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From Duart

Sir Lachlan Maclean of Duart and Morvern, Bt., CVO, DL.
Twenty-eighth chief of Clan Gillean

Dear Members of the Clan,

As Spring arrives in Scotland, with the garden covered with snowdrops and the days starting to get longer, we begin to think about the summer and how many of you will visit Duart over the next few months.

It is an unsettling time for us all with the worries over the war in Iraq causing everyone so much anxiety. Every Maclean is always very welcome at Duart and I hope that those of you who are planning to come will still make your journey. Scotland is a very safe country to visit.

This year is the 50th anniversary of the founding of the London Branch of the Association. They are planning a celebratory dinner in October which they hope as many founder members as possible will attend.

In February at their Burns dinner, Colonel Donald MacLean, on behalf of the Association, presented my mother with a beautiful painting of Mull (with Duart in the foreground) from Ganavan Sands, to thank her for all she had done for the Clan over the years. It is very appropriate that the presentation took place at the London Association dinner which she has loyally supported for many years. My mother is delighted with the painting which now hangs proudly in her drawing room at Hampton Court.

Malcolm the younger of Duart completed his MBA at Cranfield in the autumn and is now working for Solarcentury an alternative energy

company in London. Alexandra is busy training for the London Marathon in April. She is hoping for a good running time and we hope to watch and try and recognise her amongst the thousands of runners.

Our grandchildren seem to grow up so quickly. Cosimo is now at school every morning, Oscar has just had his first birthday and Alberto continues to be a very smiley baby.

I am going to visit Nova Scotia at the end of June for a week. It was over 50 years ago that my father visited Nova Scotia - I have never been there and I hope to meet as many members of the Clan as possible as I am travelling to several different places on my visit.



Lady Elizabeth Maclean receives from Colonel Donald the special painting of Mull in recognition of her unfailing support of the Clan MacLean Association.

My thanks go to everyone who does so much for our Clan behind the scenes.

With best wishes to you all,

*Lachlan Maclean
of Duart & Morvern.*

A WORLDWIDE FAMILY

This corner of BattleAxe last year reported my hand-ing-over the Presidency of the International Associations after a period of successful reorganisation. Later this year, God Willing, we shall be celebrating in London the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Clan's first ex-Scotland Association, of whose initial Council I was a member.

Many of you have been kind enough to tell us that you have valued the five International editions of BattleAxe (this is the sixth) - the twelve regional editors and Mary and I thank you for taking time to tell us.

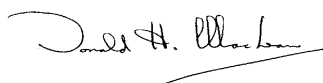
This does not mean that this newsletter can rest on its laurels. Already more than two thousand of us 'gather' in MacleanNet and its forums so that the internet is, as I hoped, linking us in ways in which we once depended on the newsletter - and with much greater convenience and immediacy. So BattleAxe has to justify its existence in a changed environment - and to continue to do so annually. Can it?

Firstly it serves those who choose not to participate online. A diminishing proportion but one to which the International Associations remain committed. Secondly it creates an ongoing record of the life of this Clan - a series of regular time-lapse snapshots which one hopes may be of interest to future generations. (Though they will inevitably access electronic archives with increasing ease.)

Perhaps it is time for some radical questions. It would, for example, now be possible to create an online Battleaxe. It could be made accessible only to paid-up members of Maclean Associations. (If required a printed version of it could be distributed.) An online BattleAxe would be cheaper to produce. Its distribution costs would be nil. It could have sounds. And video sequences. No size constraints imposed by postage rates. Immediacy.

Maybe that is the form in which I should now develop www.maclean.org? What is your view?

*I was the first pupil of my school in Scotland to be awarded "Highers" with a shameful 18% in History (and an average 94% in other subjects) - sixty years later I still prefer to look forward than back, which I do mainly to learn. What can we all learn from the Clan's recent developments? I have no doubt - it is the fact that, while we shall now and always look fondly to Scotland, to Mull, to Duart, we now recognise ourselves to be global. To an extent unusual even among Scots, we are a **worldwide** family.*



Barbara MacLean McHarg

We record with regret the death of Barbara MacLean McHarg, and reproduce for interest her poem in honour of Mull for the Mull and Iona Association, Glasgow, at the time of their centenary.

*When I shall die, wilt thou Beloved Isle,
Await my coming, anxiously, the while,
Or shall my footsteps, faded and forgot,
Be quite erased and remembered not?
O may my spirit hover round thee still,
My voice commingling with the mountain rill,
With whispering trees and winds that waft thy song,
With birds whose gladness greets thy early morn;
Where'er I breathe, may flowers find delight
And violets yield their sweetness, out of sight,
Where heath and bracken rustle, hear my sigh
Of utter ecstasy as aeons fly;
O bliss to dream, and dreaming, fly to thee,
To share the joys of thy eternity!*

"A man of the Hebrides, as soon as he appears in the morning, swallows a glass of whisky; yet they are not a drunken race."
Dr Johnson

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Notes from Scotland

Lt Col Donald MacLean MBE JP

These will be my last “Notes from Scotland” since I will be standing down in November after the statutory five years as President.

The Annual Scottish Gathering last November was a vintage evening (although down in numbers), at the National Piping Centre, Glasgow. We were entertained by Archie Maclean, 2001 Mod Gold Medalist, accompanied by Theresa MacLeod on clarsach. James Maclean piped for us and Charlie Kirkpatrick’s band was in cracking form. However, it was agreed, by Council, that we should move the Annual Gathering to a location with better car parking, easier access and cheaper bed and breakfast arrangements for those staying overnight. It was also decided to move the Gathering to a Saturday evening rather than the traditional Friday, to see if this would attract more support. And so the 2003 Scottish Gathering will be at the Normandy Hotel, by Glasgow Airport. This is a spacious venue with good parking, and good access by road (off the M8), by air (Glasgow Airport) and by train to Paisley, Gilmour Street. In addition, the Hotel is giving us a special deal of £25 per person bed and breakfast.

The Clan Maclean Heritage Trust is now playing an increasingly important role in the greater scheme of Clan matters, and this will be covered separately. However, as President of the Association, I am also a Trustee of the Heritage Trust and have personally taken on the responsibility for the setting up of a Piping Bursary Scheme. This is a two-week course of full-time tuition, with food and board, at the College of Piping Glasgow. This first year, it was won by Alexander MacLean from Tiree, and it is planned to offer this Bursary biennially.

The other Heritage Trust matter I’m investigating, is the possibility of producing an “up-to-date” book of Maclean Pipe Music, incorporating the music of the September 1900 Book, which was dedicated to the then Chief, Colonel Sir Fitzroy Donald Maclean. Of course, the Heritage Trust has many other projects in hand. This year the

Clan Maclean Association appropriately handed over the Clan Archives located in the Mull Museum, Tobermory, to the Heritage Trust – an obvious transfer of responsibility.

It was with great pleasure that I attended the London Clan Maclean Association’s Burns Supper in February at the Caledonian Club, and presented a painting of Mull from a distance, to Lady Elizabeth Maclean. This was from the Clan Maclean Association and an extract of what I said that Evening, is reproduced on pages 10,11.

I would like now to do a small commercial promoting the Clan Maclean CD-ROM (£15) which is on the Maclean Website, and also the Clan Maclean Souvenir Magazine (£4 incl postage). They are both excellent value and can be ordered from my wife, Vera, here at 2 Fullerton Drive, Seamill, Ayrshire KA23 9HT, UK or by Email: col.damaclean@btinternet.com and these can be paid for by either credit card (VISA or MasterCard) or by Sterling cheque.

Lastly, there is always a lot going on in Scotland during the summer in the way of entertainment and I would remind you of two events in particular: the Mull Games in Tobermory on Thursday 24th July (where the Clan Maclean Association will have its own tent), and the Edinburgh Festival (which runs throughout August and includes the famous “Fringe” and the Edinburgh Military Tattoo).

Donald

President, Clan Maclean Association

EVENTS IN SCOTLAND IN 2003

July 24. *Tobermory.* Mull Highland Games.
August 9. *Glasgow.* World Pipe Band Championships.
October 11-18. *Oban.* National Mod.
Nov 1. *Glasgow.* Clan Maclean Scotland Gathering.

These events are included in the worldwide schedule maintained at www.maclean.org/gatherin.htm

WESTERN AUSTRALIA



Members of Clan Maclean Association (Western Australia), who attended the 2002 Clan Gathering, returned home full of enthusiasm for the Gathering despite the cold and wet conditions.

Graham Beeton, shown wearing his sheepskin jacket in the group photo, was told by another 'overseas' visitor at Duart, that he was the only one suitably dressed for the weather! Graham, with his young son Joshua, had a great time exploring Mull, locating the Beaton Cross, visiting the Treshnish Isles and Staffa and plans to return in 2007 to see more of Mull.



Clan members from Western Australia in Tobermory. L-R: Graham Beeton; Maureen Maclean; Geoff McLean; Kaye MacLean; Sonia McLean and Peter MacLean.

Photo: Wilma Woodward

The group photo shows our six members from Western Australia in the Gathering marquee, the only occasion that they were all together, although some met up by chance in various locations around the island.

Peter and Kaye MacLean, decided on an evening walk in Aros Park and met up with Maureen Maclean who had the same idea. So they walked together around the lake and caught up with each others' travels. On another occasion they met Graham and Joshua in the Bellachroy Hotel, Dervaig.

The main Gathering at Duart Castle on Saturday provided the first opportunity for newly joined country members Geoff McLean and his daughter Sonia to meet other Western Australian members as they only spent the one day on Mull. But what a great occasion for Macleans to meet.

At home, we held our annual Clan Maclean Dinner in August 2002, at a new location, the Swan Yacht Club in East Fremantle, and were pleased with the venue and the meal provided.

As usual, the entertainment provided helped to make a great evening. Peter piped in the haggis with Wally Rankine acting as bearer. A

good friend of our Association, Glasgow born Tom Johnston, gave the address as only a Scot can. The haggis was later served as entrée.

On this occasion we were delighted to be entertained by a group of seven young dancers, from Perth's best known Highland Dance Academy, dancing in several different combinations.

Then followed a mini-pipe band consisting of two MacLean and two Rankine pipers plus three drummers who marched in to play a rousing medley.

With Sir Lachlan's 60th birthday imminent, two days after the dinner, a toast to our Chief was proposed and we drank to his health.

In our part of the world, January is a holiday month with schools closed and many workers taking annual leave. So we will not meet until late February to

arrange our activities for 2003. But we look forward to a revived Combined Clans Picnic that has already been announced for May, to meet up with old friends.

Brian McLean (Editor)

Apology

IBA5 Page 1 photo caption "Emma ..." should have been "Anna ..." (Emma is Malcolm's sister).

2003 Clan Maclean Scottish Gathering

The Gathering will be held in the Normandy Hotel, by Glasgow Airport, on **Saturday 1st November 2003** and the tickets will cost £30 each.

The Normandy Hotel has offered the Clan, accommodation at £25 per person bed and breakfast. There are excellent travel connections by road (M8), rail (Paisley – Gilmour Street) or air (Glasgow).

Application for tickets should be sent to Captain Marcus MacLean, 10 Princes Gardens, Glasgow G12 9HR, UK.

CLAN GILLEAN USA

It has been a great, productive year for Clan Gillean USA. This year, we signed a Life member who happened to be our 1000th member recorded on our membership rolls. As luck would have it, Julianne McLean, of Wichita, Kansas, attended the 2002 Gathering. Our President, Clarence Greek had the honor of introducing her to the whole body of the Clan Congress during the Gathering. We welcome Julianne, and look forward to spending more time with her in the future.

With the aftermath of the terrorist attack of September 11, 2001, and being in the midst of an economic recession, we have found that attendance at Highland Games has been down nationally. Interest in the Maclean Clan, however, is thriving! We have had a very successful Highland Game tent season all over the 44 states we represent and we are looking for an even better turnout in the year 2003.

Much of this year's success can be credited to the leadership and hard work of Clarence and Bobbye Greek. Clarence and Bobbye have accepted our organization as their extended family. In doing so, they have traveled nonstop throughout this Presidential term, promoting Clan Maclean in all four corners of the nation. (We do not understand where their stamina comes from.)

In the year 2002, we have all been working hard to improve our communication among CGUSA members. The only NATIONAL form of communication is through the publishing of our newsletter, *The Pipings*. In the recent past, we have been unable to publish our quarterly newsletter in a timely manner. Betsy McLean, of Raleigh, North Carolina, graciously accepted the position of Secretary of CGUSA at our annual general meeting at the Stone Mountain, Georgia Highland Games. Her focus as secretary is the publication of *The Pipings*, having published two issues in her first three months in office.

We communicate regionally by attending Highland Games and visiting our clansmen. In America, where everyone is either an immigrant or a descendant of an immigrant, a sense of belonging is sometimes difficult to achieve. American Highland Games can be considered extended family reunions; we have had many ex-

periences of our "cousins" going to their first game, finding our tent, and then weeping with joy when they realize that they belong there, and that possibly distant relatives are also there! Our members are of utmost importance to us. At our AGM, in order to accelerate the acknowledgment and execution of Clan membership, we have created a membership committee, chaired by Jim Waddell, of Knoxville, Tennessee.

This year, we are making efforts to review and update our membership database by finding and correcting incorrect addresses (caused by change of residence, etc.). We are also asking our members to supply us with their email address with the hopes of communicating more effectively electronically in the future.



Clan Gillean at Stone Mountain

We started preparing for the 2003 season before Robbie Burns' birthday. There is at least one activity celebrating our heritage every weekend somewhere in America from February 1st (in Sarasota, Florida) until November 8th (in Salado, TX). The Macleans are active at the majority of these games, which are too numerous to mention. Clarence and Bobbye have personally

scheduled 21 events this year. Of those events, they will convene the Maclean tent at six games, many of which are in areas where there has been little regular Clan representation.

April 6th has become a day of celebration in America. More people commemorate National Tartan Day, recognized by Congress since 1998, each year. This year's national celebration, held at the National Mall in Washington, DC, has been planned on a grand scale, with Scottish Clans, societies, and organizations, massed pipe bands, Highland and country dancing, athletic demonstrations, story telling, Gaelic lessons, and more, culminating in an afternoon Tattoo. At the same time, many states have their own Tartan Day events planned. We Macleans, of course, will be represented at as many events as possible!

And we are looking forward to June '03, when our Chief, Sir Lachlan, will visit Nova Scotia. We understand that the Presidents from all of the North American Associations are endeavoring to attend the Nova Scotia Games with the Chief. There is almost as much anticipation for this game as it was for the 2002 Gathering!

*Betsy R. McLean
Secretary, Clan Gillean USA
Editor - "The Pipings"*

PACIFIC NORTHWEST, USA CELEBRATES TARTAN DAY

I hope you enjoyed our last article on the benefits of being a "clan tent cavalier". We returned from the Mull Gathering to a busy schedule of games and events. Our Annual General Meeting was held at Enumclaw, WA and was well attended. It was held in conjunction with the Pacific Northwest Highland games, which had about 25,000 curious citizens on that Sat.

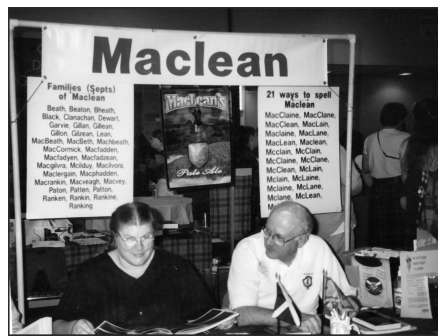
I would like to talk about an event unique to the "colonies", **NATIONAL TARTAN DAY**. By act of the United States Senate, Resolution 155, March 20, 1998, **April 6th** was designated as National Tartan Day to honor the contributions of Scots and Scottish Americans to my country. The date is of course the date of The Declaration of Arbroath, the Scot's "Declaration of Independence" which was signed at Arbroath Abbey in 1320. Pat and I have been to Arbroath and do remember the Arbroath Smokies wrapped in newspaper hot out the back door, compliments of our fantastic coach driver.

The date is quite significant in that Thomas Jefferson (purported to be a descendent of Thomas Randolph, a blood nephew of King Robert I and an Arbroath signer) based the United States Declaration of Independence, July 4, 1776, on the excellent prose contained in the Arbroath document. Comparisons are made in a chapter of a book called The Mark of The Scots, by Bruce A. Duncan. May I suggest if you have never read the Declaration of Arbroath, go to your library and so. It is a well-written powerful document that will inspire or re-inspire your Scottish pride.

We have National Tartan Day events in two of our states, Oregon and Washington on March 29, 2003. As the actual Tartan Day is a Sunday, kilts will be worn at many a kirk. Many other events are planned throughout the United States, including the Tunes of Gory Parade in New York City.

Tartans...There are many non-clan tartans,

Districts of Scotland, military units, Canadian Provinces, businesses (Scottish Power is a presence in Portland, OR) as well as states in America and other countries. In our area the state of Washington has a tartan reflecting green for her rich forest, blue for her lakes and rivers, white for her snow capped mountains, red for her apple and cherry crops, yellow for her wheat and grain crops and black for the eruption of Mt. St. Helens. It can be found in District Tartans by Gordon Teall and Philip D. Smith. Our cousins to the south, California has a tartan that is a variation of a sett based on the family tartan of John Muir, naturalist from Scotland who loved and explored the California wilderness.



The Scottish community in the state of Oregon has a design for a state tartan. Clan Maclean is invited to an event (and lobbying effort) for this new tartan with a presentation to the state government on April 12th. It will include a parade of clans, pipers, re-enactors and dignitaries. Our Maclean tent will help individuals find their Scottish roots and tartan. The day concludes with a Tartan Ball. We're proud to be a part of this new adventure for the state of Oregon.

If we can help any of you with a question or concern in our corner of the MacLean world, please write or E-mail us. Find us on the Maclean web site under PNW association.

Jim McClean, President PNW

.....May I leave you with :

*Here's to it...
The fighting sheen of it,
The yellow, the green of it,
The white, the blue of it,
The swing, the hue of it,
The dark, the red of it,
Every thread of it!
The fair has sighed for it,
The brave have died for it,
Foeman sought for it,
Heroes fought for it,
Honour the name of it,
Drink to the fame of it.*

The Tartan...Murdoch Maclean

HERITAGE TRUST

The Clan Maclean Heritage Trust is a charity whose purpose is to further interest in the history of the Clan Maclean, by preserving relics and buildings of the past for future generations, by enabling the clan, and the wider public, to know more about the clan, its history, culture and genealogy.

Projects for 2003 include:

a] the researching and up-date of a revised edition of *The Music of the Clan Maclean*, a book of Maclean Pipe Tunes, first published in 1900. This will involve not only a historical introduction, but also a compilation of new tunes of the last century from around the world, composed by clansmen or concerned with the clan.

b] the arranging of a possible sponsorship of a 'Clan Maclean' practice room at the Piping College. This is dependant on an individual gift, if a donor can be found, rather than general funds; cost £1500. Would you like to commemorate a departed member of your family in this tangible and very practical way?

c] the floor-level lighting of the medieval Maclean stones at Keils, Morvern, so that the inscriptions can be read and appreciated. This project was suggested when the members of the clan visited Keils during the 2002 Gathering visit to Morvern and Ardgour.

d] the commemoration of Macleans in USA and Australia, including Benjamin Franklin McLean, Kansas, Director of the Orient Rail Road, and Dr John Angus McLean, the first doctor to arrange a blood transfusion directly from a living person. At the Clan Congress, it was pointed out that nominations of suitable people and places to be commemorated, anywhere in the world, would be welcome, so that the Trustees could consider a suitable plaque or cairn. [Names to the Secretary, in the first instance]

e] the conservation of our older documents, through the National Archives of Scotland.

f] the updating of the Maclean Library with the many recent books on subjects to do with the history of the Western Highlands and Islands, and of the clan, as well as receiving gifts of books written by Macleans.

g] Another new area is to be genealogical, which will work in conjunction with Maclean-net, with the assembly of verified and annotated genealogies.

The Friends of the Clan Maclean Heritage Trust:

The Friends of CMHT exists to support and help finance the work of the Clan Maclean Heritage Trust [Charity Number SC024481] and was founded in July 2001, to coincide with the 350th anniversary of the Battle of Inverkeithing. In 2002 there were 95 members [39 individuals and 53 family members and 3 honorary members].

Membership is by annual payment [£15 individual, £25 family] and the benefits include regular mailings of activities, invitations to exclusive parties especially during the International Gatherings, the opportunity to be associated with specific projects by name, and an annual limited edition/copy of some part of the Clan Maclean Heritage.

In 2002 the Friends each received a limited edition copy [one of only a hundred] of the 1493 Maclean of Lochbuie charter, digitally reproduced in colour and suitable for framing. Along with this were a transcription of the Latin, an English translation, and historical notes about the document's significance and import.

Anyone wishing to become a friend will find the Application Form [with credit card facility] on the website, or they can write direct to the Secretary of the Trust: Malcolm MacLean, 5 Wharton Avenue, Damsonwood, Solihull, England B92 9LY.

*Allan Maclean of Dochgarroch,
Chairman*

California / Nevada

The California/Nevada Association has maintained its membership over the past year at just over one hundred members. We continue to seek out new members and will attend about fifteen Scottish Highland Games and Celtic events again this coming year. A new event on our Clan Tent calendar is the Highland Games in Las Vegas, Nevada in April.

Shannon MacLean in Las Vegas has been very instrumental in getting us to attend this event. She attended it last year and was very disappointed that there was no MacLean representation. She has taken the initiative to contact as many MacLeans in Southern Nevada as she can (100 +), and invited them to come. Elizabeth and I plan to be there to man the tent and meet our Southern cousins. Shannon and her fiancé, Rob will be getting married at the Games too.

Dr. Luis Antonio McLane Vega of Leon, Mexico with his wife and son Alan attended the Gathering at Duart last June. They have become members of our Association and hope to come north to attend at least one of the Games this year. Alan attended University of Nottingham and graduated in December 2002. He is going to work in the movie industry.

Our very able secretary for the past few years Susan McLean Sylstra is stepping down. Husband David is retiring and they plan to be "globe trotters". We will miss them both. We all wish them happy and safe travels. Susan has handed over the secretarial duties of the Association to Mark and Terresa Myers Livermore, California.

Duncan MacLean, President.

CLAN MACLEAN INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Since my election, on 21st June 2002, as President of Clan Maclean International Associations, with its aim of "developing Clan Maclean Associations worldwide and their mutual co-operation", I have become conscious of just how much work my predecessor, Donald H. MacLean, did to create this superb electronic organisation – the envy of other Scottish Clans.

It is certainly an excellent foundation for the International Clan Associations and should help improve further the communications between and within these Associations. There has been some reservation about the Net Association joining CMIA but one has hopes that there will be a spin-off with some of their members becoming "paying and participating" Association members. I hope you can take advantage of this and follow up new net members.

I do think that the priority for all Association Presidents must be to concentrate on improving and consolidating their own local membership and on promoting the Clan as and when the opportunity arises.

Looking ahead, i.e. beyond the day to day business of running the Associations, we must continue to look out for potential Clan Maclean Heritage Trust projects. These projects are important and recognise our forebears' achievements and also produce good publicity for the "cause".

Lastly, I'm producing an outline constitution for the CMIA which will cover our aims and objectives, qualifications for membership, etc, etc. Apart from anything else, it is necessary to "spell out" how the President is elected and for how long?

*Lieutenant Colonel Donald MacLean MBE, JP.,
President, CMIA.*

Atlantic (Canada)

The Chief's visit is confirmed! He will be arriving in Atlantic Canada in late June for approximately a week. Tentatively he will be attending the Summerside Highland Games in Prince Edward Island, visiting the Ship Hector Museum in Pictou, the Glenora Distillery (the home of the only single malt whisky produced outside of Scotland), the Pugwash Gathering of the Clans, the Halifax Mayor's reception, and Nova Scotia Tattoo. Perhaps more importantly he will be present at a series of "Meet and Greets", where there will be opportunities for Macleans and Septs thereof to chat with him. These will be held in Prince Edward Island, Pictou - Nova Scotia, Cape Breton, Tidnish - Nova Scotia, Fredericton - New Brunswick, and finally Halifax - Nova Scotia. We hope to give as many Macleans and Sept members as possible a chance to meet the Chief. Our web site will be updated as plans become more concrete. The address is <http://homepages.rootsweb.com/~downhome/maclean.html>. It can also be accessed via the website of Clan Maclean i.e <http://www.maclean.org/>.

The Chief's visit is only one of many events which are allied to the International Gathering of the Clans which is taking place in Nova Scotia in 2003. This is hosted by the Federation of Scottish Clans in Nova Scotia, and has been held every four years since 1979. The initial event is the raising of the IGC flag at Pictou, on Tartan Day April 6, and goes through the summer with events up until mid October. Please visit the website <http://scotsns.chebuvto.org> for more information and updates which will be ongoing. Rev Bob MacLean, and Cathy Fowler-MacLean ably represent our Association with regard to this endeavor.

We continued to be represented at Highland Games and Scots cultural events throughout the year, but particularly during the summer. The number of Games is growing, and it is hard for a volunteer association to keep up with the growing number of events, and the costs associated with attending them. Clearly we need to learn more "tricks of the trade" from our American cousins.

Our AGM was held at the Home of Fran & Ken MacLean - Truro, Nova Scotia, on Oct. 26/02. New Executive members are Heather Collicut as Treasurer; Ken MacLean as Vice President for Halifax and area, and Heather MacLean representing New Brunswick (our first VP for this province!). George MacLean has moved from Secretary/Treasurer to Secretary.

Highlighted were the efforts of Lot 16 (P.E.I.) Macleans who erected a monument to the first MacLeans to settle in that area. Laughlin and Catherine MacLean from Mull arrived in Charlottetown P.E.I. September 21, 1808 aboard the ship Clarendon. Roddie MacLean our Prince Edward Island VP, represented our Association at the unveiling of the memorial.

Presenters at the AGM were Steven & Rita McLean. Both have been involved in reenactments and are experts on historical Scots dress, particularly in what is now Atlantic Canada. They modeled and discussed the evolution of different items of apparel, equipment and gear used by these period soldiers. The meeting ended with a social gathering, a fine lunch, and a showing of pictures from the International Gathering on Mull.

Our next meeting will feature a presentation on the Bard John MacLean, a settler in Barney's River Nova Scotia, by Colene Williams who is both one of his descendants and a local historian.

Ian MacLean, Tidnish, Nova Scotia.

Laurence P. Maclean

We record with regret the death of Laurence P. MacLean, who was for 25 years President of the Glasgow and District Branch of the Clan Maclean Association. He was elected in 1964, and retired in May 1988. As a Vice-President of the Association, Laurie often took the chair at Council Meetings in the absence of Sir Fitzroy Maclean; and it was pleasing to see him again at the 100th Celebrations in Glasgow City Chambers in 1992. Laurie had a son and a daughter, and his constant companion of many years, Moira, who so often accompanied him to functions, died only a few months before Laurie.

New South Wales

Perhaps one of the most satisfying moments in the year 2002 was the presentation of Life Member Awards to five of our members at the November Annual General Meeting. At the September 2002 committee meeting Ian and Norma McLean came forward with the suggestion that we should pay tribute to those long serving members, who had made a significant contribution to the clan in New South Wales. The idea was immediately taken up and a plan implemented to have a badge made in the form of the Clan Maclean battle-axe badge with the words underneath "Life Member Award." A certificate of "Life Member Award" with a piece of the Maclean Hunting Tartan attached was also organised as a part of the presentation. Unfortunately, two of the five members were absent from the meeting through ill health, but the presentation went on to the remaining, very unsuspecting members.

The award recipients at the meeting were past-President Betty McLean, Lola Moate and Derrick Maclean. On the 17th December Colin and Norma Sproule visited the home of Lola Moate and made the award presentation to her mother, a very surprised but delighted 92 year old Merle Manning. The fifth recipient is Nan Maclean, at present residing in a nursing home. Nan's award will be made to her by Colin and Norma early in the New Year. Clan Maclean in NSW is indebted to Marigold Maclean of the Clan Maclean in Australia Association, who organised the badges through her Victorian source, and to Norma McLean who designed and produced the certificates.

For the year 2002 our membership stayed marginally ahead of the 2001 level, with thirteen new members and a drop out of less than that figure.

Our newsletter maintains its popularity with members who are making significant contributions. We are now quite active on the internet, mainly through the work of Ian McLean. It is noticeable that our "snail mail" incoming and outgoing has dropped off as we become more active on the net. However, we continue to maintain contact with other Maclean branches and other clans through exchange of newsletters.

Our genealogy files continue to grow. Most of this had been the result of members contributions, although we are still adding to the files by general research material from libraries, other clans and historical societies. The Scottish House Australian Scottish Cultural & Information Centre has accepted our offer to donate copies of our genealogical records in book form.

Despite illness and travel commitments we managed to have representation at five Highland Gatherings at both city and country locations in the State. Ian and Norma McLean represented our branch at the Clan Maclean in Australia Association's "Annual Chief's Birthday Banquet" at Tumut in southern NSW. Ian and Norma also represented us at the Scottish House Annual Genealogical Fair at the Scottish Hall in Bankstown.

We were delighted to have five members attend the 2002 Clan Maclean Gathering on Mull, one of whom, Rob McLean, played in the Maclean Pipe Band.

Despite the restrictions placed on selling at the Highland Gatherings and not being able to set up at Belgenny Farm functions, our finances are in good shape at the end of 2002.

2003 promises to be a quiet time, with the problems of Public Liability Insurance raising its head, but we still have plans to be at Bundanoon in April as usual, and take it from there.

Colin McL Sproule, President

Presentation to Lady Elizabeth Maclean

Lieutenant Colonel Donald MacLean, President Clan Maclean Association, presented a Painting to Lady Elizabeth at the London Association Dinner at the Caledonian Club, London on Friday 7th February 2003. The following is an extract from his presentation speech:

"For those of you who didn't come to Mull last June for the International Gathering, I can report that it was, despite indifferent weather, very successful and great fun. It did involve a great deal of work during the two years leading up to the Gathering and during the week itself, but it was all worth while. The one piece of business we couldn't deal with on that occasion was our plan to make a presentation to Lady Elizabeth. I had hoped to do this on the steps of Duart Castle but sadly her Ladyship could not be with us.

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London Letter

Our AGM Dinner took place on 4th October 2002, and we were pleased to welcome back Lady Elizabeth as well as Angus MacLaine younger of Lochbuie and his sister Robyn Capps.

We are now in our 50th Year and we commenced celebrations with a large gathering for our Burns Supper. Apart from the usual toasts and fayre, the evening will be especially remembered for the presentation of a painting to the Lady Elizabeth by Col Donald who as President of both the CMA and CIMA chose the occasion to thank her for all her support over the years both when married to the former Chief and subsequently. Lady Elizabeth then took advantage of the occasion to say a few words – to say how much she enjoyed the gatherings she has attended and meeting so many Macleans who had passed through Duart over the years.

As well as Donald and Vera we also welcomed Hugo, Barbara and Vanora Rankine (Secretary CMA)

Alasdair White (President of MacleanNet) proposed the toast to the lassies and his wife Fiona, a past President of the Clan Maclean Association of London, replied. Nigel Allington then gave a humorous and well researched toast to the Bard before Roderick Macfadyen and David Denham played us out with pipe and accordion.

The post AGM dinner on the 17th October this year will be the official 50th anniversary dinner and we will be pushing the walls of the Caledonian club "*Till all their well swelled Kytes be-lyve are bent like drums*". If you are a Maclean and in London do give Mary Wilson a call and hopefully we will find room for you at our night of nights.

Peter Maclean.

President,

Clan Maclean Association of London.

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While thinking about Lady Elizabeth, I was struck by three things:

1. She became a Maclean when she married in June 1941. This was 12 years before the London Association (Branch) was formed.
2. She has led a very interesting and challenging life. From her young days at the Mann family home at Ascot (full of famous sportsmen), through the war years and peacetime as an army wife and then with our late Chief during his Scouting period and latterly, the Royal Service years.
3. She clearly has a great love of Mull and Duart Castle.

I personally first met Lady Elizabeth in 1980. I had just returned from abroad and decided to visit Duart Castle for the first time. It was late April and the Castle was not yet open to the public. Initially I looked around the outside of the Castle then poked my head into the quadrangle. An upstairs window flew open and a lady in an apron and carrying a feather-duster, asked me rather imperiously what was I doing there. I explained that I was a Maclean and had come to visit the Castle not realising that it wasn't yet open. There was a slight pause and this lady announced that the Chief would see me. To cut a long story short, I was given a conducted tour finishing up with two large schooners of sherry. The last thing Lord and Lady Maclean needed that day, when they were preparing the Castle for summer opening, was a visit from me. Their kindness and generosity at this first meeting left a big impression to the extent that, when I was asked two or three years later, to help plan and organise the 1986 Clan Gathering at Duart, I had no hesitation in agreeing, and I've been involved ever since.

We, the Clan Maclean Association, wished to recognise Lady Elizabeth's extraordinary service to the Clan over the past 60 plus years. Therefore, we commissioned Alastair Campbell of Airds, a well-known water colourist, to paint something appropriate for her. He was delighted to do this and chose to paint a view of Mull from Ganavan Sands (just north of Oban). Although a Campbell, the artist is redeemed in part, because his Grandmother was a Maclean!!

Lady Elizabeth, it is with great pleasure that I present this painting to you from the Clan Maclean as a token of our admiration and affection."

New Zealand

Greetings to all our friends overseas. The Clan Association in New Zealand continues to grow and develop. We have a hard-working committee who are very generous with both their time and their donations. They certainly seem to be getting busier and busier.

We have a new banner which we all agree looks extremely smart and already it has been much admired. It had its first outing at the Auckland Highland games in November. Also in November, for the first time, we attended a Kirkin of the Tartan at St Andrew's church in Auckland, and a group of members met at a function to celebrate St Andrews night.

At the New Year we headed north to attend the Waipu Highland games but this year they deserve a separate article which follows this report. Towards the end of January we took the clan tent south to Turakina, a tiny settlement in south Taranaki where the oldest Highland Games in New Zealand are held. The area was originally settled by the Cameron family.

On the agenda this season at the time of publication are the Paeroa Highland Games and Tattoo, and a "Scots Day Out" which is being arranged by the Auckland Pipe Band centre. Both these functions hold a street parade. At Easter we hope to be at the Highland games at Hastings in the Hawkes Bay. Sales of our polo shirts have been good and we hope to expand our selection of items over the coming year.

A SPECIAL CELEBRATION

150 years ago a group of Scots arrived in New Zealand to find their promised land. They had travelled by a circuitous route which had included settling for some time in Nova Scotia, but dissatisfaction with their first attempt at relocation drove them on under the leadership of their minister Norman McLeod. Their journey took them to America, South Africa and Australia. Eventually, six ships arrived in Auckland and in 1853 the majority of the settlers including many Macleans made their home in Waipu where land in this idyllic place had been offered to them.

At New Year, this gem of a Northland village became the venue for three days of celebration for the descendants of the six ships as well as thousands of visitors from around the country and overseas.

The culmination of the celebration was a grand pageant which re-told the story of the intrepid band of Scots forebears of whom the people of Waipu are justly proud.

Coinciding with the celebrations were the annual Highland games which are organised by the Waipu Caledonian Society. This year they too were spread over three days. The chief of the Caledonian Society is Lachlan (Lachie) McLean who is resident in Waipu.

About fourteen clans were represented this year at the games where the official host clan was the Clan Mackenzie. The chief of Clan Ranald attended from Scotland as did chief of the Davidson clan who resides in New Zealand.

The Clan Maclean Association of New Zealand had their tent there and the members who looked after the tent were kept very busy for the entire three days. President Katrine McLean was delighted with the support of the members, the interest shown by all their visitors and many descendants of the original Maclean settlers. The association has purchased a copy of a special book called the *Pride of the Lion* which has been written to commemorate the story of Waipu.

Katrine McLean, President



*Three generations of
Waipu Macleans.*

*L-R: Laura McLean, Ian
McLean, Brian McLean and Abby
McLean with our new banner.*

*(Photo courtesy John Stone,
"Northern Advocate")*

"This is my grandfather's axe. My father gave it a new handle, and I gave it a new head."

Proverb quoted by Neal Ascherson, discussing authenticity, in "Stone Voices - the search for Scotland"
(a book which he describes as 'An exploration of Scottish identity')

CLAN MACLEAN ASSOCIATION IN AUSTRALIA INC.

We were delighted that a strong contingent from Australia was able to attend the Gathering and greatly encouraged by the friendliness and feeling of belonging that we experienced. It was good to note the recognition by the Chief of Marigold and Edwin Maclean's contribution to our Association, and we were grateful to be trusted to help with the Genealogy room, making the Gathering more of a world family affair.

In August, Jean Whimp, Marigold and Edwin Maclean travelled to Northern NSW to attend the unveiling of a large cairn at McLean's Ridges



"To Commemorate the contribution of John McLean of McLean's Ridges, his sons Samuel and Allen and his extended family to the pioneering of farming, industry, business developments and sport in Richmond River/Lismore. Their philanthropy will long be remembered. Cairn presented by McLean family to the 100th Anniversary year of the Public Hall on this site and to recognise the continuing efforts of successive families."

The cairn was donated by Jean Allsep, descendant of John McLean (and member of our Council) and the unveiling co-ordinated to be associated with the 100th Anniversary of McLean's Ridges Hall in Northern NSW. It was a celebration weekend with Ballina Pipe Band and a kilted dancer adding to the entertainment, and many historical archives available as reminders of years past.

Our AGM in November each year is held in a different city in order to enable a wider group of members to attend. This year the city chosen was Maryborough, NW of Melbourne, and the date 10-11th November 2002. Maryborough is the home to one of our former pipers Allan Maas and his wife Ivy, and Allan gave us several delightful surprises over the weekend. His donation of his large painting of Duart Castle was sold by silent auction to raise funds for our Archives and then, at our AGM, he volunteered to pipe in our new President. Thank you Allan.

There were several changes to our Council as a result of the AGM with John Paton bowing out as President and Editor and Jean Paton as Secretary. John and Jean have worked hard for the CMAA during their three years in office with their years showing an in-

crease in membership. Thank you both. Thankfully they will both still be on the Council. We wish John well in his new role, serving the wider Scottish Community.

Jean Whimp succeeded John as President with Doug Maclean as Sen. Vice President and Grahame Gartside as Jun. Vice President. Other new Council members appointed were Jean Paton, Rewa Feenaghty and Gordon McLean (who we notice has just joined MacleanNet). We thanked the continuing members of Council and gave a warm welcome to the new members.

To the new President's relief, Rewa Feenaghty was appointed as Editor, and a fun weekend at Elizabeth Park in January enabled the first edition of the "Highlander" to come off the press (thanks to much "unofficial" help from her husband Blair Feenaghty.)

Gordon McLean has already set to work with wife Patricia to organise our celebration of the "Chief's Birthday" at the RSL Hall in Williamstown just out of Melbourne on 24th May 2003. Gordon and Patricia have surprises in store for us - Piper, Dancers and of course Haggis and much more!! The weekend will also include a Church service on the Sunday with the "Kirkin' o' the Tartan" as a reminder of our history. It promises to be a great weekend and we are looking for a big attendance.

We were reminded at our Council meeting that November will be the 20th Anniversary of the founding of CMAA. Every 5th year our AGM returns to the place of our first meeting, at Halls Gap in the Grampians, so our November AGM will be held at this beautiful venue. Since it will be 20 years we are looking at making this meeting something of a celebration - hopefully there will also be others from interstate or over the Tasman who might like to join us. I can highly recommend the venue which offers self catering facilities in a beautiful child friendly environment.

On a sober note. There has not yet been any easy resolution of the problem of insurance cover for officials attending Scottish Gatherings in 2003 so those who attend will go in an unofficial capacity and do so at their own risk. Hopefully this situation will be resolved soon.

The Clan's Twenty-First Century Revelation

by
Alan R.M. McLean
(France)

I joined the Clan Maclean Association sixteen years ago, thanks to a revelation. One of my cousins took me to a London Branch dinner in 1987 and, suddenly, all that my grandfather had told me as a boy of ten suddenly came rushing back to me. He had given me one of his Maclean ties, that he wore at the beginning of the last century and a book on the Clans.

But, in the early 1990s, apart from the USA and Australia, what was Clan Maclean Association, in the UK ? A fairly small grouping of nice and dedicated people.

One of these delightful people was Donald Hugh MacLean, known as "BBC Donald".

Fortunately for the Association and for the Clan, Donald retired and was already an IT Specialist.

Many of us know what Donald has achieved. I have already said at a clan AGM that today, with the internet, never has the Clan gathered together so many clans-folk since we all lived together in our own country of Mull, Morvern, Coll...

This "Gathering" is in great part due to a revelation, as I myself had experienced in 1987, brought to clans-folk by Donald and his CMIA team over the internet.

As of December 2002 over 2,000 clansfolk have joined the clan web from all over the world and there have been thousands of people more who have visited our website.

The interest in the Clan and in roots is overwhelming - and this will continue, having regard to the way of the present world. There will be an increased interest and demand in "belonging" as people become more isolated and as traditional community life breaks down in favour of globalisation.

I am a privileged reader of the daily messages that the Clan receives from "newbies" who send in "biogs". It is quite fascinating. We have a complete new community of almost every profession under the sun and of all ages :

Archie, Oxford, has crofts on Skye.
Robert, BC, ex "Mountie", "glad to come home".
Kyle, N. Ireland, is 13, and researching her family.
Beryl, Nova Scotia, is a bridge champion.
Joseph, Washington DC, descends from a Maclean who was imprisoned in the Tower of London.

Mary Ellen, NY, is a poet and has a dog called "Bonnie Prince Charlie".

Christy, Ohio, is a Mormon and a genealogist.

Andrew, New Jersey, 13 has given his dog a kilt.

Marguerite, USA, is 50 and the niece of senator/governor George P. McLean.

Frances, Florida, a funeral director.

Calum, Ireland, an architect.

Donald, Minnesota, a District Attorney.

Curtis, Buckinghamshire, stepson of writer Alistair MacLean.

Jean, Connecticut, a sculptor.

Lynn, Virginia, farms 100 acres, and spins and weaves.

Greg, Australia, builds and repairs computers.

Gordon, New Zealand, studies Gaelic literature.

Sally, Melbourne actor/writer/film producer.

Andrew, Glasgow, minister in the Church of Scotland.

Kathy, California, built her own home, breeds horses.

Tim, Ohio, a US naval submarine Captain.

.... AND SO IT GOES ON

No wonder that the English newspaper The Independent wrote :

"The Macleans have developed perhaps the most organised clan website on the net (www.maclean.org)... (there is) increasing dislocation, as families scatter across the globe, and a growing feeling that community is being sacrificed. In Mull's case the modern internet may be reconstructing an ancient sense of connection shattered centuries ago".

The phenomenon is fascinating and opens up a whole new vista and potentials. It incites interest not only in the Clan but in the people who are in it. It brings like people closer, it encourages communication, it enables tracing near or distant cousins. In a word it is GOOD in every way.

One immediate result was that in 2002 there was to be the greatest Maclean gathering ever seen on Mull since our exodus in the 18/19th centuries. Our late great Chief Sir Fitzroy would be proud of us, he who in 1912 landed where we were in June 2002, to reclaim the Home of the Macleans.

This is all thanks to Donald Hugh, the CMIA past President, and his team who have gathered together so many "Fear eile airson Eachuinn" (Another for Hector) newcomers.

It is thus that the Macleans march forward with hope and fraternity as a great and united family into the new millennium.

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Clan Maclean Association of France

41 Macleans and friends attended the Paris Gathering on 21st February held on a boat moored on the Seine near the Eiffel Tower.

Most of the Clansfolk were from the Paris area, but Willem and Margriet Maclaine-Pont came all the way from the Mediterranean Riviera to represent the Lochbuie branch of the Clan.

The guests of honour were Robin and Fiona Maclean of Ardgour, as was Ian McLeod, founder of his Clan Society in France, the only other such society in the country; Clan Maclean Association is now the second and it was therefore fitting that our Macleod friends should be represented at our first official Gathering. The MacFadzean sept was represented by our new Paris recruit Tracey McFadzean and her brother Roderick, who came all the way from Inverness.

The entertainment was provided by Joe McLean, our excellent piper, Michel McLean, the well known singer and Bernard Maclain, composer, and his band.

The Maclean grouping in France is now some fifty strong and hopes to continue to grow, having started initially with just:

Alan R.M. McLean

Quotes

“Oil and microprocessors now matter more to the Scottish economy than Harris Tweed.”

“Out in the Hebrides the locals are more likely to be teleworking than shearing sheep.”

“EU money has been poured into the infrastructure, particularly in the Highlands and Islands, funding numerous arts projects and sustaining the national identity.”

“Scotland’s most memorable scenery is to be found on the jagged West coast, stretching from Argyll all the way North to Wester Ross.”

“It’s not so much that the weather’s always bad, it’s just that it’s unpredictable. Out in the islands they say you can get all four seasons in a day.”

“It’s in the folds and twists of the countryside, the interplay of land and water and the views out to the islands that the strengths and beauties of mainland Argyll lie.”

“The region’s name derives from *Aragaidheal*, which translates as “Boundary of the Gaels”.

“There are more than thirty varieties of midge, though only half of these bite humans. Ninety percent of all midge bites are down to the female *culicoides impunctatus* or Highland midge (the male does not bite) which has two sets of jaws sporting twenty teeth each ...”

“Mull. The most common mistake is to try and “do” the island in a day or two; flogging up the main road to the picturesque capital of Tobermory, then covering the fifty-odd miles between there and Fionnphort, in order to visit Iona ... note that the roads are still predominantly single-track with passing-places ...”

“Duart Castle. Headquarters of the once-powerful Maclean clan from the thirteenth century. You can peek at the dungeons, climb up to the ramparts ... and enjoy home-made cakes and tea at the castle’s excellent tearoom.”

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As always we thank the Editors of the twelve Maclean Associations around the world for their contribution of text and photographs for this edition of our joint Newsletter.

And, as ever, the views of readers will be valued. If you have suggestions for future editions or, better still, a story to share (especially with pictures) please email us.

Yours aye,

Mary (Los Angeles)
Donald H. (London)

“Mull’s chief town, Tobermory, at the Northern tip of the island, is easily the most attractive fishing port on the West coast of Scotland, its clusters of brightly-coloured houses and boats sheltering in a bay backed by a steep bluff.”

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