



# The Pipings

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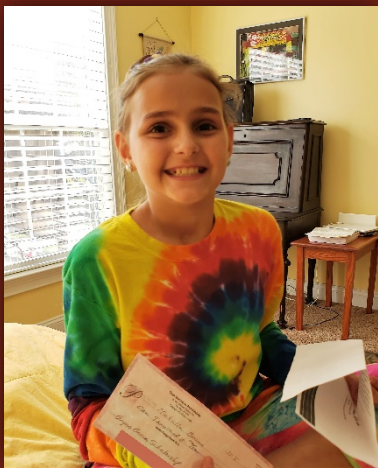
## AGM at the Richmond Highland Games

*By Anne Redding, Editor, The Pipings*

The Clan MacLean Executive Committee and other members gathered at the Richmond Games on October 26, 2019 for the Annual General Meeting.

The meeting was conducted in the clan tent convened by Connie McLean Sutton. The executive committee delivered their annual reports and a few new matters were brought to a vote by CMAUS President Les McLean.

Most notably, the Clan voted unanimously to award a \$1,000 highland dance scholarship to Brynn Brown, based on her outstanding application and merit. Additionally, the establishment of appreciation proclamation awards and a \$1,000 donation to the Duart Appeal in honor of former CMAUS President Bob McLean, were also approved.



*Brynn Brown, 2019 Clan MacLean Highland Dance Scholarship Recipient.*

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*Clan MacLean, Annual General Meeting, Richmond Games, October 2019*



*Clan MacLean Dinner, Richmond, VA, October 2019*



*Clan MacLean Weapons Display at Richmond Games*

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## Brynn Brown, Scholarship Winner



Brynn visits Doug, Adam and Mary Sue Wyatt at the Clan MacLean tent at Grandfather Mountain Games.

Brynn Brown is a fifth grader at East Aiken School of the Arts in Aiken, South Carolina. Brynn comes from a family deeply rooted in Scottish culture and has been dancing since 2015.

After relocating to Aiken in June 2016, her family knew nobody in the local Scottish community. They looked for local organizations and events so Brynn could perform. Brynn began dancing locally in nursing homes with a local bagpiper. Then at a St Andrew's Day, Burns Supper they met Mary Sue, Doug and Adam Wyatt who are always there to cheer her on at local competitions.

"Since we had no family here," said Brynn's mom, Michelle, "it was so awesome that these kind people would step into that role and become our Scottish family! They are truly the kindest folk we have ever met and thanks to them, we now know more MacLeans and look forward to going to all the MacLean tents to meet the convenors!"



Dear Clan MacLean,  
I was super shocked when I got your huge scholarship! I couldn't believe my eyes! Thank you so much for choosing me for your scholarship. I'm going to use it towards my new Bonnie Skye tartan full kilt outfit for Premier. I'm in physical therapy still but I can't wait to get started on dance again. I'm planning on going to the Ohio Scottish dance camp in June. I look forward to seeing you at the games.  
Warmly,  
Brynn Brown

In March, Brynn started dancing in the Intermediate category, earning three trophies out of the four competitions that she attended. She is close to moving up to Premier, but in September, she was diagnosed with bilateral and extensor tendonitis. She has been doing physical therapy two times a week. This has delayed her competition schedule. She is expected to resume dancing by January 2020. Her goal is to compete in the Southeast Regionals and qualify in the top three to go to Nationals in July of 2020.

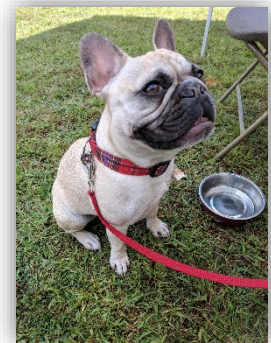
"This scholarship is such a blessing for us – Thank you all so much!"

## Winter Announcements & Events

### • UPCOMING GAMES & EVENTS:

- Dec 7, 2019 – The Scottish Christmas Walk Parade – Old Town Alexandria, VA (<http://www.campaigncenter.org/scottishweekend/parade>)
- Jan 18-19, 2020 – Central Florida Highland Games, Winter Springs, FL (<https://www.flascot.com/>)
- Feb 1, 2020 – Sarasota Highland Games, Sarasota, FL (<http://www.sarasotahighlandgames.com/>)
- Feb 29, 2020 – NE Florida Highland Games, Green Cove Springs, FL (<http://www.neflgames.com>)
- April 4, 2020 – Dunedin Highland Games, Dunedin, FL (<http://www.dunedinhighlandgames.com/>)

- **JOIN US: April 4, 2020 - New York Tartan Day Parade** A Clan Dinner will be organized for the evening of April 3rd. **RSVP** to Les McLean ([les8445@aol.com](mailto:les8445@aol.com))



Piper Rankin – Star of the Ligonier Highland Games, 2019

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## CMAUS Presidential Pen

By Dr. Les McLean, CMAUS President

This is time for reflection and thanksgiving, and we have so much to be thankful for. Thinking about the events of this past season, Clan Maclean had so many good members hosting and convening together in tents. Forty Macleans met and enjoyed great family food at Grandfather Mountain and phenomenal soul food in Richmond, VA. We displayed an impressive medieval weapons display which Larry Hampton kept in perfect condition. Connie McLean's pimento cheese continues to be legendary, as are her sewing skills.

Anne Redding produced several award-worthy newsletters and facile Jennifer McLean became our new Secretary. Nancy and Gene Hendreschke bravely hosted a beautiful Maclean tent in Colorado despite

adverse conditions and Patrick Maclean accepted leadership in that region. Several unheralded Macleans, which we will recognize in a later article, hosted tents in the Southeast, New England and Pennsylvania. Our expansion efforts gained momentum with new tents in Oklahoma and Texas. We were able to make another association donation to the Castle renovation and award a scholarship to a rising Highland dancer.

So, as I sat in the MacLean tent at the Richmond Games, wrapped in a tartan blanket on a windy, drizzling Sunday morning, surrounded by good friends preparing for the day, I felt great pride. As the poem declares, "Thank God I am a MacLean."

## New Clan Secretary Jennifer McLean

Hello MacLean Association members! My name is Jennifer McLean and I live in Raleigh, North Carolina. In June 2011, my dad (Jerry McLean) and I traveled all over Scotland. My favorite, of course, was the Isle of Mull and Duart Castle! I instantly fell in love with the castle and all things Scottish! Several years later, I spent one long weekend going through the genealogy history of my McLean family. I have learned so much after researching and visiting cemeteries in and around Harnett County, North Carolina. I was very excited the day I found the marker in the Summerville Presbyterian Church cemetery that read: "In memory of Hugh McLean and his wife Margaret McArthur of Jura, Scotland who came to America in 1749." It's beyond amazing that over 10 generations of my family have been in North Carolina! Genealogy is definitely now a hobby of mine!



I'm proud of my Scottish heritage and enjoy attending the Highland games. Grandfather Mountain Games is my favorite summer vacation. I've met some wonderful folks who are as proud of their Scottish heritage as I am. I am thrilled to be serving as secretary for Clan MacLean!

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Clan Maclean Association of Scotland is in the initial planning phases of the 2022 International Clan Maclean Gathering at Duart, and we hope you will be able to attend this monumental event. Events are being scheduled for the week of **June 19-26, 2022**.

The Appeal is organizing a reception for Guardian level donors and above to meet the Chief and his family at Duart Castle during the Gathering week. It would be an honor for you to attend this event as a Guardian level or above donor. **With a donation of £200.00 or above, you can become a Duart Castle Guardian!**

## 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

This year consider supporting the Duart Castle Restoration Appeal for your end of year, US tax-deductible gift. This is a gift that will last for generations to come!

Phase 6 is currently underway at a cost of £487,000 (funded by HES £194,000, Chief's family £50,000 and the Appeal £243,000). The Appeal is now raising funds in an effort to commit £175,000 toward the total cost of Phase 7 to finish by April 2021. Before the completion of Phase 7, HES will be approached for financial support to repair the walkway and the remaining walls over Phases 8, 9 & 10.

### How to Donate:

Visit [www.duartappeal.org](http://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

