



Clan Donnachaidh News

ROCKY MOUNTAIN Branch

SPECIAL HIGHLAND GAMES EDITION

JUNE 2006

FRAE THE PRESIDENT

By Becky Robertson

It's summer, it's hot and it's time for the clan to gather. Are you coming? It seems strange that we don't have more happening until July but if all of you have personal calendars like the members of the council, I bet you have full schedules. Our next clan event is the ice cream social in Lone Tree at Amanda and Dave Robertson's home, July 23rd and I expect it to be hot, leisurely, and fun. Our council meeting will start at 12:00 and the party will begin at 1:30. You are welcome to come to both. Let's get a good crowd out there!

The St. Andrew's Society has moved the Highland Ranch Highland Games up a week this year due to the golf tournament in Denver. The games will be over the weekend of August 5th and 6th. We have reserved a table and tent, will display our clan items, sell a few things, and enjoy the crowds. We are currently taking sign-ups for two-hour periods to man the booth. We plan to have a council member at the booth at all times, so those of you who are shy needn't worry. I can hardly wait!

September 7th through the 10th is the Estes Park Highland Games and we will have a double booth as in previous years. Come enjoy the mountain air with us! There will be plenty of room to sit a while under the tent, have a wee dram, shop, listen to music, meet the crowds, have another wee dram...laugh a lot...you get the picture. I don't know about you guys, but this weekend is one of the high points of my year! And I don't even drink that much!

I'll include a short note about October's Annual General Meeting, which falls on October 15th. My two years as president is up at that time. (I know...it doesn't seem possible, it went so fast!). Anyone interested in taking the chair? Think about it.

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On a personal note, I wanted to let all of you know about the events in my home. My husband Gary will be having heart surgery to repair his mitral valve. This will be his fourth heart surgery since the age of nine and his third open-heart surgery. We are currently looking at his options as to where to have the surgery and are interviewing surgeons. The plan is to have this behind us by the end of September. I am hoping to get Gary out to one of our clan outings this summer so you can see he is in good spirits and getting around well. I expect to be attending all of our events and am looking forward to them. You are all important to me.

As always, please call, email or come by with any questions, comments or suggestions for the Clan.

Take care,
Becky Robertson



SUMMER CELTIC ACTIVITIES

June 24th and 25th – Cheyenne’s 1st Annual Celtic Festival.

To be held in Downtown Cheyenne featuring Traditional and contemporary Irish and Scottish entertainment and activities

July 8th and 9th – Irish Fest – Clement Park, Littleton

Similar to the Highland games, come see the many Irish folks doing what they love, having fun! Great music, food and drinks, with lots to see...

July 15th and 16th – Elizabeth Celtic Festival (formerly Kiowa Highland games)

Casey Jones Park

Located at CO Hwy 86 & CR17

One of the smaller games in Colorado but just as fun, lots of piping music and Celtic vendors and food!!

July 23rd – Ice Cream Social at Dave and Amanda Robertson’s

172 Pegasus Dr (303) 790-9456, or (720) 291-6267
Another Council meeting at 12:00 and then Ice Cream, good food and good friends start arriving at 1:30. Come share your favorite potluck side dishes, and plan to have a great time! We will have lots of back yard space, and if it’s too hot, central air!! The kids have a great time, and the grown up’s do too!

August 5th and 6th – Highlands Ranch Highland Games

Come join many other clans in the area for a day of great food and fun, lots of booths to shop at, and tons of people to talk to and spend time with. There will also be opportunities for everyone to work the booth, and tell everyone who comes by what a great time we all have together!

September 7th – 10th – Estes Park Highland Games

Many of you know how this one works, but for anyone who has not had the pleasure of experiencing the Estes Park games, you gotta see it, the big mama of them all... Clans, pipes, men in Kilts, food, drink,

it’s got it all, and in the scenic town of Estes Park, it is worth the drive every year!

October 15th – Annual General Meeting

Details to follow

December 2nd – 2nd Annual Yule Party

Details to follow

COUNCIL MEETINGS

July 23rd – Ice Cream social, 12:00

September 15th – Mindy Bolen’s home

November 3rd – Mindy Bolen’s home

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CLAN BOOTH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.

Hear ye Hear ye all Clan Lads and Lassies. If you are going to Rocky Mountain Highland Games (August 5 & 6) and Longs Peak Scottish Irish Highland Games (September 9 & 10) we are looking for people to help with our clan booths. It's a fun way to get to know each other as well as share information about our clan with game visitors and we occasionally share a "wee gram". We will provide all the materials to hand out and help answer questions plus items that will be for sale. Council members will set up and take down booth each day.

We like for people to sign up for at least a 2 hour block but feel free to sign up for longer time if you would like

If you know you are attending and interested in helping please contact Nancy Bigley at 303.691.5007 or e-mail her at nabigley@msn.com. Thank you.

Nancy Bigley
Council Member

P.S. Remember we invite clan members to participate in the Saturday morning parade too!!

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PAST PRESIDENTS

Mark Donnachaidh,
Curtis Roberts,
Bob Robertson,
Charlene Sullivan

TREASURER'S REPORT Q1 2006

It's that time again to let you know what's in the clan coffers and what expenses we see in the future.

Paid Clan Members: 41
Current Account Total: \$1,690.37

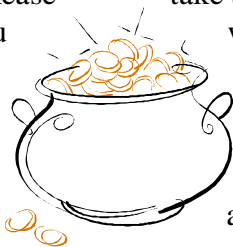
EXPECTED 2006 EXPENDITURES:

Burns Dinner (room etc)	\$550.00
(Room \$300.00, Entertainment \$125.00, Centerpieces \$75.00)	
Clan Annual Advertisement	\$130.00
Summer Potluck Activity (entrée)	\$50-\$75
Highlands Ranch Clan Booth	\$150.00
Estes Park Clan Booth	\$250.00

NEW CLAN WEBSITE

<http://www.rockymountainscots.com>

We have been in the process of developing a new website for our Clan. We are trying to keep it updated with all the current events and happenings for our area. Please take a look and let us know what you would like to see. We will be adding our promotional items for sale on the website in the near future. The newsletters are also available for download.



If you have any questions or suggestions please contact:

Dennis Smith
dennis@rdsmith.us

Newsletter (annual expenses) (we could really use paper/stamps!)	\$150.00
AGM Entrée	\$150.00
Extra Mailings (cards/reminders)	\$ 30.00
Raffle items (all have been previously donated by council members.)	\$???.??

Total expected expenses: \$1,285.00
(approximately)

We continue to rely heavily on monetary donations from our members and from proceeds of the raffles and sales of promotional items to supplement the activities and functions each year... Yes, I'm begging again! We need your support to continue to meet expenses and fund our. If you have an item to donate for the raffle, paper or stamps, or just good old cash, please contact either myself or one of the other officers or council members and let us know. We'll be happy to pick it up!

Mindy Bolen, Treasurer

SITES OF INTEREST:

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