



CLAN CAMERON

The *Rocky Mountain Piper*

*"Keep yir ain fish-guts ti yir ain sea-maws."
Charity begins at home.*

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10th Annual Jackson Games Honors Clan Cameron



Games Organizer David

Macfarlane & Bob Cameron

The 10th Annual Jackson Highlands Games honored Clan Cameron by having Rocky Mt. Regional President Bob Cameron as its Games Chieftain. Bob was assigned to open and close the Games, and served in whatever capacity the Games committee needed. Jackson is a beautiful setting for Highlands Games with the Tetons as its backdrop. The Festival is friendly and fun, and surely one that should be considered for those who are wanting to travel and explore the area, including Yellowstone National Park, in their vacation plans. Jackson touts an excellent ski resort, and has a number of famous visitors and homeowners. The setting and ambiance of this community is extraordinary, without a doubt.

David Macfarlane, the Festival's Organizer and President of Wyoming Highlanders, worked with his friend Dave Cameron in 1999 to begin the Scottish Games in Jackson. That year, Dave, Jackson Police Chief, unexpectedly died, and David wished to honor his friend who passionately celebrated his Scottish heritage and to give others the same opportunity via the new Scottish Games in Jackson. The Festival was originally named the Dave Cameron Scottish Festival, but was later changed to the Jackson Games so that visitors had a clearer idea of the location. The Wyoming Highlanders state the following on their site: "We were created to stimulate and sustain an interest in Scotland and its heritage, both in Teton County and throughout the State of Wyoming. Many families of Scottish and Celtic descent settled in the Rocky Mountain areas, beginning with the fur traders, trappers and mountain men." What fascinating Scottish-American history.

Bob and Sandi Cameron were able to meet with David Cameron's lovely widow, Sandy, as well as meeting (once again, as this was Bob's second time as honored chieftain of the Jackson Games) many of the Wyoming Scottish community. A number of visitors with Cameron connections stopped by the booth to ask questions and get acquainted.

Professional photographer and writer Garth Dowling is both Member-at-large and Convener for Wyoming. He is quite active in the coordination of the Games so manning the CC booth is a challenge, indeed, for him. Fortunately, he is full of energy with an abundance of good humor and personality, so he is up for all the multi-tasking at this event.

All in all, the Jackson Games will be piping the way for Wyo. Scots well into the future. RMBCC is grateful for the Cameron connection.

Left: Sandi, David Cameron's widow Sandy, & Bob Cameron. Right: WY convener Garth Dowling



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Clan Website: clan-cameron.org
Rocky Mt. Site: clancameron-rmb.org



• clanameron-rmb.org •
**Rocky Mountain Branch
Announces Its New Website**

Utah member Brent Pulver and RMBCC President Sandi Cameron have been coordinating efforts to develop a new website for use by members and visitors. The website, although basic in nature, sufficiently addresses general questions, allows for local announcements, and gives members access to some interesting regional and international photographs.

This website is designed to enhance our international Clan Cameron (www.clan-cameron.org) communication for RMB regional interests.

The following list includes various components of the website:

- Basic information about Clan Cameron (slogan, mottos, history, etc)
- Photos and notes on Lochiel and his family.
- Clarification of Cameron Septs
- General information on the Rocky Mountain Branch, including a welcome message from the Regional and Branch presidents.
- Sample RMB newsletter
- Membership form
- Photo Gallery with dozens of photos
- Schedule of Regional Games
- Monthly Announcements
- Kids' Section
- Family History
- Genealogy Buletin Board
- Flowers of the Forest
- Links
- Contact Information

If you have an announcement or a Clan Cameron/Scottish item to trade or sell (see site for specifics), contact Brent or Sandi at rmbclancam@yahoo.com.

RMBCC Conducts Its Annual Meeting In Estes Park

The Rocky Mountain Branch of Clan Cameron held its annual meeting during the Long's Peak Festival, Sept. 11. Bob Cameron, President of the Rocky Mt. Region, U.S., conducted the meeting.

The minutes of the last meeting were read by Secretary Brenda Everett and the Financial Report was given by Treasurer Todd Taylor. At the beginning of 2010, the working fund was \$4, 749.14. It is now \$4750.81. Our main expenses are Highlands Games fees, newsletters, and booth items (tents, flags, cloths, etc.) Members at the meeting discussed items that should be purchased to sell at the booths next year, such as hat pins. Professional looking certificates for new members are being designed. Flag holders are being considered.

Ron Taylor discussed the need for more booth space at the Long's Peak Games. He will be researching an extra half space or possibly two full spaces for next year's Games. New Games are being considered, such as Gillette and Hamilton, as well as new participation possibilities (Arvada's Tartan Day Celebration).

Rex Martin, well-loved RMBCC member recently deceased, was memorialized at most Utah and Colorado festivals in "Flowers of the Forest." A photo display and card-signing for his daughters was part of the Long's Peak format this year.

Brenda stated that she will continue to contact past due members up to 1 yr. before dropping them off the secondary membership list. She also asked to receive all membership and renewal forms to simplify the record-keeping. She will then mail all monies to the Treasurer. Todd asked that we post the opening for a new Treasurer. He will be happy to train the individual that is appointed.

Sandi Cameron, RMBCC President, discussed the new website that she and Brent Pulver have developed for our members: clanameron-rmb.org. The site includes renewal forms, a children's section, genealogy, a schedule of Games, history, local announcements, and so much more.

Bob Cameron encouraged members to participate on the Facebook page developed by Scott Cameron for RMBCC members (RM Region Clan Cameron). This is an excellent way to communicate in a timely way.

Appreciation was extended to Russ Woods for his years of convening at the Highlands Ranch Games, and included a hardy welcome to Mike Taylor, our new convenor. Also, thanks was expressed to all the convenors for their leadership and hard work during the various Games. Some discussion took place of Bob Cameron's position as Jackson Hole's "Honored Chieftain" for the 2010 Games.

The final business included the election of officers for 2011. All 2010 officers agreed to remain in office for another term, except for Todd Taylor who wishes a replacement for Treasurer.

The meeting was adjourned at 5 pm.



Christmas Message Jointly posted from leaders of major church denominations in Scotland '07

"We're often told that Christmas is stressful for some and lonely for others and too much of a spending frenzy for the majority. It needn't be.

Christmas is a time when we look beyond ourselves and when deep down we want only the best for those closest to us and for all who are in need in our world. When we accept the invitation to look beyond the surface, we open to signals of hope. This is part of God's gift that is celebrated at Christmas but which does not stop there. God invites us to look beyond."

Did You Know? Scotsmen:

"Early to Bed!"



In the English town of York, it is still legal for citizens to use a bow and arrow "to shoot any Scotsman discovered out and about after sunset." - Ripley's Believe It or Not

**July 29, 1872, Article from
Greenock Telegraph and Clyde
Shipping Gazette**

Submitted by Jon Evans / Article about his great-grandfather who won two races

Gareloch Cup - £10. Bair-Oared Jolly Boats - Clydesdale ARC (Lindsay and **Cameron**). Port Glasgow (Leatbarn and Lotham) Fletcher and Graham made a fair display till reaching Clynder, but as they lost the front position here, they seemed to lose heart, and "funked," leaving the contest to the other two crews. Lindsay and **Cameron** led by four lengths at the buoys, increased their distance in the backward run, and won easily.

Argyll Cup - £15. Four-oared Jolly Boat. Clydesdale ARC (Wright, **Cameron**, Shayn, Lindsay), 1; Paisley ARC (Lang, Stalker, Morrison, Russell) 2; Port Glasgow ARC (Hunter, Hume, Brown, Williams) 3. Clydesdale led throughout, though they were pressed occasionally by the Paisley crew.

Other articles in this issue discuss Steamship California's 2nd trip to NY, arrivals and departures of ships, lists of homeward bound vessels, an article about a foreman tailor who was accused of stealing a silver watch - including the entire questioning at court. and a collision between two steamers.

Note from Jon Evans: My great grandfather Hugh Cameron was an avid sportsman who enjoyed competitive sports such as the Scottish National Regatta. He was so successful in winning trophies he was able to win one for each of his 6 children, one of which was my grandfather Arciiebald (Archie) Stewart/Stuart Cameron.

****If you have an article or photos of interest of Scottish relatives or experiences, please submit them to *The Piper* at rmbclancam@yahoo.com.**

Congrats and Condolences

Prime Minister of the U.K., David Cameron, celebrated the birth of his daughter Florence and, within a month, buried his father Ian Cameron, 77, who suffered a stroke while on vacation in France this September.

The RMBCC expresses its congratulations for the birth of little Florence, and condolences on the death of his father Ian.

Used Books Observed on eBay Ghost Series

by Charles W. Cameron, 1993

Ghosts, witches, unexplained mysteries, and the supernatural -- these perennially popular themes are the basis for this fascinating Ghost Series. Each book relates the ghost stories from one region of Great Britain. The authors have had a life-long interest in the paranormal, and the tales they record here span the centuries, illuminating the dark corners of history, as well as the customs and beliefs of local people past and present. The books are all illustrated throughout with photographs, line-drawings, and archival material.



Cameron Highlander & Commando Piper Bill Millin

Bill Millin, 88, who died Aug 17, was personal piper to Lord Lovat on D-Day (having met at the Commando base at Lochiel's residence) and the single piper to pipe the invasion forces on to the shores of France; unarmed apart from the ceremonial dagger in his stocking, he played unflinchingly as men fell all around him.

Millin began his apparently suicidal serenade immediately upon jumping from the ramp of the landing craft into the icy water. As the Cameron tartan of his kilt floated to the surface he struck up with Hieland Laddie. He continued even as the man behind him was hit, dropped into the sea and sank.

Once ashore Millin did not run, but walked up and down the beach, blasting out a series of tunes. For many soldiers, the piper provided a unique boost to morale. "I shall never forget hearing the skirl of Millin's pipes," said one.

Millin piped on the men who attacked the rear of Ouistreham. After the capture of the town, he went with Lovat towards Bénouville, piping along the road. Coming under fire, the Commandos asked Millin to play them down the main street. The piper played "Blue Bonnets Over the Border."

Millin played the lament at Lord Lovat's funeral in 1995, and he donated his pipes to the National War Museum in Edinburgh. -www.telegraph.co.uk/



Cameron Highlanders

The Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders was an infantry regiment of the British Army raised as the 79th Regiment of Foot (Cameronian Volunteers) on August 17, 1793 at Fort William from among the members of the Clan Cameron by Sir Allan Cameron of Erracht. Originally on the Irish establishment, it became part of the British Army in 1804, and in 1806 it was renamed as the 79th Regiment of Foot (Cameronian Highlanders).

The Cameron of Erracht tartan, based on the Macdonald sett with the addition of a yellow line from the Cameron tartan, was chosen as the military tartan.

During WWI, the Cameron Highlanders were expanded to 13 battalions, of which nine were in battle, fighting on the Western Front. The Scottish Gaelic poet Dòmhnall Ruadh Chorùna (1887-1967) served in the Cameron Highlanders during this era. A North Uist native illiterate in his native tongue, his poems and songs contain vivid descriptions of his experiences in the mud of the Western Front.

In 1961, the Cameron Highlanders were merged with the Seaforth Highlanders (Ross-shire Buffs, The Duke of Albany's) to form the Queen's Own Highlanders (Seaforth and Camerons). The regiment's lineage is now continued by The Highlanders, 4th Battalion of the Royal Regiment of Scotland.

- wikipedia



Congratulations
to Zac & Renee
Cameron, parents of
Nathan Alexander
Cameron, 5 lbs, born
Aug. 27th in Colorado
Springs, CO.



Woolworths

The F. W. Woolworth Co. was one of the original American five-and-dime stores. The first Woolworth store was founded, with a loan of \$300, in 1879 by Frank Winfield Woolworth. Despite growing to be one of the largest retail chains in the world, increased competition led to its decline in the 1980s.

Retail chains using the Woolworth name survive in Germany, Austria, Mexico, and South Africa, and, **until the start of 2009, in the United Kingdom.**

In 1910, Frank Woolworth commissioned the construction of the Woolworth Building in NYC. It was completed in 1913 and was the tallest building in the world until 1930.

The stores eventually incorporated lunch counters after the success of the counters in the first store in the UK in Liverpool and served as general gathering places. Woolworths Group plc was the British unit, but operated independently as a separate company from 1982, running stores in the UK, Isle of Man, Jersey and Guernsey. On Nov 26, 2008 Woolworths Group plc closed Jan. 2009, with the loss of almost 30,000 jobs.

Some Scots had the following remarks: "Woolworths pic n mix were awesome" "With no Woollies where will future generations of bairns go to look at kaleidoscopes?"

"For young couples looking to furnish their first home, it was the place to go for cheap essentials."

Author's note: What a surprise to see Woolworths in most towns in Scotland until our last trip in 2009. It certainly brought back memories of their popularity in the US years ago.

Courtin' the Auld Way

From *Scottish Memories*, Feb. 2010

Do you remember the postman delivering a slice of wedding cake in a wee paper box? The menfolk of the house got little more of it than a crumb of jawbreaker icing once the girls had shared it out to put under pillows. Dads and brothers laughed at the carry-on, but foretelling our prospects in love was a serious business. Besides, reading such omens was a lot easier than swallowing that fifth stewed prune needed to secure a rich man after counting out tinker, tailor, soldier and sailor in the stones. 'Are ye winchin' yet?' was a cry guaranteed to embarrass the unmarried. Scotsmen can be backward at coming forward in matters of the heart, so an admission to winchin' always meant he had a quiet hope of the relationship leading to matrimony. You knew there was something serious brewing if he made her a present rather than buying one. And if he carved a heart and initials on a tree trunk... well, the date was as good as set.

Any girl who got engaged was surrounded by unwed friends, rubbing shoulders with her and trying on her ring, which they turned three times towards the heart. If you heard of an engagement ring being lost or broken, you'd wait to hear the inevitable. If a lad arrived with a bunch of flowers and a bottle of whisky, your mother would have the wedding all planned out before his finger reached the doorbell. But what a palaver it was for him to ask your father's permission, with the two of them sitting there blethering about football, farming and the state of the country while the womenfolk listened behind the door. Did they ever actually come to the point? Maybe it was just assumed that a father sharing a dram with his prospective son-in-law was blessing enough!

Where did this come from? If you think royal icing has the consistency of rock, remember that the original Scottish wedding cake was a missile. A decorated oat bannock or shortbread called in-far-cake was thrown at the bride's head for luck by her mother and maids while she stood at the threshold of her new home. All future prosperity was lost if the cake didn't break, so we can imagine the precision-baking required to ensure crispiness and fragility.



Flowers of the Forest
Rex Martin

We salute Rex Martin's legacy. Rex served as RMBCC's Secretary-Treasurer for many years, and was one of the original members of our organization.

Rex M. Martin, age 77, died July 5, 2010. Rex is survived by his wife of 51 years, Jane; two daughters, Diane and Kathleen; a grandson, Kevin; a granddaughter, Emily; and a brother.

Rex was born in 1923 in Delta, CO. A recipient of many honors in high school, he went on to Dartmouth where he graduated in 1955. He was captain-coach of the wrestling team and president of his fraternity. He served two years in the Army and then obtained a Master's degree from the CU's School of Business. He spent most of his working career as a treasurer or chief accounting officer in the real estate industry. He retired at age 58 after a bout with cancer, to travel extensively with his wife Jane.

Rex enjoyed history and read extensively. He was also keenly interested in his Scottish heritage and his membership in the Rocky Mountain Branch of Clan Cameron. He favored Scottish history and literature.

Life's like a cage; we beat the bars,
We bruise our breasts, we struggle vainly;
Up to the glory of the stars
We strain with flutterings ungainly.
And then—God opens wide the door;
Our wondrous wings are arched for flying;
We poise, we part, we sing, we soar
Light, freedom, love. . . .
Fools call it—Dying.

Robert Service

Surname Meanings

According to Ancestry.com

Martin

Anglicized form of Gaelic Mac Mhàr-tainn or Mac Mhàrtuinn, formerly Mac Gille Mhartainn, a patronymic from a personal name meaning 'servant of (Saint) Martin'.

Taylor

Occupational name for a tailor, from Old French tailleur (Late Latin taliator, from taliare 'to cut').

McPhail

Anglicized form of Gaelic Mac Phàil (Scottish) and Mac Phóil (Irish), patronymics from Gaelic forms of the personal name Paul.

Clark

Occupational name for a scribe or secretary, originally a member of a minor religious order who undertook such duties. The word cleric denoted a member of a religious order, from Old English cler(e)c 'priest', reinforced by Old French cleric. Both are from Late Latin clericus, from Greek klerikos, a derivative of kleros 'inheritance', 'legacy', with reference to the priestly tribe of Levites 'whose inheritance was the Lord'.

Sorley

Anglicized form of Gaelic Mac Somhairle.

Chambers

Occupational name for someone who was employed in the private living quarters of his master, rather than in the public halls of the manor. The name represents a genitive or plural form of Middle English cha(u)mbre 'chamber'.



Performances in the Highlands

Beauty and the Beast Dec. 7-Jan. 9

Eden Court Theatre * Inverness
<http://www.eden-court.co.uk/>

Robyn Hood Dec. 9-Jan 11

The Nevis Center * Fort William
<http://www.lochabershowstoppers.co.uk/>



Christmas

Christmas chants were common in past times throughout Scotland. "Rejoicers" -- men dressed in long white shirts and hats -- ventured out on Christmas Eve to sing from door to door. Delighted neighbors often rewarded them with hot cakes or "bannocks."

"The Day Dawns" and "Christmas Day" are two tunes from the Shetland Islands off the NW coast of Scotland. The first, possibly 15th century, was performed door-to-door by fiddlers before sunrise to call sleepers to the kirk (church) on Christmas Day.

"Nativity" is a Scottish melody that has become a favorite Christmas carol. "Heaven, earth, sea, man, bird and beast/ He that is crowned above the sky..."

"I Saw Three Ships" perhaps dates back to the courts of King James' IV and V of Scotland.

No holiday celebration is complete without the world famous Scottish melody "Auld Lang Syne," whether the 18th century rendition by Allan Ramsey or the traditional Robert Burns.

Christmas and New Year's

Pantomime in the U.K.

Pantomime (or panto), not to be confused with a mime artist, refers to a theatrical performer of mime or a musical comedy theatrical production traditionally found in the United Kingdom (and other countries). Pantomime is mostly performed during the season of Christmas and New Year's.

In Restoration England, a pantomime was considered a low form of opera. The gender role reversal resembles the old festival of Twelfth Night, a combination of Epiphany and midwinter feast, when it was customary for the natural order of things to be reversed. British pantomime is now a popular form of theater, incorporating song, dance, buffoonery, slapstick, cross-dressing, in-jokes, audience participation, and mild sexual innuendo.

"Clan Cameron Country"

The Highlander Magazine

September/October 2010

"Lochaber is the country of the Camerons, fighting men who rallied to the most terrible war cry in Gaeldom - 'Chlanna nan con thigibh a so's gheibh sibh feoil (Sons of the dogs, come here and get flesh!'"

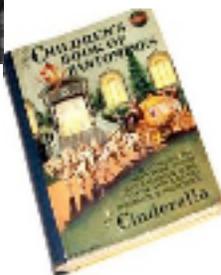
"Tucked away beside the mouth of the river Lochy stands the massive ruins of Inverlochy Castle, its Comyn's Tower a reminder that this powerful family was supreme in Lochaber long before Bruce's day."

"Inland from Loch Lochy runs the tree-shrouded Dark Mile, leading to Loch Arkaig. This beautiful loch, so far removed from overcrowded tourist routes, has its story: the unsolved mystery of the Loch Arkaig treasure, a war-chest of seven casks of gold landed from France too late to help the Prince's army in the '45. Some of it was shared among clan chiefs. The rest is buried and reburied, and its ultimate fate became obscured by dissension.

"Here brave men lived who knew the meaning of courage, hardship and endurance."

Pantomimes

Pantomime in Scotland has a rich history of great actors: 129 community-based pantomimes took place 2008-2009.



St. Andrew's Day: Nov. 30

St. Andrew's Day, celebrated on Nov. 30th, is the official Scottish national feast day of St. Andrew. In 2006, the Scottish Parliament designated St. Andrew's Day as an official bank holiday.

Christmas & Hogmanay in Edinburgh

Known as the 'festival city,' Edinburgh's Christmas and Hogmanay are two glittering events for the Scottish capital's winter.

At the end of Nov., the Christmas lights are switched on amid a blaze of ceremony on Princes Street. Carol singing, fireworks and decorations lighting up throughout the city center mark the beginning of the winter festivals for this beautiful city.

Princes Street and its much loved gardens become home to Winter Wonderland, where a host of seasonal activities and entertainment take place in the shadow of iconic Edinburgh Castle. With lights twinkling in the trees below the castle, the city after dark enjoys a deeply magical atmosphere.

Children adore Winter Wonderland, with its ice skating, carousels and Ferris wheel, and the air of an enchanted Christmas. And kids of all ages go wild for the snow slide and snow cars.

When the Scottish air starts to bite, stalls selling cozy knitted scarves, hats and gloves are abundant, as are favorite winter comfort foods such as mince pie and shortbread. This can all be washed down with mulled wine or hot chocolate.

A wander will take you to many more novelties, from open air carol concerts to the reindeer at the west end of the gardens. Theater lovers are spoiled with the city's many venues performing for a range of tastes, not least the pantomime extravaganza at the famous Edinburgh Playhouse.

Following Christmas is the event which has proved a cultural phenomenon: Edinburgh's Hogmanay epitomizes Scotland's hospitality and friendliness. The event offers 4 days of celebration, with music, dance and street theater. A torchlight procession creates a 'river of fire' through the historic Royal Mile. Pipes and drums, music and performers play as fire sculptures are lit on the hill.

The street dance or 'ceilidh' is fantastic fun, and is known as 'Family Hoog.' Daring souls may wish to join the 'loony dook', where hardy types mark the first day of the year with a dip in the freezing cold waters of the River Forth, in the shadow of the bridges at S. Queensferry. -www.articlesbase.com



A Blessed Christmas, One and All



Memories of Hogmanay

Gary Sinclair

"As a bairn, my own memories of Hogmanay were always happy. These being memories of men carrying coal, black bun and whisky into the house, and of streets in Perth lively and bright with singing until well into the daylight hours. And it was that the people who throughout the previous year might have been antagonistic and just plain unfriendly towards each other would suddenly become the best of friends, while the practice of kissing absolute strangers never seemed to cause embarrassment on either party, in fact I can weel remember an auld spey type wifie with the second-sight, at a bothy Hogmanay celebration I was once party to, did bless me apparently with the special 'kissing' and it was to be that hence onwards that a kiss from the Huntingtower was itself much envied by mony a lass for as "but a kiss from him was but sae special itself" but I digress, and one Hogmanay tradition I myself weel enough remember, although it seems to have now died out, was the "Creaming of the Well".

"The cream referred to was the first water from the local well or spring on a New Years Day. Since the well would only be drawn the once, everyone would race to reach it, and in particular the young lassies, for possession of the first water drawn was said to guarantee marriage within the New Year. It was said that for this to work, the young woman concerned would have to get the lad they desired to marry to drink the water before the end of that first day. And it was to be that the Huntingtower was very guarded when awaking in the morning or whatever morning I eventually awakened, to but be very cautious in accepting a drink of water from any lassie.

"In all the traditions and customs of Hogmanay, one theme survives, that the new year must begin on a happy note, with a clean break from all that may have been bad in the old year."

-www.clansinclair.org

Alexander
Anthony
Cameron,
Athlete
Extraordinaire



Records of Strength

A. A. Cameron was one of the strongest men that Scotland has ever produced.

"Almost 80 years ago, in the valley of the River Dee, Alexander Anthony Cameron of Dochanassie came to the village of Inver, where rested a stone of great fame—a clach cuid fir, or manhood stone, which up till then had resisted the efforts of every stout Scot who had tried to lift it. The Inver Stone was a smooth, gray granite boulder shaped through the centuries into an almost geometrically perfect sphere, weighing 268 pounds. It was—and is—the largest manhood stone in Scotland, and Cameron had come 130 miles with the firm intention of raising it from the ground and placing it on a waist-high wall.

For 100s of years young Highlanders had tested themselves in this fashion on these stones, most of which weighed between 175 and 225 pounds, and it was part of the rite of passage from boyhood for a lad to go to the home of his chieftain or laird and lift the local stone onto a wall. The Inver Stone, though, was a bit different. So much larger and smoother was it than an average manhood stone that it had become widely known not as a challenge through which a boy might become a man but as a challenge through which a man might become a legend.

As for Cameron, he had the initial advantage of coming from legendary stock and could hardly help being successful in his attempt to raise the Inver Stone to his waist and thus become a part of the strength lore of Scotland, lore that still entralls strong men from around the world, stoking their imaginations with thoughts of kilts and competition.

- From Sports Illustrated 1979

ROCKY MOUNTAIN BRANCH SUMMER GAMES



Ron Taylor

ESTES PARK
Long's Peak Games in Estes Park is the largest Festival for RMBCC each season, primarily because of the number of visitors that stop by our booth and the overall attendance at the Games - 80,000+ over four days.

The Games includes Jousting, reenactment, dogs of the British Isles, and international competition. Top stars, such as Alex Beaton, over 70 clans, high-end merchants, & excellent evening performances round out this Festival.

"The unofficial numbers for this week-end are as follows: \$450 collected, 5 new members (possibly more), 6 renewals, and many t-shirts sold. Overall we had a good weekend! I think all the Camerons that worked had a great time meeting and greeting the festival guests and all went home tired! ... We'll have to do this again some time!!!!" Ron

••Check out <http://www.scotfest.com>

PAYSON

Cameron Hall convened the 27th annual Festival in Payson this July. This is one of the friendliest Games in the region, with many participants camping out in the park before the Games. Friday evening is *Cameron Hall* filled with entertainment, and the day of the Games affords some excellent competition and activities. The Camerons traditionally have a nice, shady spot for its visitors and members -www.paysonscottishfestival.org/



FLAGSTAFF

The first day of the 13th annual Flagstaff Games broke bright and sunny. The Cameron tent was manned by the Steehlers and Clarkes.

John Clarke & Scott Steehler The many visitors escaped the Phoenix heat and enjoyed the Highland Games. Then the rains came and how! About 1 p.m., the skies, filled with ominous clouds that had been visibly building all morning, opened up with a vengeance. The game participants, in the best Scottish tradition, didn't seem to notice. The pipes and drums continued as did the competitions, and even the guests stood in line 25 deep at the food booths. This rain provided opportunity to share shelter and information with RMB guests.



CONGRATULATIONS TO LOCHIEL AND FAMILY

Donald Andrew, Younger of Lochiel, and his wife Sarah, are the proud parents of their first son Donald Fergus Ralph Cameron, who was born on July 3, 2010. We wish Donald Andrew and Sarah the greatest of blessings upon their young family. Congratulations to all of Lochiel's family, as well.



Photo courtesy of CC Australia



Scottish Lullaby

Hush-a-ba, burdie, croon, croon
Hush-a-ba, burdie, croon;
The sheep are gane tae the siller wid,
An the coos are gane tae the broom, broom.

An it's braw milkin the kye, kye,
It's braw milkin the kye;
The birds are singin, the bells are ringin,
An the wild deer come gallopin by.

Scottish Recipes

Butter Tart

Ingredients:

2 beaten egg 1 c. brown sugar
1 T vinegar 1 1/4 c. mixed dried fruit
2 oz chopped walnuts Pie crust
One cube melted butter

Method:

Mix the sugar, butter and beaten eggs together. Stir in the vinegar, then add mixed fruit and nuts. Line cupcake tins with pastry and put a spoonful of the mixture into each. Bake in a fairly hot oven (375F) for 20-25 minutes.



Toad-in-the-Hole

Ingredients:

1/2 pound link sausages 3/4 cup flour
1 1/4 cups milk Two large eggs
4 oz grated Cheddar cheese 2 T chopped parsley
Salt & ground pepper Cooking oil

Method: (425F)

Brown sausage in oven (20 minutes) or on top of stove.

Sift flour and salt into a mixing bowl; stir in the cheese. Beat milk, eggs, and parsley, and season with salt and pepper. Stir a small amount of mixture into the flour to make a smooth, heavy batter. Let stand 5 minutes before stirring in remaining milk mixture.

Cut up the sausages and arrange them at random. Pour the batter over them. Lower heat to 400F and bake until batter is puffed and browned (about 30 minutes).

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