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## From Duart

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

**D**ear members of the Clan,  
I was once told that as you grow old time goes more quickly. How true that is. Another year has passed and our world seems to be a more dangerous place. The pictures of the carnage in Madrid of the bombs in the trains brings back memories of the destruction of the World Trade Towers in New York which caused the fight against terrorism and the war in Iraq. Terrorists win when they disrupt our normal way of life. They lose when we fight them with vigilance and a determination to continue as normal in the wake of casualties and destruction. Our Maclean history tells of bravery, loyalty, determination and our support for what is right. We must continue to do that now to the best of our ability in our fight against terrorism.

Over the years a number of Spanish visitors have come to Duart. Some of them have the surname 'Duarte'. They have said that they don't know where their surname comes from and why it should be so similar to Duart. One Spanish Doctor Duarte told me when he was leaving the castle that perhaps they were the descendants of the Spanish held at Duart when the galleon was blown-up in Tobermory bay in 1588. Maybe he is right.

There were two events that I must tell you about that happened in 2003. The first was the very successful dinner that was held at the Caledonian Club in London to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the then London Branch in 1954. It was an evening of fun and celebration and my congratulations to the office bearers who arranged such an excellent evening.

The second was my trip to the maritime states in Canada. What a fascinating part of Canada that is, with such a long link to Macleans around the world. There are so many Macleans in that part of Canada and as well as those I met at the various events and Highland Games we discovered that the Guide who showed us round the Hector at Pictou was a Rankin and the lady steward on the ferry was also a Maclean. I must thank everyone involved in my visit for their kindness and their interest in our Clan. In particular Ian MacLean, the President of Clan Maclean Atlantic, and his wife Marjorie for both having me to stay and for driving me during my visit. There is so much to see in the maritime states that would be of interest to you that I would recommend that you try to visit that beautiful part of Canada.



Frank Maclean (Pres, Ontario), Sir Lachlan, & Ian MacLean (Pres, Atlantic) at the grave of Rev Maclean Sinclair, author in 1899 of a history of the Clan.

We had a good year at Duart in 2003 in spite of all the international problems. We launched the Duart e-commerce shop in 2003 and will continue to add to the selection available during the summer. Duart is also registered for civil weddings and we are much looking forward to Colin Maclean's marriage that is taking place in the Spring. I met Colin at the Highland Games in Halifax. If any of you are thinking of

marrying in Scotland - what better place than Duart?

The Tobermory Games are being held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of July this year. This is a time that I am always on Mull and I hope that I may welcome you to the Games and to Duart.

My best wishes to you all.

*Lachlan Maclean  
of Duart & Morvern.*

# CLAN MACLEAN INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION

*Lieutenant Colonel Donald MacLean MBE, JP.*

I have recently completed my 5-year tenure as President of the Clan Maclean Association and this has given me a good feel for the ongoing "Maclean" matters, which affect us all.

You will have noticed that the Maclean Net Association, which joined CMIA last year, has painlessly slipped into our organisation and its President, Alasdair White, has certainly made an impact. We are also grateful to Rhona McLean, who, from her home in New Zealand, produces the new net member introduction on the Internet.

I do think that including two-year old Battle-Axes on the Website is a very good idea, and will be of real historical interest to clan members. On the subject of the Battle-Axe, we are very fortunate still to have Donald H. and Mary Hoff editing this important magazine, which has come out regularly and on time, since 1998. The Battle-Axe and the Maclean Website give our Clan an enviable edge on worldwide clan communications, and Donald H. and his team are to be congratulated for their dedication and commitment.

At the time of writing we now have a draft Constitution under discussion. When this is completed it should bind the worldwide Associations closer together. It would be good to see new Associations being set up and perhaps South Africa would be the place to start?

Finally, I make no apology for repeating my last year's message about the importance of consolidating and improving local Association membership and also about looking for possible Clan Maclean Heritage Trust projects.

*Donald*

*President,  
Clan Maclean International Association*

## MACLEAN-NET

Now eight years old, our 'online' Association signed-up its 2,400th member in January and the flow of new contacts and members shows no signs of declining. All properly qualified Macleans are welcomed but it is interesting that a majority seem to want nothing more than just to say hello and leave it at that - simply enjoying the stream of "brief biogs" of new members. Few make the move to join the forums - which is, of course, fine although we'd like more MacleanNetters to contribute to the life of the group.

The forums continue to flourish although the more specialised ones have been very quiet over the winter and while topics and themes arise, most die down again after a few exchanges. One of our previously most active lists - Gaelic - is dormant at present and I have to wonder whether an email forum is the best solution when it comes to communicating and learning a language.

*Alasdair White  
President*

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# Notes from Scotland

*Captain Marcus MacLean*

Much has happened since I joined the Clan Maclean Association Council: Under the two Donalds, CMIA has been created, but this has not left us without a job. As we no longer have any domestic Branches my initial task is to 'drum up' more interest here in Scotland. (See *Edinburgh event below.*) My father, Charles Hector, who used to be very active in the Association, always told me 'you cannot expect people to be Macleans more than one day a year'. It is my intention to prove him wrong!

Although I fully expect to take on some work in the future, I have just retired from full time airline flying. I have had a wonderful career, but now I have the opportunity to apply myself elsewhere, and to get further than the airport when I arrive in another country. Hopefully, I will be able to meet a few more Macleans on my travels.

The weather was fine for the Tobermory Games on Mull, where the Maclean tent, staffed by Vanora and other Council members, was well visited. Amongst our visitors were Andrew Cain, a new Life Member; also Ian and Anne McLean from Canada. Unfortunately due to work, I arrived late but met up with Robin Maclean of Ardgor outside the Mishnish Hotel (probably the most lively spot on Mull!) The next day our Council meeting was held at Duart Castle – our thanks to the Chief for inviting us, and to Lady Mary for an excellent lunch.

In November our Scottish Gathering was reckoned to be one of the best. Our numbers were up to seventy. We were well looked after at the Normandy Hotel: it has the space, the car parking, easy access from the motorway and airport. The event was preceded by our AGM. Kenneth Maclean, the Chief's piper, and Archie Maclean accompanied by Charlie Kilpatrick and his band, provided the entertainment. They were all in good form, the speeches brief but good, and the dancing most enjoyable. Another first for us was that two of our bookings came from website contact - Michaela McLean from Canada and Melia Cox from the USA, both students here in Glasgow. It was good to see James and his extended family from Fife again. We are returning to the Normandy on Saturday 30 October '04 (see next column for details). We have kept the special price for bed and breakfast at £25. Overseas members are always welcome - get this in your diary now – we guarantee a fantastic evening! It's a Saturday, so getting there is possible from anywhere in the UK and Europe.

On the commercial side, I would like to remind you that there are still copies of the Clan Maclean CD-ROM available. (Check the Maclean website). Also, Col. Donald tells me that he has spare copies of the Clan Maclean

Souvenir Magazine (£4 inc postage). Both are excellent value and are still up to date: they can be ordered from Mrs. Vera MacLean, 2 Fullerton Drive, Seamill, Ayrshire, KA23 9HT or Email:

[col.damaclean@btinternet.com](mailto:col.damaclean@btinternet.com)  
(VISA, Mastercard or Sterling cheque).

In addition the Clan Maclean Heritage Trust held a most enjoyable event at the College of Piping in Glasgow last December. (See report.) Other dates to remember this year are the Mull Games at Tobermory, and the International Festival in Edinburgh; both events are well worth visiting. Council meets regularly - usually in Glasgow. We have many plans, which will soon include the initial planning for the International Gathering on Mull in 2007. Firm dates for this will be announced soon, and I welcome any suggestions to improve on the success of 2002.

*Marcus*

## 2004 Clan Maclean Scottish Gathering

The Gathering will be held in the Normandy Hotel, by Glasgow Airport, on **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2004** 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*  
Lt Col Donald MacLean, 2 Fullerton Drive, Seamill,  
Ayrshire KA23 9HT. Tel: +44(0)1.294.823.240

## EVENTS IN SCOTLAND IN 2004

- May 20** *Edinburgh.* CMA Edinburgh Party.
- July 22** *Tobermory.* Mull Highland Games.
- August 7** *Glasgow.* World Pipe Band Championships.
- October 8 – 16** *Perth.* Royal National Mod.
- October 30** *Glasgow.* Clan Maclean Scotland Gathering.

These events are included in the worldwide schedule maintained at [www.maclean.org/gatherin.htm](http://www.maclean.org/gatherin.htm)

# WESTERN AUSTRALIA



Early in 2003, our Association was able to fulfil one of the aims of our constitution by providing some assistance to a young McLean. Due to an accident while surfing at one of our popular Perth metropolitan beaches, eighteen-year old Jason McLean was rendered a quadriplegic. Jason was an above average sportsman and has received support from Justin Langer, Western Australia's cricket captain and opening batsman for the Australian test cricket team.

A benefit fund was started with a generous donation from a visiting philanthropic Scottish couple and to which Clan Maclean Association in Western Australia contributed. We also conferred our first Honorary Membership on Jason and presented him with a Membership Certificate at a combined clans picnic in May 2003. This has since been framed.

At the same picnic, Macleans contributed a unique bagpipe item that attracted a more than generous response. President Peter MacLean and his son Malcolm were the pipers while Malcolm's five year old son, Lewis, acted as Drum Major. After the pipers warmed their pipes away from the group, Lewis led the approach with measured step, then turned and faced the two pipers as they played a stirring medley of favourite tunes.



*Malcolm, Peter & Lewis MacLean*

As can be seen from the photos, Lewis took his task seriously and was warmly applauded. He seems to be heading in the right direction to uphold a proud family tradition in Western Australia as Peter's father was also a piper. When our late Chief, Sir Charles [as he was then] visited Australia in the 1960s as Chief Scout of the Commonwealth, he was invited

to Kalgoorlie, Peter's home town, where Peter acted as his piper at official functions. Then in 1997, when Sir Lachlan visited us, Malcolm acted as our Chief's piper.



*D-Major Lewis, Malcolm & Peter MacLean*

Our Association is fortunate in having the services of four active pipers, all members of Perth Highland Pipe Band. Apart from Peter and Malcolm, two Rankine brothers, Andrew and Duncan, regularly entertain us.

Andrew's son, Lochlan, made his parents proud last year [*ten years old at the time*] when he wore his first kilt [*in Maclean of Duart tartan*] to school on a day when his school held a **National Dress Day**. Lochlan's parents received many complimentary comments from other parents on the manner in which he conducted himself. Lochlan is learning to play the snare drum and has aspirations of one day playing with Western Australia's champion Police Pipe Band.



*10 year old Lochlan Rankine proudly wearing his first kilt*

**Brian McLean** [Editor]

# CLAN GILLEAN USA

The first Gathering of Macleans in America (in June 1893, at the Colombian Exposition, at Chicago, Illinois) was organized with the purpose of providing an exchange of the history, music, traditions, and stories, of Macleans. Clan Gillean USA is pleased to report that, 110 years later, we are continuing to provide the same service to our members. From Burns Dinners to National Tartan Day, on St. Andrews Day, and at Highland Games throughout the year, Clan Gillean USA is present and prepared to celebrate all things Maclean all throughout America.

Our activities in the state of *North Carolina* make an excellent example of our presence in the American Scottish community. (Since a majority of emigrants from Scotland settled North Carolina, it has been documented that now there are more people of Scottish descent living in North Carolina than in all of Scotland.)

We began with the obligatory celebration of Robbie Burns' Dinners in January. In March, there was the Scottish Heritage Weekend at St. Andrews Presbyterian College. Then on April 6, we celebrated National Tartan Day. Also in April, we participated in the Loch Norman Highland Games, the first of many games in North Carolina.

In May 2003, we were honored with yet another "Best Clan Tent" award, this time at the Third Annual Celtic Festival at Historic Bethabara Park in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. This festival, complete with athletic events, clan tents, and everything else you would expect is held inside the palisades of the southernmost fort of the French-Indian War. Our tent was posted just a few feet from the ruins of the foundation of the first Moravian Church in North Carolina. We found it typical of the melting pot that is America that such a truly Scottish event could be so at home in an area with such a diverse history.



*Parade at Grandfather Mountain*

We spent four days at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games in July. Then in August, in 100% humidity and 97° weather, we sweltered at the Triad Highland Games at Archdale, North Carolina. In September, we were present at the Celtic Festival at Regency Park in Cary, North Carolina.

Macleans participated in two games in North Carolina in

October. During the first weekend, we were represented at the Flora MacDonald Highland Games in Red Springs, North Carolina, near the site where Flora settled with her family when she arrived in North Carolina. During the last weekend of October, we enjoyed the Waxhaw Highland Games.

The last event for Clan Gillean USA in North Carolina was the Carolina Scots Celebration, which was held November 28-30



*Loch Norman Highland Games, NC. (l-r) Bobbye & Clarence Greek, Patricia McLean, Kathy Black Toomey, Patrick McLean, Claude Hicks, Betsy McLean.*

in the historic golfing community of Pinehurst. This event celebrated the original settlements of Scots in North Carolina in the 18<sup>th</sup> century,

their migration up the Cape Fear River, and the Scottish contributions to North Carolina. We set up our

display in the Old Fair Barn at the harness track (a National historic site), which was the "home base" for the many activities, including lectures, tours of historic homes and communities, and a barbecue. There was even a church service in the Highland Scot's tradition, which CGUSA's Secretary Betsy McLean attended, in full period costume. Although there were many kilts worn to church and tartan was in abundance, this was the ONLY period costume, and it caused quite a stir in the 18<sup>th</sup> century church!

As you can see, we are quite active in North Carolina, and we are just as busy in our other 43 states!

This year, two injuries placed an undesired exclamation mark on Clan Gillean USA's planned transition of leadership. Our President, Clarence Greek, of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, was required to undergo hip replacement surgery in August 2003. Unfortunately, there was an extremely painful complication that occurred immediately. Upon Clarence's first attempt at standing, he received a stress fracture of the femur that was not recognized by his doctors until approximately two weeks post surgery. This "injury – and insult - to his injury" forced Clarence to complete bed rest for twelve weeks. At about the same time, our Treasurer, David McLane, of Garland, Texas, was the recipient of surgery to the cervical region of his spine. David's surgery also requires a slow healing process. Since their terms of office ended in 2003, both Clarence and David decided that because of their health, they would not seek re-election to their positions within the organization. We "American Macleans" are thankful to hear that both of

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# PACIFIC NORTHWEST, USA

## CLAN TENT CAVALIERS - PART II

Many of you know that my first love as an Association member is that of a Clan Tent Cavalier. Yes, I am the Association President, because we need one.

We know entertainers that we respect. They are Donnie MacDonald of Scotland and Jimmy Keigher of Ireland, who perform as "Men of Worth". They sing a special song dedicated to the life of "The Clan Tent Cavalier". The chorus is:

*We're the worsted warriors, the Clan Tent Cavaliers,  
We never miss a Highland games, you'll always find us here,  
So come on in and sit you down and have a drop of cheer,  
And we'll figure out a way of having you sit here, next year.*



Some members & family at the Games in Winston OR.

Our territory is over 600 miles long and over 200 wide. Sometimes the only opportunity we have to see and interact with our membership is at a game.

For members it's "their" time with their Clan identity. What is it that we do at the games as a clan? Yes, setting up and taking down is part of it, but not all of it. We display pictures of the Chief, Duart Castle, the Chief's Coat of Arms, the Clan Badge, Clan tartans, and a Battle-ax.

Every year we have something new to display whether it's an article on the Chief, the castle, a Mull legend or story or MacLean history. We provide a new handout every year. We have a map that shows the location of clan lands and MacLean castles. Always after a Worldwide Gathering we share photos and stories. And one can come home with many stories from a Gathering!

We really identify with this song which describes the whole process of putting up a clan tent. What is it that we enjoy? In the Pacific North-

The clan members who man the tent are thrilled with meeting other Macleans or septs and sharing information. The gift of gab is helpful and useful. Some have even found genealogy connections. Part of our by-laws state the purpose is "the cultivation of social intercourse among its members". The tent is where that can happen. We have an extensive library of research books, tartans, Scottish names and their meanings.

Our other purpose is to help any interested person find their Scottish connection, whether they are a Maclean or not. They learn Scottish history in the process and walk away proud that we found them a Scottish link. But they remember that the MacLean Clan helped them. It's amazing how many we see return the following year dragging more friends to our tent.

Another reason our clan enjoys being at games is the camaraderie and friendship between other clan cavaliers, a group of kindred souls, that we see 11-15 weekends a year.

Our clan started a tradition about 10 years ago, where we invite all of the clan cavaliers at the last game of the season to dinner. It is always at a Mexican restaurant where we come in kilts! Last summer it was in Winston, Oregon. After the meal, we retire to the parking lot for a ceremony. We put a white tablecloth on the hood of the car and break out our home made chest, lined in MacLean tartan, of "wee dram glasses". Our box holds 24 glasses and this event has grown over the years (34 last year), so we ask people to bring their own. We put the "Men of Worth" Cassette in the player, and provide printed words to the chorus to the newbies. If you sing, you earn a wee dram of good single malt. Last year it was Scapa. We toast, and remember everyone who could not return, we

thank each other for a successful season, ask that we all be looked after in the "off season" and conclude with "Haste ye back" til next year.



Participating in a clan tent or event is part of being a Maclean. Get involved! If you have a clan tradition we would like to hear about it.

**Jim McClean**

# HERITAGE TRUST

The Clan Maclean Heritage Trust is the clan's own charity [Charity Number SC024481] whose purpose is to further interest in the history of the Clan Maclean, by preserving relics and buildings of the past for future generations, and by enabling the clan, and the wider public, to know more about the clan, its history, culture and genealogy.

In the year 2003, the Heritage Trust was involved in several interesting projects, amongst which were the following six items:

1] A Reception was held in Edinburgh, at which Locker Madden handed over various heirlooms of his great great uncle, the Kaid Sir Harry Maclean [1848-1920], including his ceremonial sword, pistol and Matriculation of Arms.

2] A framed picture of Lieut. Hector Lachlan Stewart MacLean VC was presented to Fettes College, Edinburgh, when a new plaque in the Chapel was dedicated to Hector's memory. He was a pupil at the school and was awarded the VC when serving on the Indian North West Frontier in 1897.



3] 680 nineteenth century Maclean papers, which the Trust has purchased over the last few years have been indexed and recorded on a database. It was found that these letters, mostly of the Maclean of Pennycross and Maclaine of Lochbuie families dovetail well with those that the Isle of Mull Museum already hold, and the Trust's collection has largely been deposited there.

4] The Chairman and his fellow trustee Fiona Maclean of Ardgour handed over the heirlooms of the Kaid, on loan, to the Isle of Mull Museum, after the Tobermory Games in July.



5] In December the Trust hosted another Reception, this time in Glasgow, at the College of Piping. Thanks to the generosity of Mrs Beatrice

MacLean, the Heritage Trust has been able to make a major contribution to the cost of rebuilding the College. A special plaque recording the Clan Maclean's involvement has been installed.

The Friends of the Clan Maclean Heritage Trust.

The Heritage Trust is largely sponsored by our Friends, and their financial contributions and interest ensure that the Trust can continue its work.

The Friends receive various 'benefits' for their membership, apart from the pleasure of knowing that the work of the Trust is being forwarded by their subscriptions.

Membership of the Friends 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 Maclaine of Lochbuie charter, which the Trust owns. In 2003, the Friends each received a copy of the rare 'Spy' cartoon of the Kaid, along with a short biographical appreciation. They also received a copy of the text of the Maclean plaque in the new Piping College, which gives an account of the Clan's long-term connection with piping.

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.

Future projects for 2004 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. Colonel Donald MacLean has been collecting together tunes that have a connection with the clan from round the world, and a

small committee will decide which should be in-

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# Atlantic (Canada)

What an exciting year for Clan MacLean Atlantic. The highlight, obviously, was the visit of Sir Lachlan. Sir Lachlan was always “the” chief, - now we feel that he really is “our” Chief. What a wonderful ambassador he is for our clan!

His visit included stops in three provinces, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. Frank MacLean (President of Clan Maclean Ontario, - but originally a Nova Scotian), and I, were honoured to be the two primary guides for the tour.

In P. E. I. we visited the Summerside Highland Games, and then had a wonderful stop at the United Church in “Lot 16”, the home of many descendants of Lachlan and Catherine MacLean the first Macleans to settle in Prince Edward Island 193 years ago.

By ferry to Pictou, Nova Scotia. The next day began with a tour of the Ship Hector. The Ship Hector, without doubt is our most famous Scots immigrant ship, and this replica is a fine representative for the many others. Our guide was Sinda (Rankin) Dobson, proudly wearing a sash of dress Maclean Tartan. Next a service at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, with much Maclean tartan in evidence. Afterwards the reception at the Church Hall, was highlighted by the presentation of two of the three “Founders Awards”, to the surviving spouses of these founding couples for Clan Maclean Atlantic. Sir Lachlan and I presented certificates to James K, honouring he and Geraldine MacLean, and Margaret, honouring she and John L Maclean.

Next we visited the Culloden Memorial, giving Sir Lachlan a feel for how much we Scots Canadians remember our Scots history. Then to a small museum where Colene Williams, a descendant of the Bard John (Iain) Maclean, and

her mother gave Sir Lachlan a quick tutorial on the Bard. They also guided us to his gravesite, at Glen Bard Cemetery, which is adjacent to the grave of Rev Alexander Maclean Sinclair, the author of one of the best known histories of Clan Maclean.

To Cape Breton, and Glenora Inn and Distillery. Another Lachlan MacLean, the principal owner, gave us a wee dram of Glenora’s single malt whisky, carefully not called “scotch” - Glenbreton by name. That evening we enjoyed a wonderful ceildh who’s primary performers were Karen (Maclean) Beaton and her husband Joey Beaton. They gave us all a wonderful taste of Cape Breton fiddling.

Next morning, off to Washbuck, where there is a memorial to the original Maclean, and where Sir Lachlan’s father had visited in 1950. A visit to the reconstructed Highland Village in Iona followed, before heading back to the mainland. In Antigonish we visited the Hall of the Clans at St Francis Xavier University, where we met Macleans of all ages.



July 1 (Canada Day) began with another visit to a highland Games at Pugwash - a small village that still has Gaelic street signs, and then a BBQ in honour of Sir Lachlan’s visit. Entertainment included mother and daughter - Claudia and Gabrielle MacLean, highland dancers, fiddle music and singing.

Presentations to the Chief included a stained glass west highland galley with Battleaxe emblem on the sail, and Duart in the background; (see opposite page) and a parchment copy of a translation of the document which made the Chief of Clan MacLean a Hereditary Baronet of Nova Scotia in 1631, - thus the “Sir” in Sir Lachlan. When the visit to Atlantic Canada was first being discussed Sir Lachlan had expressed interest in this part of his heritage. We originally had hoped to find and visit the grant site, but first we had to find out where this was! We needed to see the original. The process of obtaining, and then translating the original, was far more difficult than we had envisioned. The document was handwritten in the Latin of the mid 1600’s, and even those contacted who knew Latin were stumped - they couldn’t figure out the

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handwriting! Our eventual saviour, Meredith-Dixon was found on the internet, and with help from a number of internet "lists", she came through for us in marvelous style!!

Meredith was found on May 15, and the job was completed on June 26, the day before Sir Lachlan arrived!! Sir Lachlan was "thrilled" to have this new (to him) piece of Maclean history, even if we didn't visit Anticosti Island (now a part of Quebec), the grant site.

Sir Lachlan's only New Brunswick stop was at beautiful and historic Old Government House in Fredericton. The Meet-and-Greet was co-hosted by the New Brunswick Scottish Cultural Association and the Lt. Governor of New Brunswick, Marilyn Trenholme Counsell. Macleans from across New Brunswick came to meet their Chief.

The next day, (Sir Lachlan's day off) still included a visit to Wolfville Nova Scotia, and a dinner hosted by David and Heather Robertson. David was ( then) in the middle of a project to decipher the notes/corrections prepared by Alexander Maclean Sinclair for a never published second edition of his classic Maclean history.

The morning of July 4th saw Sir Lachlan tour the Dartmouth Scottish factory L & M Outfitters, hosted by owners Joe and Peggy MacLean. Off to Halifax and St. Paul's Anglican Church, the repository for the Hatchment for Brigadier-General Francis MacLean, an early military commander for Halifax and the east coast. As you may know the refurbishment of this hatchment was sponsored jointly by Clan MacLean Atlantic and Clan MacLean Heritage Trust. Following was another "Meet 'n Greet" reception at the Community College. Sir Lachlan presented the third "Founders Award" for George and Vonnie MacLean - the father (deceased) and mother, of our secretary George MacLean and our Newfoundland vice President Basil MacLean. As Mrs MacLean was unable to attend it was presented to her

sons. Entertainment was provided by the well known entertainers, MacLean Sisters, Mary and Rachel.

Sir Lachlan as well as myself and my wife Marjorie, attended the Halifax Regional Municipality Mayor's reception in honour of the 2003 International Gathering of the Clans in Nova Scotia, and then another reception for dignitaries attending the Nova Scotia International Tattoo. Sir Lachlan, and our clan, were honoured by his being one of three dignitaries to receive the official salute that evening at the International Tattoo.



The next day began with a tour of Duart Hardwood co-owned by Rev. Bob MacLean and then on to the Halifax Highland Games. Late afternoon the Chief said his farewells and left to pack and ready himself for the long trip back to Scotland. He had met many Macleans and sept members at every stop, and will be long remembered for his gracious and easy going manner.

Our meetings this year featured presentations on The Bard John (Iain) Maclean, and the New Brunswick Scottish Cultural Association. New projects include an effort to begin collecting information on early Maclean settlers in Atlantic Canada. Finally we, thanks to Doug McLean, are preparing and selling CD's which reproduce early Maclean histories, as well as a pictorial CD of the Chief's visit. The first book reproduced is the "History of the Clan MacLean" by J.P. MacLean (1889), and the next will be Our "local" author the Reverend Alexander Maclean Sinclair and his "The Clan Gillean".

At our Annual General Meeting, we decided to set ourselves a number of new tasks for the upcoming year. These include reviewing and updating our Bylaws, drafting guidelines for future Founders Awards, reviewing the possibilities for Past Presidents pins and creating a Banner to carry at Highland Games, and other Scottish occasions.

Sl'ainte, *Ian MacLean*  
President

# New South Wales

Probably the most satisfying accomplishment of 2003 was the successful bid to merge and centralise the Clan Maclean Association in Australia and NSW Branch archives. This move should make it easier for researchers to access the records as well as having an all States and Territories spread of information on which to draw. NSW will continue to research material for the central archives and encourage members to do likewise, in particular their own family history. We look forward to working with the very experienced Marigold and Edwin Maclean who will be managing the central archives.

Through the year we have flown the flag at Highland Gatherings, at Parc Menai, Bundanoon (Brigadoon), Aberdeen, Toukley, Dapto (Wollongong), and Castle Hill (previously Drummoyn) and have had many members and others with the Maclean or Sept names sign their name in the visitors book.

We are grateful to the Scottish House Information and Cultural Centre for their assistance in overcoming some of our Public Indemnity insurance risk. We are able to attend gatherings in their tent and under their insurance cover.

Thanks to those members who volunteer to man our stall - in particular Ken and Gay Taylor, who between their many travel commitments were on hand at all venues other than Dapto. One of the benefits at these outings is in meeting and exchanging experiences and ideas with other clans and societies. During the year we had representation at the Burns Anniversary Supper; Scottish Week at the Annual Cairn Ceremony, The Kirkin o' the Tartan at St Stephen's Scots Church, Sydney and afterwards the march to the Domain and the festivities held there, we were represented at a number of Scottish House fund raising social activities and for the first time attended the Tartan Day event in Martin Place Sydney.

Archival and research activities kept us busy, with Ken and Gay Taylor attending two research training days at the Kiama Family Research Centre; Ian and Norma McLean representing at the Scottish House Genealogical research day at Bankstown; and Colin working as a volunteer, one day each month at Scottish House. We continued to add to our own archives throughout the year with accessions in family history, cemetery transcripts, electoral rolls, shipping records and services war records. Thank you to those many members who contributed.

Colin Sproule  
President.

## FRANCE

The French Association of the Clan, under the name of CLAN MACLEAN ASSOCIATION FRANCE, was founded officially on 20th December 2002 by incorporation under the laws of the Republic of France.

During 2003 we recruited 42 members, which include 10 children of under 18 years who pay no subscription. In that year we had a most successful gathering on a boat on the Seine, of which photographs were shown on the Clan's web site, when 41 clansfolk and friends attended. Our guests of honour were Robin and Fiona Maclean of Ardgour and Ian McLeod, founder of the Clan Macleod Association of France. We were entertained by the singer Michel McLean, piper Joe McLean and composer Bernard Maclain with his jazz band.

The other event in 2003 was the writer's pilgrimage to Tangiers to see the grave of the "Kaïd", Sir Harry Aubrey de Vere Maclean of Drimnin KCMG, at St. Andrew's Church and his impressive portrait at the EL Minzah Hotel.

Our Association plans to try to obtain more information on the Kaïd's work and life in Morocco.

For 2004 our Association's committee hopes to arrange events and they may be in conjunction with the Macleod Association and the newly formed Mackenzie one.

*Alan R.M. McLean, Paris.*

# London Letter

Our Jubilee Year, 2003, was crowned with the 50th anniversary Dinner held at the prestigious Caledonian Club in London on the 17th October. Over sixty members were honoured to have present with them the Chief, Sir Lachlan Maclean of Duart and Morvern Bt, CVO, DL and Lady Maclean, Elizabeth Lady Maclean, Malcolm Maclean the Younger and his wife Anna, and Emma the Maid of Morvern and her husband Giovanni Amati.

We were also very pleased to welcome Margaret Melliish, who had been at the Inaugural meeting of the London and District Branch (as it was then known) on the 2nd October 1953, and of course our own Donald H, and Isobel McLean from Inverness who were founder members of the Branch.

Overseas guests included, from Belgium, Alasdair and Fiona White whose uncle attended the Inaugural Meeting, Duncan Maclean - President of CMA California, Deborah Dufel from Connecticut attending her first Maclean function!, and Andrew and Elizabeth Maclean representing France.

A message of Congratulation was received from Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth and the Dinner commenced with Grace said by the Very Rev. Allan Maclean of Dochgarroch The evening was hosted by Peter Maclean - President of London and he welcomed and toasted the guests.

The Toast to the Clan Maclean Association of London was given by the Chief who, with Lady Maclean and Elizabeth Lady Maclean, has given wonderful support to us over the years. Nicolas Maclean of Pennycross CMG gave a very witty reply mentioning the story of the beginnings of the "Branch"

and the characters involved especially Patrick and Chris who kept London alive and really made our 50th possible. Patrick was unable to attend but messages of thanks and mementos were sent to him later.

Nicolas also toasted the CMIA and Duncan replied.

Our evening was beautifully closed by our piper, Roderick MacFadyen, who played a tune he had composed especially for Elizabeth Lady Maclean, a fitting tribute to our most loyal supporter. The Brigadier Fitzroy Maclean March, composed for Sir Fitzroy Maclean of Dunconnel, first President of London, was also played amongst other favourites.

A truly memorable evening so here's to the next 50 years!!!!!!!

Our Burns Supper on the 13th February was another special evening. Twenty seven clansmen and women led by Lady Elizabeth enjoyed a more informal evening than is usual for a Burns Supper!

Collectively we toasted The Immortal Memory by members reciting poetry and giving their thoughts on what Burns has given to us all. I had placed a red rose for all the ladies along with the poem "My Love is like a Red, Red Rose" at their setting - a reminder of the next day for our menfolk - St Valentines Day!! and Nigel Alington toasted the Lassies appropriately.

Thank you to all CMIA Presidents and members for your good wishes. I was to take over from Peter as President of London but have asked him to resume the position until a new one is elected as my husband and I will be returning to Australia early next year after living in London for 19 years. What a wonderful experience it has been, especially my involvement with the Clan. Peter is also leaving these shores for sunnier climes so we both wish everyone and especially London good luck for the future.

*Mary Wilson*



## Routes to Mull

Many visitors to Mull drive the 100 miles from Glasgow to the ferry port in Oban by the scenic road which skirts Loch Lomond. But there are two alternatives: The historic West Highland single-track railway connects the two locations and affords passengers excellent views of the rugged scenery. For those with much more time (and energy) the 95 mile "West Highland Way" is Scotland's first long-distance footpath. It starts in the Glasgow suburb of Milngavie and follows ancient routes used by cattle-drovers, horse-drawn coaches, even disused railways.

# New Zealand

The past year has been quite busy both within the Association and personally as Ian and I moved from our farmlet in Kaukapapa to a slightly smaller one near Mangahai.

Our season appears to begin in November with the Auckland Highland games, the Kirkin' o' the Tartan and St Andrew's Day. The first of those seemed to be bigger than ever and there was plenty help at our tent. We tried out the new map stands that were made for us and donated by Ranald Mclean. They are very successful. They'll stand up to any wind that may blow at events we go to. We still have some maps to be laminated, but the ones we had looked smart. Once more Stella Kent donated a children's raffle which raised \$100 for us.

The Kirkin' o' the Tartan service at St Andrew's church in Auckland had good support from the various clans, and like so many newish events is improving annually. Several members were there to represent us and our vice president Alasdair Maclean paraded the banner.

St Andrews day passes almost unnoticed in New Zealand unlike St Patrick's day. I wonder what can be done to spice things up. It was difficult to find any celebration to invite members to, although Ian and I had a great night at the Kaipara RSA where Ian addressed the haggis, and we led the dancers in The Gay Gordons and even managed half a Highland Schottische. Whew! Looks like we may have to consider holding our own celebration in future.

On New Year's day we were once more attending the Waipu Highland games in Northland. The weather couldn't have been better and

every-one seemed very happy. It's one event we look forward to. Last year we were represented by several members at events held by other clans. There is a good feeling of co-operation and fellowship among the Clan societies here.

By the time this goes to print we'll have had a presence at a special Scottish event being held in Howick. Apparently each year there is a big festival there with a different theme. This time it is a Scottish theme so the clans have been invited. I believe they expect thirty thousand people so I hope we manage to sign up a few new members. I won't be there myself as it clashes with the Turakina Games which Ian and I usually go to in Taranaki.

Later, in February we will attend the Paeroa Highland games and this year we intend staying over so that we can watch the tattoo as well. That will be a treat.

Membership of the Association is still growing but very slowly at the moment and sadly we have lost two or three of our older members. If things go to plan I intend to stand down at this year's AGM and hope also to find someone to take over as editor of our newsletter. Then perhaps I'll be able to do some recruiting instead.

I do hope that if any members from overseas plan to visit New Zealand they contact us in case we are able to assist in any way with their stay here. We enjoy meeting them. Meanwhile best wishes from all the members in New Zealand.

**Katrine McLean** (President)



**Waipu Games, 1st Jan.**  
*Andrew Hayward with George Bound from whom he acquired his pipes. Andrew won 3rd prize in the chanter competition.*

## "Puffers"

Small steam-engined cargo boats used to be the principal means of transport in Maclean territory - Western Scotland has 130 inhabited islands. The most famous puffer is the mythical "Vital Spark". It first appeared in 1905 in the Glasgow Evening News and author Neil Munroe then wrote a series of books detailing the humorous adventures of its crew, captained by Para Handy. These books were popular throughout the 20th century and to this day.

# CLAN MACLEAN ASSOCIATION IN AUSTRALIA INC.

Greetings from members of Clan Maclean Association in Australia to all other Clan Maclean Associations worldwide.

CMA in Australia holds two main functions each year in different parts of Victoria (or sometimes South Australia or N.S.W.). In 2003 our very well attended Chief's Birthday Banquet was held in May at Williamstown on the outskirts of Melbourne,

Victoria. This was the place where many Maclean families settled in the early days. In a ceremony in August the Hobsons Bay Council recognised the role of Macleans both past and present and, through Gordon McLean, presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the Clan Maclean Association. .

Our second function, held each year in November, combines the AGM with a Genealogy/Archives Day and this was preceded in 2003 by an informal dinner on the previous evening. Because this was the 20<sup>th</sup> AGM the events were all held at beautiful Halls Gap in the Grampian mountains where we return every fifth year for our AGM. Halls Gap turned on glorious weather for us and many came for an extended weekend to enjoy the company and the scenery. It was delightful to have seven members of our original CMAA Council present and to have the privilege of presenting them with a badge in recognition of their membership of the original council (see photo →).

At the AGM Marigold and Edwin gave us a summary of those twenty years and we remembered the energetic and sustained efforts of Ross Roper our founding President. Meetings held at Halls Gap are always a delight and it was especially pleasing to find well over 40 members had made the trip to Halls Gap for the weekend....a great opportunity to meet other members informally. It was pleasing also to welcome one new member from Central NSW who had joined as a result of Maclean net.

There were two changes in the CMAA Council. Members were sad to learn of the recent death of Audrey Morton, a long term and much valued member of our Council. The AGM also welcomed Ken McLean as he took on the new responsibility for taking minutes as well as organising the next Chief's Birthday Banquet.



The current CMAA Council

the memory of past times.

After the AGM Edwin Maclean was in evidence again at the computer, helping people to make genealogical connections or to enter their own family tree. There was an abundant display of photo albums of past events and other written resources to help people trace their tree or just browse and enjoy the memory of past times.

Fortunately for me, living in South Australia, our next Chief's Birthday Banquet (May 22 2004) will be held in the Barossa Valley north of Adelaide. This is famous as a winegrowing area and as a tourist resort which specialises in good foods and good wines (including those produced by Bob McLean at St Halletts wines Tanunda.). Our motel accommodation will be quite unique....each room consisting of a separate refitted railway carriage (ensuite) with luxurious appointments. 35 separate carriages should allow for a goodly number of McLean couples or singles and their friends. A bus trip is also being arranged for those who wish to see more of the Barossa and taste its fruits. On the Sunday we will worship together and celebrate the "Kirkin o' the Tartan".



Our AGM in November 2004 will be held in Harcourt, Central Victoria at the foot of the steep and rocky slopes of Mt Alexander where gold was discovered back in 1851. The city of Castlemaine, only a short distance away will provide much of historical interest to our members.

Jean

# California / Nevada

The Clan MacLean Association of California/Nevada had a Clan tent and representation at fourteen Highland Games and Gatherings during the past year. We will try and attend at least these same events this coming year.

It was our first time at the Highland Games at Las Vegas, Nevada. Roberta McClean-Weeks drove almost 500 miles to bring the tent and set it up.

President, Duncan MacLean flew in his kilt (sans sgian dhubh) from Reno to attend. At Reno airport due to the increased security, Duncan was asked to remove most of his clothing to be searched, left with only a kilt on he was given the once over with a metal detecting wand! Terrorists Beware!! Las Vegas resident Shannon MacLean and Chris Kerr were married at the Games in a colourful outdoor wedding.

Roberta has been a real trooper with the Clan tent driving all over to various games and events and setting it up. A BIG thank you to her.

Duncan and wife Elizabeth flew to San Diego for the Highland Games there and to visit with Tony McLean who takes care of the Clan tent in Southern California. Duncan has been promising his bride a vacation in Mexico for years. He took her across the border into Tijuana for lunch and some shopping and then back to San Diego for dinner. Good one Dunc!!!!

Mark and Teresa Myers are the new joint secretaries of the Association taking over from Susan McLean-Sylstra who had to step down because of health reasons. The Myers live with their two boys in Livermore, California.

One of the founding members of this Association, Hugh Lantz of Sparks, has to go into hospital for hip replacement and back surgery in March. We wish him well.



*Tony McLean, Elizabeth & Duncan MacLean in San Diego*

Member Craig MacLean and wife Cynthia live in the heart of California's wine country, Napa Valley where Craig is a winemaker with a newly established wine label of his own, "MACLEAN WINERY". The label has a

modified Maclean of Duart dress tartan stripe for the red wines and the hunting tartan for the white wines. He made his first cabernet sauvignon under his label in the fall of 2003 and it will be bottled in 2004, expecting six hundred cases.

We will have a wine tasting of this new MacLean product at the winery and a BBQ in Napa on March 20th.

President, Duncan MacLean will be stepping down at the AGM at Pleasanton, California in September. He has been on the front line since the inception of this Association in 1992 first as Secretary, then Vice-President and since 1996 it's President.



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cluded in the book. A short history of the clan's connection with piping has also been commissioned from the College of Piping.

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

c] the commemoration of notable Macleans in Canada, USA and Australia. We need to build up a database of suitable people and places to be commemorated, and Friends are encouraged to suggest names. [To the Secretary, in the first instance]

d] the flood lighting of the Medieval Maclean stones at Keils, so that the inscriptions can be read and appreciated.

e] Continued genealogical input, to be undertaken in conjunction with Maclean-net, with the assembly of verified and annotated genealogies.

Trustees: Colonel Donald MacLean, as President of the Clan Maclean Association, was ex-officio a trustee, and his successor Captain Marcus MacLean has now taken his place as a Trustee. However the Trust needed to retain the Colonel's interest in piping and he has been co-opted as a trustee. The Chief has nominated Iain MacLean in Nova Scotia as a Trustee, and Professor Ephraim McLean, Atlanta, USA has also been co-opted. Both are well known to the clan, attended the 2002 International Gathering, and their interest and connection recognises the clan's world-wide heritage.

The present Trustees are therefore now Allan Maclean of Dochgarroch [Chairman], the Chief, Capt. Marcus MacLean, Col. Donald MacLean [UK], Prof Ephraim McLean [USA], Mrs Fiona Maclean of Ardgour [UK], Ian MacLean [Canada] and Mrs Marigold Maclean [Australia].

*Allan Maclean of Dochgarroch, Chairman*

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## Editorial

As always we thank the Editors of all the Maclean Associations around the world for their contributions to this 7th edition of our joint Newsletter.

May we urge all our clansmen/women to take a camera to any event which might interest the rest of us? The advent of digital cameras and email makes it so easy to share photos - but prints and snail-mail still work!

Yours aye,

*Mary* (Los Angeles)  
*Donald H.* (London)

## Visiting Mull

Duart Castle is open to visitors from May to mid-October - its website is [www.duartcastle.com](http://www.duartcastle.com) and there is news of events there at [www.duartnews.com](http://www.duartnews.com). General information for anyone planning a visit to Mull is available at [www.maclean.org/mull.htm](http://www.maclean.org/mull.htm).



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together ...  
worldwide

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our leaders are now on the road to recovery, and, with their expertise, that they are both still lending their wisdom to us.

We all owe a special thank you to our Vice President, Claude Hicks, of Macon, Georgia, for taking on the extra duties for the two months prior to our Annual General Meeting (held 18 October, 2003 in Stone Mountain, Georgia), and for presiding over said meeting.

This leads us to our newly elected officers. For the next term, our first Past President, Kirk Lane, of Jefferson, Tennessee, again graciously accepted the post of President. Betsy McLean, of Raleigh, North Carolina was reelected as Secretary. Jim Waddell, of Knoxville, Tennessee, (last year's membership chair) was elected Treasurer. Kathy Waddell, also of Knoxville, Tennessee (and Jim's wife), is now our Membership Chair.

**We all look forward to the New Year when we, as a family, can prepare to gather again to celebrate our common heritage!**

*Betsy R. McLean,*  
Secretary

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