sterling, Kiowa or Canyon City games, but we are encouraging members on the outskirts of Denver to attend their local games. If you are interested in the clan being present next year at any of these games, and would be willing to tend booths, we can arrange enrollment and personnel to help. Anyone attending the Sterling, Kiowa or Canyon City games this year are encouraged to report back to the council with details.

This newsletter is our third issue sent out this year and we look forward to any additional items from the clan regarding family, events, or history. We are asking that you please send in the member information sheet within these pages, if you haven't, so we can update our records.

Keep in touch and see you soon!  
Becky Robertson

## Upcoming Clan Events

May

June 26th - Afternoon gathering at Bob Robertson's in Evergreen, Co. (see attached map and write up)

July 11th - Council Meeting

July 11th - Ice Cream Social, Dennis & Shelli Smith's Home. SEE ATTACHMENT

August 6th - Colorado Scottish Festival, Colorado Springs, CO -this date is tentative

August 13th/14th - Rocky Mountain Highland Games, Highlands Ranch, CO

September 9<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup>  
**Longs Peak Scottish/Irish Highland Festival**  
Estes Park

The Mother of all festivals in Colorado for certain, and one of the biggest in the country, with beautiful scenery, great people, and lots to see, the Estes Park games will keep you talking all year long, this is one worth the drive, no matter how long!

September 16th - Council Meeting

October 23rd - AGM, 2:00, Washington Park United Methodist Church

\*\*Council meetings have been changed to the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday every other month at Mindy Bolen's home unless otherwise noted.

Council Meetings

July 11<sup>th</sup>  
September 16<sup>th</sup>  
November 4<sup>th</sup>

Council meetings are not limited to council members, all are welcome. Please feel free to come to a meeting, or pass along any input you have to any council member to be discussed at these meetings!

## Upcoming Highland Games

June 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>

10 am - 6 pm

**Sterling Festival**

Logan County Fair Grounds

[www.sterlingarts.org](http://www.sterlingarts.org)

We missed the deadline to participate with a booth for this one, but we would like to expand on the number of games we participate in next summer, so anyone interested in attending the games, please report back to the clan and let us know if this looks like one we want to be at next year!

June 17<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>

**Canon City Gaelic Highlands Festival**

Holy Cross Abbey

[www.festiville.com](http://www.festiville.com)

After speaking to the representative for this fest, I was informed that this festival has joined forces with Pikes Peak Scottish Society, so the festival has received a dose of new life, and excitement. We would love to hear from anyone who attends this one as well, so all you southern cousins, let us know what you think of the games going on in your backyard!

August 13<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup>

**Rocky Mountain Highlands Games**

Highlands Ranch

Many of you already know, but one of our own, Dave Robertson is the contact person for Action Care Ambulance, the paramedics on site for the festivities. Highlands Ranch has always been a good time, and a great opportunity to visit with clans, ours and others, hope to see you all there!

# Clan Hosting Request

Here ye Here ye all Lads and Lassie attending the 2005 Highlands Ranch Scottish Games on August 13-14, Highlands Ranch, Colorado AND/OR Long Peak Scottish/Irish Highland Games, Estes Park, Colorado, September 10-11. We are looking for people to sign up for 2 hour blocks of time to assist with hosting the Clan Donnachaidh/Robertson booth. We have two reasons for this request first: it is a fun way to get to know each other as well as share information about our clan with game visitors; second: if we all assist it allows everyone to enjoy the events of the games.

For those that have not attended or assisted with hosting before, we talk with people about our Clan History, give out membership information, talk about our current activities and events, and stamp the children's passports. If people are interested and do join that day we have a "wee" toast to welcome them. There is no "selling" involved. You needn't feel you must be "dressed" in clan clothes but it adds to the fun if you're up for it. Generally, we only need about two to four people hosting at a time. Times will begin when gates open each day through the close of each day. The booth will be set up and taken down by counsel members so you're just meeting and greeting!

If you are interested in helping us host, please contact Nancy Bigley at 303-691-5007 or via e-mail [nbig@indra.com](mailto:nbig@indra.com) using Highland Games Hosting in subject line; or Becky Robertson at ? Let us know which games HRHG or LPHG, which date and time (2 hour block) work for you.

Thanks and we look forward to having enjoyable times at these gatherings.

Nancy Bigley  
Counsel Member

# Let's get together!!

## Clan Gathering

Bob and Sylvia Robertson will host a clan gathering at 3276 Hiwan Drive, Evergreen, on Sunday, June 26.

They live about 30 minutes from downtown Denver so carpooling is encouraged. Meats and beverages will be provided.

Please bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share.

We will gather at 3 pm; Bob will present a program on "Early Settlers of Britain and Notable Scots" at 4 pm, and we will picnic soon after.

Please RSVP to 303-674-1715.

## Past Events

On Sunday, April 3, 2005, fourteen clan members enjoyed an early supper together at the Country Buffet. We had a great time visiting with each other. Many clan members wore their colors! It was a lot of fun. I can't wait to get together again!

## Pegasus Drive Robertson's Family News

On April 23<sup>rd</sup>, Dave was promoted to Commander of the local chapter of the Knights Templar as well as received a meritory service medal. The ceremony was held in the beautiful chapel at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, and was attended by Amanda Robertson, Ann Robertson and Becky Robertson. We are all very proud of Dave and the charitable contributions he and his Knights make to the community