



# CLAN CAMERON

## The *Rocky Mountain Piper*

*"Whit's fur ye'll no go by ye!"*

Rocky Mountain Branch Newsletter

AZ, CO, NM, MT, UT, WY

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### A Passion for the Highlands Games

by Sandi Cameron



In days gone by, young men would attempt to lift the 'Clach Cuid Fir' or "Manhood Stone" to a wall at waist height and, if successful, would be allowed to wear an eagle's feather in his bonnet. Could this be the origin of the expression "A feather in his cap?"

Attending Highlands Games in the U.S., Canada, or Scotland, as my husband and I have, we are always impressed with the unique flavor, the threads of continuity, and the passion for the events from all who attend. One of the most unusual competitions we have witnessed is the Strong Man and Strong Woman international awards in Callandar, an hour's drive plus north of Glasgow. Scottish Games generally comprise a program of field and track events, piping and Highland dancing competitions and heavy events, such as the tug-o-war, the hammer throw and tossing the caber. It's quite a site to watch a shoeless footrace with the windswept flash of the runner and his kilt. The military always has a strong presence at the various Games throughout Scotland, and often one finds quite an amazing Carnival with dozens of rides for all ages. Generally, children's Games are included, with the young often playing a game of Shinty. (This is NOT a game for wimps, so the boys start quite young to develop the skills necessary for this fast-playing game.) The Scottish Reenactment Groups provide a colorful picture of the rich history of this land. Other events that are somewhat common at these Caledonian Games are dog shows, falconry, daredevil motorcycle shows, and....sometimes helicopter rides (at a price). Of course, the stalls of crafts and foods ("Baked Jacket Potatoes") have their special flavor, as well. One of the most popular booths sells "Sweeties," with jars full of favorite candies.

Of course, the Highlands Games in the U.S. are no less attractive and eventful than in Scotland. Whether visiting some of the largest - Stone Mountain Games in GA, Sacramento Highlands Games in CA, or our own Rocky Mt. Long's Peak Games in CO - or the smallest, each has its particular identity and ambiance. The call to the Games certainly includes the longing for fellowship among likeminded groups: clans, competitors, vendors. As truly as we enjoy the dancing competitions, the sheepdog trials, the marching of the pipers, and so much more, we LOVE getting together with old friends. The family-friendly atmosphere of Highlands Games, along with ancestral ties to share, also gives us the opportunity to spend quality time with our loved ones.

So, for the remainder of the season, do enjoy ALL the Highlands Games you are able to attend. And don't forget those in Nova Scotia next July if you are so fortunate to attend the International Gathering of the Clans, particularly in Halifax and Antigonish (originated in 1863).



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## COMMISSIONER'S QUARTERLY SPRING 2010

The long winter has broken across most of North America by this time, which means we're ready for another season "out at the games." Each group of dedicated volunteers across the U.S. and Canada extends an open invitation for clansfolk to visit their Clan Cameron tents. Even if it's just once a year, consider coming out to your area's Highland games or Celtic festival. After all, no one other than us will do the job of preserving our proud, collective heritage.

I was recently given the go-ahead to announce some wonderful news from Scotland. Donald Andrew Cameron, Younger of Lochiel, and his wife, Sarah, will be welcoming their first child sometime in mid-July. It goes without saying that the members and officers of the Clan Cameron Association extend their very best wishes to both the parents-to-be and their "wee one," in addition to the proud grandparents, Lochiel and Lady Cecil. Additionally, some of you may know that Donald Andrew threw his hat into the political arena over the last few years, running as the Conservative Party's candidate for Member of Parliament from Lochaber and the Highlands. His bid was unsuccessful on May 6th, but one is left with the feeling that his future is bright in politics.

By this time, most North American members should have either received a copy of the 2009 North American Annual, or have one available for perusal. Please inquire directly with your branch. Our second year found the Annual growing in terms of content, with contributions coming in from a wide variety of clansfolk, from coast to coast, both north and south of the border. I'd like to remind all members that we are already seeking content for the 2010 Annual. Whether poetic, artistic, or prose--serious or humorous in nature--we'd love to include your content. The primary caveat is that the subject directly relates to Clan Cameron and might be of interest to our very wide audience, not just a small local area or family. We are also seeking photos of Clan Cameron's newborns, from proud parents and grandparents. If you'd like to announce or welcome your child or grandchild, along with others, the Annual will gladly be your platform. Just as with previous years, the Annual will be transmitted to all branches on December 1st, so there's plenty of time to work on your ideas.

Finally, I'm pleased to report that the Clan Cameron Facebook site ([facebook.com/clancameron](http://facebook.com/clancameron)) has now grown into a wonderful, useful social community on the Net. There are now well over 1000 "friends," and we are utilizing this venue as a news and general announcement platform. Want to stay in touch with the pulse of Clan Cameron? Consider friending us!

Aonaibh Ri Cheile,  
Tom Cameron  
North American Commissioner  
Clan Cameron Association



[www.scotfest.com/Scottish\\_Festival/Home.htm](http://www.scotfest.com/Scottish_Festival/Home.htm)

**Long's Peak  
Festival - Rocky  
Mountain Region's  
largest Scottish  
Games Sept. 9-12**

### **Attend RMBCC's Annual Meeting at the Long's Peak Scottish-Irish Festival in Estes Park, Sept. 11.**

\*\*Plan to meet Saturday morning at the Parade starting point and march with us. We will also march at the noon festivi-ties, so check at the Cameron booth for information on the day's events, as well as directions for our 3 pm meeting.

\*\*\*Contact Ron Taylor at if you wish to help at the booth.

## 2010 GAMES July-December

### •Colorado

July 17-18

Elizabeth Celtic Festival

Aug. 14-15

Highlands Ranch Games

Sept. 9-12

Longs Peak Scottish/Irish  
Estes Park, CO

### •Wyoming

Aug. 21

Jackson Scottish Festival:

### •Montana

Aug. 28

Hamilton, MT

### •Arizona

July 16-17

Flagstaff Celtic Festival

Nov. 5-7

Tucson Celtic Festival

### •Utah

July 9-10

Payson Scottish Festival

**Come Join Us at These Festivals!  
Support Your Clan!!**



## •• ANNOUNCEMENTS ••

### **RMBCC WEBSITE**

Clan Cameron, Rocky Mountain Region, announces the formation of our new website:

<http://www.clancameron-rmb.org>

Brent Pulver, with the aid of Sandi Cameron, has designed and will monitor our regional website. If you have announce-ments or information relative to your local group or our region, contact Brent or Sandi via the website.

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### **FACEBOOK**

*Two options you may enjoy...*

1. One FB page is Commissioner Tom Cameron's CC North America **Theclan Cameron**
2. Colorado member Scott Cameron is monitoring the Rocky Mountain Region Facebook page with the following name:

**Rocky Mountain Branch  
Clan Cameron**

***Become a friend and confirm!***



**Fishermen of Scotland  
Aran Sweaters**

Before the year 1900, the women of Scotland and Ireland knitted only stockings. Sometime in the early part of the 20th century they began to make sweaters. It's very likely that this inspiration came during World War I, when the boom in the young fishing industry created a need for people to gut and pack the fish. This was a perfect job for young Scottish girls, who not only knew the work because they'd been doing it all their lives, but were also free to travel because they were either single or widowed.

These Scottish girls and women would have been experienced at making the gansey sweaters worn by Scottish fishermen. And since they were far from home and had no other chores, they would have had plenty of time to socialize between jobs. They would have spoken Gaelic to one another, of course.

Scottish women likely taught the women of Aran how to make sweaters, since the first Aran sweaters are almost identical to Scottish ganseys in construction and stitch patterns. However, by the early 1930s the Aran women had begun modifying the design to meet their own needs—which were mostly commercial. The first shop to sell Aran sweaters was opened in 1930; by the 1940s the sweaters were being exported to other countries, principally the U.S. Knitting was a communal activity, a pastime that brought together the young girls and women who shared their knowledge and skills and passed them from one generation to the next.

**Aran  
Sweater**



Patterns were never written down and any new discovery spread like wildfire in the community. The idea was to try and duplicate a new stitch or pattern. When the leap was made from knitting stockings with patterned tops to larger garments with decoration, the Aran sweater was born.

The two important elements that set a traditional Aran knit apart from all others: First, the yarn itself. A proper Aran knit is made with a rough, cream-colored wool, known as bainin (pronounced bawneen). The yarn comes from sheep who have coats that protect them from the rugged weather. When the wool is spun and prepared for knitting, part of the oil is left in the wool; as a result, it has both water-resistant and insulating properties. When knit with the twists and turns of the close knit Aran style, the final garment has tiny air pockets that help to insulate the wearer from the cold air. In fact, when moist, the garment actually gives off heat.

The second is the meaning of the stitches and the stitches themselves: The names of the traditional stitches write their own poem: blackberry, diamond, honeycomb, moss, lobster claw, ladder, plait, bobble, link, basketweave, tree of life. There are almost two dozen, and the combinations are infinite. Patterns known as the Ladder of Life and Holy Trinity have obvious religious links. Others talk more to life's experiences, e.g. the Double Zigzags relate to the trials and tribulations of married life while the Tree of Life tells of hope that a fisherman will have long life and sons to carry on his work. The cable, an integral part of the fisherman's daily life, is said to be a wish for safety and good luck when fishing.

**Imports in 1900:**

- Long grass for thatch roofs
- Cattle and horses
- Poitin (illegal whiskey)
- Peat for fuel.

**Exports in 1900:**

- Seaweed for iodine and fertilizer
- Salted fish Potatoes
- Cattle and horses
- Stone for burning into lime
- Slabs for gravestones.

• Celtic Toast •  
 "Here's to you and here's to me.  
 May we never disagree."



**UT Thanksgiving Point Games  
Celebrate Scots History**

The 36th annual UT Scottish Games was held June 11-12 at Electric Park in Thanksgiving Point. Highland dancing, piping & drumming, and traditional Highland athletics are high-level competition at these Games. Major entertainment included Molly's Revenge, the Wicked Tinkers, Kirkmount, and Citrine. Although rain came and went, the activities were continuous.

Clan Cameron's display tent sported a new, handsome tartan shield, recently purchased (The 2009 fury at these Games ruined the last one.) With the help of faithful members, Bob & Sandi Cameron and Cameron Hall manned the booth and chatted with visitors. With Cameron strumming his guitar, he and Bob sang a few favorite Scottish ballads, with friends joining in.

A warm welcome to new members Douglas & Bobbie Chapman of UT.



**Lament to Culloden**

For the 264th Anniversary of the Battle of Culloden on April 16, the "Circle of Gentlemen, commemorated the cause with Gaelic verse. These present-day Jacobites, with broadsword, tartan, and 21st century technology use online forums to discuss their beliefs. The Circle started as a secret drinking society in 18th century Edinburgh to toast the cause without fear of govt. reprisals. Revived in the 1990s, it is a group now considered somewhat controversial by some. According to the group, their main objective is "to retain and promote indigenous Scottish identity and culture.

*The Complete Writings of  
Thomas Babington Macaulay*

Ten Volumes - **History of England**  
From the Accession of James the  
Second Volume III Copyright 1900

**The Camerons:  
Lochiel**

The Camerons' ruler, Sir Ewan Cameron, of Lochiel, surnamed the Black, was in personal qualities unrivaled among the Celtic princes. He was a gracious master, a trusty ally, a terrible enemy. His countenance and bearing were singularly noble. Some persons who had been at Versailles, and among them the shrewd and observant Simon Lord Lovat, said that there was, in person and manner, a most striking resemblance between Lewis the Fourteenth and Lochiel; and whoever compares the portraits of the two will perceive that there really was some likeness. In stature the difference was great. Lewis, in spite of high-heeled shoes and a towering wig, hardly reached the middle size.

**Lochiel was tall and strongly built. In agility and skill at his weapons he had few equals among the inhabitants of the hills. He had repeatedly been victorious in single combat.** He was a hunter of great fame. He made vigorous war on the wolves which, down to his time, preyed on the red deer of the Grampians; and by his hand perished the ferocious breed which is known to have wandered at large in our island. Nor was Lochiel less distinguished by intellectual than by bodily vigor. He might indeed have seemed ignorant to educated and traveled Englishmen, who had studied the classics under Busby at Westminster and under Aldrich at Oxford, who had learned something about the sciences among Fellows of the Royal Society, and something about the fine arts in the galleries of Florence and Rome.

But though Lochiel had very little knowledge of books, he was eminently wise in council, eloquent in debate, ready in devising expedients, and skillful in managing the minds of men. His understanding preserved him from those follies into which pride and anger frequently hurried his brother chieftains. **Many**, therefore, who regarded his brother chieftains as mere barbarians, **mentioned him with respect.**



Even at the Dutch embassy in Saint James's Square, he was spoken of as a man of such capacity and courage that it would not be easy to find his equal. As a patron of literature, he ranks with the magnificent Dorset. If Dorset out of his own purse allowed Dryden a pension equal to the profits of the Laureateship, Lochiel is said to have bestowed on a celebrated bard, who had been plundered by marauders, and who implored alms in a pathetic Gaelic ode, three cows, and the almost incredible sum of fifteen pounds sterling. In truth, the character of this great chief was depicted two thousand five hundred years before his birth, and depicted - such is the power of genius - in colors which will be fresh as many years after his death. **He was the Ulysses of the Highlands.**

He held a large territory peopled by a race which revered no lord, no king but himself. For that territory, however, he owed homage to the House of Argyle; and he was deeply in debt to his feudal superiors for rent. This vassalage he had doubtless been early taught to consider as degrading and unjust. In his minority he had been the ward in chivalry of the politic Marquess, and had been educated at the castle of Inverary. But at eighteen the boy broke loose from the authority of his guardian, and fought bravely both for Charles the First and Charles the Second. He was therefore considered by the English as a Cavalier, was well received at Whitehall after the Restoration, and was knighted by the hand of James. The compliment, however, which was paid to him, on one of his appearances at the English court, would not have seemed very flattering to a Saxon. "Take care of your pockets, my lords," cried His

Majesty, "here comes the king of the thieves." The loyalty of Lochiel is almost proverbial, but it was very unlike what was called loyalty in England.

In the records of the Scottish Parliament he was, in the days of Charles the Second, described as a lawless and rebellious man, who held lands masterfully and in high contempt of the royal authority. On one occasion the Sheriff of Inverness-shire was directed by King James to hold a court in Lochaber. Lochiel, jealous of this interference with his own patriarchal despotism, came to the tribunal at the head of four hundred armed Camerons. He affected great reverence for the royal commission, but he dropped three or four words which were perfectly understood by the pages and armor-bearers who watched every turn of his eye. "Is none of my lads so clever as to send this judge packing? I have seen them get up a quarrel when there was less need of one."

In a moment, a brawl began in the crowd, none could say how or where. Hundreds of dirks were out; cries of "Help" and "Murder" were raised on all sides. Many wounds were inflicted. Two men were killed. The sitting broke up in tumult and the terrified sheriff was forced to put himself under the protection of the chief, who, with a plausible show of respect and concern, escorted him safely home. It is amusing to think that the man who performed this feat is constantly extolled as the most faithful and dutiful of subjects by writers who blame Somers and Burnet as condemners of the legitimate authority of sovereigns. Lochiel would undoubtedly have laughed at the doctrine of nonresistance to scorn. But scarcely any chief in Inverness-shire had gained more than he by the downfall of the House of Argyle, or had more reason than he to dread the restoration of that House. Scarcely any chief in Inverness-shire, therefore, was more alarmed and disgusted by the proceedings of the Convention.

•••See *Memoirs of Sir Ewan Cameron of Lochiel*, printed at Edinburgh for the Abbotsford Club in 1842: "Balhadic papers - Sir Ewan's Death."



Ewan Cameron's Signature

## Books of Interest



### **The Highland Clans** by Alistair Moffat

“Alistair Moffat traces the history of the clans from their Celtic origins to the coming of the Romans; from Somerled the Viking to Robert the Bruce; from the great battles of Bannockburn and Flodden to Bonnie Prince Charlie and the Jacobite Risings; and from the Clearances to the present day. These are the stories of great leaders and famous battles. They are also the stories of an extraordinary people, shaped by the unique traditions and landscape of the Highlands of Scotland.”  
176 pages, Thames & Hudson, 2010, ISBN-10: 0500251592

### **A Dance Called America: The Scottish Highlands, the United States and Canada** by James Hunter

“An account of what happened to the 1000s of people who left the Scottish Highlands to make a new life in the United States and Canada. The book evaluates the impact of people from the Highlands on the New World. It is the story of how soldiers, explorers, fur traders, lumberjacks, guerilla fighters, railway builders, and pioneer settlers from the northern part of Scotland contributed to the U.S. and Canada.”  
288 pages, Mainstream Publishing, 1995, ISBN-10: 1851588078

### **Born Fighting: How the Scots-Irish Shaped America** by James Webb

“The Scots-Irish first emigrated to the U.S. in four waves during the 18th century, settling primarily in Appalachia before spreading west and south. Webb states that the Scots-Irish, with their rugged individualism, warrior culture built on extended familial groups (the "kind of people who would die in place rather than retreat") and an instinctive mistrust of authority, created an American culture that mirrors these traits.” 384 pages, Broadway, 2005, ISBN-10: 0767916891



### **David Cameron Begins Role As U.K.'s New Prime Minister**

Conservative leader David Cameron has become the UK's new prime minister after the resignation of Gordon Brown. Cameron, 43, is the youngest PM in nearly 200 years, vowed to set aside party differences and govern "in the national interest."

Conservative sources outline some of the new government's agenda:

- \* five-year, fixed-term parliaments.

- \* reducing income tax thresholds for lower earners.

- \* a commitment not to adopt the euro for the lifetime of the next Parliament.

- \* a cap on non-EU migration.

- \* a "significant acceleration" of efforts to reduce the budget deficit.

- \* enhanced "pupil premium" for deprived children.

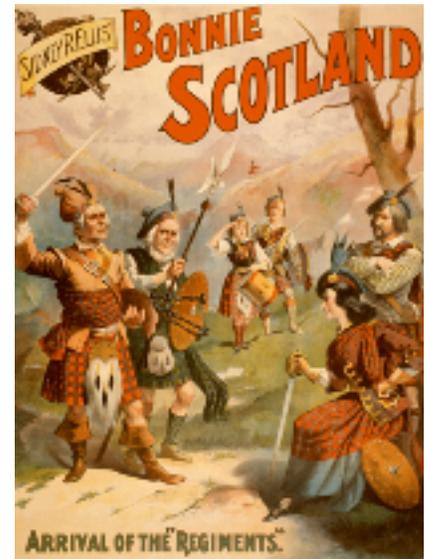
Cameron has appointed Tory George Osborne as chancellor and Danny Alexander as Scottish Secretary. His arrival in Downing Street marks the end of 13 years of Labor rule. Cameron is the youngest prime minister since 1812.

“I came into politics because I love this country, I think its best days still lie ahead,” stated David Cameron. “I think the service our country needs right now is to face up to our big challenges, to confront our problems, take difficult decisions, lead people through those decisions, so that together we can reach better times ahead.”

Cameron studied Philosophy, Politics and Economics at Oxford. and was elected in 2001 as the Member of Parliament for the Oxfordshire constituency of Witney. He was raised in Berkshire, although his father was born near Huntly, Scotland. His g-g-grandfather Alexander Geddes earned a fortune in the grain business in Chicago and then returned to Scotland. His roots are in Inverness-shire.

## Sidney Ellis's "Bonnie Scotland" Theater Posters

Originally used to attract the public to performances and performers, these posters illustrate the wide range of popular, live entertainment from the late 19th - 20th centuries. These are mainly color lithographs and woodcuts and come from three main genres: Magic Posters, Minstrel Posters, Theatrical Posters.



### **Black Pudding Recipe**



These blood puddings are traditional to all Celtic countries, and are one of the earliest prepared foods known to man. The blood of pigs, lamb or geese can be used.

#### **Ingredients**

4 cups sheep's blood 1 T salt  
1 1/4 c milk 2 ozs toasted oatmeal  
3 medium onions, chopped  
12 ozs shredded suet pinch nutmeg  
1/2 tsp mixed herbs  
1/2 tsp cayenne pepper

#### **Preparation**

Let the blood run into deep pan and when cold add the salt. Add the other ingredients, seasoning well, and either put into prepared skins or into a large ovenproof dish or basin. This can then either be baked, the tin standing in another tin half filled with water, covered and baked at 300 F for around one hour 30 minutes, or covered and steamed for the same length of time. When cold, slice and fry with eggs, bacon, sausages etc.

## Clan Cameron Honored At the PRESCOTT, AZ, Highland Games

The 6th Annual Prescott Highland Games were held May 8. The day started early, crisp and clear, and continued with much gaiety, music, dancing, sporting events, food and good cheer. The event was hosted by the Prescott Area Celtic Society and included over 24 clans and 30 organizations.

The Cameron booth, engineered, set up, and hosted by John Clarke and Scott Steehler was quite a gathering place at the event. In addition to the many displays, books, pictures, and historical documents displayed on the tables at the booth, John had designed a swiveling framed map that was displayed just outside the booth. The frame featured a Scottish Clan Map on one side and all the clan names on the other side. It was a wonderful way to start many fascinating conversations.

The *Main Tent* featured many musical groups, including the “Knockabouts” and “Tramor.” While Clan Wallace was the “honored clan” for the Games, Clan Cameron was recognized during the closing ceremonies for having the *Best Clan Tent*.



Scott and John were presented a beautiful engraved plaque by the Prescott Area Celtic Society and were overjoyed to receive it, especially since it was presented by the Prescott Rodeo Queen.

All-in-all, it was a great event. Many thanks to the Prescott Area Celtic Society for all of their hard work and dedication in putting such a successful Highland Games.



**JACKSON GAMES** - Rocky Mt., U.S., Regional President Is Jackson's Highland Games “Honored Clan Chief”  
**August 21-22**

Games Organizer David MacFarland has officially requested Bob Cameron's presence as Jackson's “Honored Chief,” as they celebrate their **10th Annual Games**. This will be Bob's 2nd time of serving as chieftain, via the request of the Wyoming Highlanders. The Games were originally named for a beloved Police Chief, Dave Cameron.



### Begin Planning for Next Summer's 9th International Gathering of the Clans in Nova Scotia June 24 - July 10, 2011

Connect with your heritage and your roots...For almost four centuries, Scots have lived on Canada's east coast in Nova Scotia – New Scotland.

Come, experience the beauty and history of this seaside province. Spend your days discovering your roots and meeting long-lost kin. Explore the Highlands of Cape Breton, the luscious Annapolis

Valley, the miles of beaches along the Sunrise Trail, or the white beaches of the South Shore. Spend your evenings listening to the sounds of the fiddles at a Ceilidh or enjoy world-class dining and entertainment in our modern cities.

### Achnacarry Fire



A major fire broke out on the grounds of Achnacarry May 10, but Lochiel's castle was untouched. The blaze gutted the recently renovated old stables, which had been beautifully converted into five apartments. According to the fire department, “Four units from HIFRS attended and after some time were able to bring the fire under control. No persons were injured and all were accounted for. Substantial damage has been caused to the property.” At least one family lost their possessions, however.

Lochiel was away from home when the fire broke out. A structural engineer is examining the options for repair.

North American Clan Cameron Assoc. has a variety of items that can be purchased through Cafe Press: [www.cafepress.com/clancameron](http://www.cafepress.com/clancameron).



Also, if you wish to purchase a t-shirt from the Rocky Mt. Region, check our new website for info.

### Kid's Corner Draw a Scottie Dog



Courtesy of  
Dover Books

## Groups Competed in 5th Annual Commando March

A number of reenactment groups from the Netherlands, France, England, Wales and Scotland joined forces for the 5th annual Commando March. WW II Veterans were invited to participate, but not expected to join the long march. The event raised £1500.00 from veterans, individuals, organizations and associations with an interest in Combined Operations. The 7 mile march started at Achnacarry. The route passed the Commando Memorial at Spean Bridge where a wreath laying ceremony was held.

By 1942, during WWII, a training center based at Achnacarry Castle, ensured a steady flow of ready-trained Commando soldiers as reinforcements. To meet this need the Commando Depot (later retitled the Commando Basic Training Center) was established on the banks of the river Arkaig in the heart of Lochaber, provided an ideal location for rugged and realistic training in the Highlands. A formidable team of officers and NCO's carried out the dedicated task of instructors. "Achnacarry" became a byword for the most strenuous training center of the Allied Forces. It became the model for courses elsewhere, while "Commando Training" became a new military term with a clearly understood meaning.



Following the establishment of Achnacarry, no volunteer soldier could join a Commando unit, or wear the coveted Green Beret, without passing the six weeks course. During the 3 years of its existence 1000s of troops from all regiments of the British Army and the Royal Marines, and also Allied Forces including US Rangers, completed the commando course. None forgot the experience or questioned the pragmatic necessity of such exacting and often novel forms of training. It had a single aim – to produce the finest type of fighting soldier in six short weeks. To produce fit, tough, disciplined soldiers who, while obeying orders unquestionably, were both intelligent and displayed initiative in the absence of orders. Self-discipline of the highest order was the fundamental basis of the training.

As for physical fitness one of the first requirements was to train men to speed march seven miles in the hour (in "battle-order", i.e. with weapons, ammunition and wearing personal equipment) and at the end of the march to complete an assault course involving the accurate firing of their weapons. With such excellent natural training at hand, climbing the rock-faces and mountains (Britain's highest mountain, Ben Nevis, included), the crossing of fast-flowing rivers, the use of all types of boats and landing crafts on Loch Lochy, plus "living off the land", presented no problems. Neither did the use of live ammunition and explosives which provided realism and a true 'baptism of fire' experience.

The final day of each course was an exciting one, with the knowledge that all who survived this far were assured of their Green Beret. Achnacarry took on the exciting expectant atmosphere that was a cross between a Cup Final and Derby Day as trainees battled amongst themselves in organized and spirited rivalry. There were five events. In the Inter-Troop competitions a 5 miles speed march, was followed by shooting, a folding boat race, tug-o-war and , finally, a 'Milling' competition, a one-minute all action boxing contest – fast, furious and frenzied.

**Welcome to our  
New Highland's Ranch, Colorado,  
Convenor, Mike Taylor**



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**Thank You Russ Woods for your  
years of faithful service to  
RMBCC! Your "Cameron"  
kin greatly appreciate you!**  
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**Attend the 47th Annual Colorado Scottish Festival  
and Rocky Mountain Highland Games  
Aug. 14-15 at the Highland Heritage Park.**

"On Saturday, August 14, join us for the 10th Anniversary Masters World Championships in Scottish athletics, the first time it's ever been held in Denver."  
A first-class Celtic Rock Concert, Anghus Mohr, and Seven Nations will provide excellent entertainment. Expect great athletic and piping competitions, vendors and clans to translate into superior Scottish fun.

See [www.scottishgames.org/](http://www.scottishgames.org/)

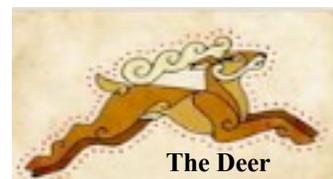


**Thank you,  
Brent Pulver, for  
developing the  
new website for  
RMBCC!**



Check out the beginning stages of this project at  
[www.clancameronrmb.org/index.html](http://www.clancameronrmb.org/index.html)

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This website will give us online space for local and regional announcements, membership forms, history, helpful links, and general information about RMBCC.



**The Deer**  
*Revered by the Ancient Celts*

**Rocky Mountain Branch • CLAN CAMERON**

**2010 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM**

Annual Dues • \$20 per calendar year (Jan. 1 or July 1 Renewals)

(Please Print)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_, 2010

Family Members \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City and State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_

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My Clan Cameron heritage \_\_\_\_\_

My interests: \_\_\_\_\_

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*Reminder*

\_\_\_\_ *RMBC Annual Meeting: Sept. 11*

\_\_\_\_ *at 3 pm in Estes Park, CO.*

\_\_\_\_ *Are you current with your dues?*