



The Pippings

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CVO, 28th Chief and 12th Baronet of Duart and Morvern

Clan MacLean at Grandfather Mountain

By Connie Mclean Sutton, CMAUS Treasurer

The Grandfather Mountain Highland Games were established in 1956 by Agnes MacRae Morton and Donald MacDonald. Their desire to recognize and honor their Scottish heritage 63 years ago has grown and prospered into one of the largest and most colorful Highland Games in the world.

This year was no exception. Clan MacLean Association in the United States was well represented. Betsy McLean, Convener set up a terrific home base for Clan MacLean. As customary, we have 2 tents to gather in. Our Business tent is a hubbub of activity, but the hospitality tent was just fun and laughter.

In attendance, we had our President, Dr Leslie McLean and his wife, Diana; Our Vice President, Nancy McLean Hendreschke and her husband Gene; and our Treasurer Connie McLean Sutton and her Husband Frank. Ian McLean from Wales came to Grandfather to attend his first ever Highland Games. We were able to show him our good ole Southern Hospitality and introduce him to some home-

made Pimento Cheese which he loved! Clan MacLean was busy all 4 days greeting and visiting with Macleans from all over.

Betsy put together a wonderful "Flowers of the Forest" for our beloved members we lost this year. Our former President, Robert S. McLean, and one of the fixtures at the Grandfather Games, Tom McLean will both be missed. Bob's wife Johnnie and family, and Tom's wife Ruth were all in attendance.

On Saturday night we had dinner at the Daniel Boone Inn. We had nearly 40 people enjoying the wonderful "Family Style" dinner.

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Betsy McLean and Jason Wamsley, GMHG July, 2019

(All GMHG Photos, courtesy Jason and Heather Wamsley, Jason Wamsley Photography.)

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Heather Wamsley and Betsy McLean get a photo with Actor Gary Lewis ("Colum MacKenzie", Outlander)



Clan MacLean Group Photo, Daniel Boone Inn, July 2019





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Connie Sutton sharing the new convener kits at the Clan MacLean dinner, Daniel Boone Inn, July 2019

Clan MacLean Convener Kits Include:

- 1 Clan Crest Parade Banner
- 8' Vinyl Tent Banner & Rope
- 11"x17" Septs of Clan MacLean Sign
- Hunting Tartan Flag & Table Runner
- 50 Duart Restoration Brochures
- "Tartan For Me" Book
- 14 laminated photos of the Chief, Castle Duart and the Clan Tartans
- Binder of forms & documents
- Clan MacLean Badge Stamp

Kits to Support New Conveners

By Anne Redding, Editor, *The Pippings*

Last September, with much encouragement from CMAUS President Les McLean, I convened my first MacLean tent at the Virginia Scottish Games.

I was worried about what to bring and how to make our tent feel like "home". I didn't want to sit at an empty table all weekend! With some great tips from Les and Connie and the whole executive committee, I pulled together a great presentation table – but it was a lot of work and I was still missing some key elements like a parade banner and other items that are difficult for the average person to assemble.

Earlier this year, our treasurer, Connie Sutton, began working on some start up kits designed for new conveners. The kits include everything you need for your first tent – copies of pictures and articles on MacLean history, samples of the MacLean Tartans which everyone loves to see – and even a homemade parade banner to represent the clan during the opening

Ceremonies at most highland games events.

"We hope these kits will encourage new conveners and make it easy to get started," says Connie.

"Most convener expenses (such as table and tent rentals) are reimbursed by the clan – all you have to do is register and request a convener kit!"

The kits are intended to be used and returned, or passed on to the next convener. CMAUS has currently sponsored three new convener kits which are already out on loan for upcoming games.

"We are hoping to develop a new convener page on the website where conveners can print documents, see upcoming games schedules and reserve the start up kits online," said Connie.

Until then, you can contact Connie at (treasurer@maclean.us.org) to reserve your kit and get started. Happy convening!

Summer Announcements & Events

- **JOIN US: 2019 CMAUS Annual General Meeting** to be held at the Richmond Highland Games on October 26-27, 2019 (<http://vacelticfestival.com>). A Clan Dinner will be organized for the evening of October 26. RSVP to Les McLean (les8445@aol.com)
- **UPCOMING GAMES & EVENTS:**
 - August 24 – Long Island Scottish Festival and Games - Old Westbury, NY (<http://www.liscots.org>)
 - August 31-Sept 1 – Virginia Scottish Games, The Plains, VA (<http://vascottishgames.org/>)
 - August 31-Sept 1 – McLain Celtic Festival, Carlisle, PA (<https://heritagefest.historicalociety.com/>)
 - August 31-Sept 1 – Capitol District Scottish Games, Altamont, NY (<https://scotgames.com>)
 - Sept 5-8 – Longs Peak Scottish-Irish Festival, Estes Park, CO (<http://www.scotfest.com>)
 - Sept 7-8 – Mid Tennessee Highland Games, Nashville, TN (<https://www.midtenngames.com/>)
 - Sept 14-15 – Niagra Celtic Heritage Festival, Lockport, NY (<http://www.niagaraceltic.com/>)
 - Sept 27-29 – Celtic Classic Highland Games & Festival, Bethlehem, PA (<http://www.celticfest.org/>)
 - Oct 5 – Scotland County Highland Games, Laurinburg, NC (<http://www.carolina-highlandgames.com/>)



Kern County Games, April 2019

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CMAUS Presidential Pen

By Dr. Les McLean, CMAUS President

While we are having another heat wave, I sit back and remember being at Grandfather Mountain sleeping in the 60° night, windows open, listening to the last thunderstorm's waters cascade over the rocks in the stream behind the cottage. For all of us it was a great trip. 120 Clans attended. Ian McLean, in Cardiff Wales, saw the event announcement online and flew over here to his first Highland games. Good friends came from the far west, the deep south, and the Northeast. We hosted 40 MacLeans for dinner. We spoke to Mark Myers, CMIA and CMA CA President, by phone during the feast. What fun. The AGM will be hosted there next year!

This year we will hold the Annual General Meeting at the Richmond Games on October 26th. A clan dinner will be planned and I encourage everyone to attend if you are able.

We have a goal this year to expand our presence to several more games. If you have any interest in convening a tent call Connie Sutton, or me. We have great new convener's kits - all we need is you. We are particularly interested in games in New York and New England, Chicago and the midwest, the southwest, as well as Florida.

Have fun, enjoy the family. See you at the games. So glad I'm a Maclean!

Grandfather Mountain (Continued from cover)

Tom McLean had left a bottle of Jura Scotch with Ruth, asking her to pass it along to his clan members to have a toast for him. We toasted Tom and Bob with a heartfelt thank you for their service. They will be missed.

On Sunday, the Parade of Tartans is the highlight. We were honored to have our newest little MacLean march with us. Past President Kirk Lane has a new granddaughter! His Son Stoney and wife Joelene now have 3 beautiful children, and we had the whole family marching. We had a terrific group of MacLeans carrying weapons and flags who proudly shouted "Another for Hector" at the reviewing stand. Jason Wamsley represented us by carrying the MacLean Banner for the GMHG procession. It is always touching to see all of the banners from all of the clans in attendance marching in unison around the parade grounds.

We now must wait another whole year for



Joelene Goff Lane and daughter visit the Clan MacLean tent, GMHG 2019

the 64th Grandfather Mountain Highland Games to be held July 9-12, 2020 at MacRae Meadow on Grandfather Mountain. We hope to see you there!

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Flowers of the Forest: Kenneth A. McClen

Jan 14, 1944 – Mar 26, 2019 (Age 75)
Harwinton, Connecticut

Ken McClen was a founding member of the St. Andrews Society of Connecticut, he held many offices and chaired committees. He was a member of numerous genealogical and historical organizations, and a lifetime member of CMAUS. He will be missed.

Another for Hector!

Do you know a family member interested in joining the Clan? Invite them to visit:

<https://maclean.us.org/membership/application>

Need to renew your membership? Visit:

<https://maclean.us.org/membership/renew>

Thank you for your continued membership and commitment to keeping our Clan active!

The Duart Appeal

Since 2012, when the Chief first issued the Duart Restoration Appeal, MacLeans and supporters around the world have contributed to the massive undertaking. The Duart Restoration Appeal has reported that donations from CMAUS states reached £361,789 in 2018, including £1,985 in donations directly from CMAUS members. (Due to a quirk of the donation system, unless you specify you are a CMAUS member it does not count toward the organizational total). Let's see if we can improve that number for 2019!

How to Donate:

Visit www.duartappeal.org for details on donation and sponsorship levels. U.S. donors may make **tax-deductible donations** in USD online using PayPal via the website or by check made payable to **Clan Maclean Association – California** (mail to: 748 South Meadows Parkway, Suite A9, P. M. Box 144, Reno, NV 89521), which is a non-profit Section 501 (c)(3) corporation supporting Scottish cultural outreach. On the check Memo line note "CMAUS Member - Duart Appeal".



Chief Sir Lachlan MacLean, Clan MacLean

