

## TURNBULL CLAN ASSOCIATION

### NEWSLETTER

The TURNBULL CLAN ASSOCIATION celebrates it's third birthday in May. The U. S. Branch is just 8 months old. The response shown to both our parent organization and the U. S. Branch shows we have all hungered for its creation.

The parent organization is now a toddler and the U. S. Branch is learning to stand. With the good wishes, help, support and guidance from various members the U. S. cousins have had two Gatherings, sponsored tents at the Capital District Scottish Games and the Highland Games at Dunedin, Florida, beat the bushes for new members and managed to get on a few mailing lists bringing invitations to participate in Scottish affairs. Doors which once were closed are now slowly opening. Thanks to one and all for making our collective dream come true.

### ANNOUNCEMENT

"The 26th Capital District Scottish Games will be held on Saturday, August 30th, in Altamont, NY. Altamont is in the shadow of the Helderberg Mts., southwest of Albany and southeast of Schenectady. The Turnbulls had a small booth there last year and hope for a larger, more conspicuous one this year. It was a delightful experience being there last year, topped off by meeting Fred and Nancy Turnbull from Scotia, NY. I will again be manning the booth in hopes of meeting some more (new) members and interested people this year. The small samples of our tartan were a big hit and the center of much interest last year. I will gladly try to forward any information to any of our "family" who may want to plan for a visit to the historic Albany area; Rev. William D. Turnbull, 316 Congress Street, Troy, New York 12180."

Bill has sent us the above announcement and we encourage all in the area or planning a vacation trip at that time to please plan to attend. Don't forget to bring ancestral pictures and history for show and tell.

We are sorry that there wasn't time to get a Newsletter out for the Dunedin Games. Jack Turnbull of Clearwater, Florida volunteered to sponsor a tent at those events. We haven't had a report from Jack but we hope he found it to be a rewarding experience.

Our Membership Directory was requested, and used for a mailing concerning the Grandfather Mountain Games, Linville, North Carolina, July 12-13th. The Association will not have a tent there, however, this is considered to be the epitome of Games along with the Stone Mountain Games in Stone Mountain, Georgia, Oct. 17-19th. The invitation to have a tent at Grandfather Mtn. came after other plans had been made but it is something to think about in the future.

The Annual Tidewater, Virginia Scottish Highland Games, Virginia Beach, Virginia will be held on May 17th.

Mrs. Jessie Blystone of Hayes, Virginia has volunteered to display some of our Clan items and pass out some Membership Applications at the Williamsburg Festival June 28th.

Have just learned that August 9th is the date for the Rocky Mountain Games, Golden, Colorado, the site of our first Gathering last year. Trust that some of our Colorado cousins will represent us this year.

There are scores of other Games throughout the U. S. this summer, if there are any in your vicinity additional information may be obtained by contacting the sponsors.

Our Clan Secretary, Mike, has obtained a flyer regarding the 1981 INTERNATIONAL GATHERING SCOTLAND. Further information may be obtained by writing James S. Adam, International Gathering Scotland 1981, 2 Coates Crescent, Edinburgh 2 Scotland. If you have a British Tourist Authority nearby, a call, or letter, could supply the same information. We have not heard anything from John, Hawick, in this regard but some of us would like to take this opportunity to go over to Scotland to participate. We will keep on top of this and as things develop will keep our members posted. MEANWHILE, START SAVING.

Velle, Denver, Colorado, took the minutes of our first official meeting in Golden last August. They are attached to the Newsletter as being newsworthy, they answer some of the questions we are often asked and they show the feelings of a very representative number of the members. Velle also helped us man the tent that day. Thanks Velle.

There were so few of us at Orlando, no formal minutes were taken. The minutes of the Golden meeting were read and commented upon. All seemed to be in agreement with the business discussed at Golden.

FUND RAISERS: Turnbull Ballad, suitable for framing, Old English Script, \$2.00 incl. postage.

Crest patches, navy sanforized background, blazer pocket size, belt and buckle design, motto "I Saved the King", TURNBULL, \$5.00 incl. postage. Order from Dottie Berk.

Bob, Virginia Beach, Virginia, and I have been trying to get some quotes on cap badges, kilt pins, pendants, rings, etc., with Turnbull Crest, in a less expensive metal than sterling silver. We have been pursuing this venture since November and still trying to get answers. Being a "lesser Clan", all of our materials have to be custom made. This involves an artists rendition, die or mold, bulk orders, shipping and lots of patience. We would be most happy if they would just answer our letters of inquiry.

The U. S. Branch is endeavoring to seek only those items not currently being offered by the Council in Scotland. If you have any thoughts or ideas on other items you would like us to pursue, we shall be happy to look into the matter.

DUES: John has written that the Council will be sending a new format for dues, 1980-81. With postage going up again during that period it may be hard to hold the line. We are counting on the sale of our fund raisers to help with the dues and also to amortize the manufacture of some of the other articles suggested at the Golden meeting. We promise to be as frugal as possible without giving up quality.

SIGN-BANNER: Clan now has both, only to find that some Games now require a Tartan flag, as per Orlando and Grandfather. The flags are used for the Clan Parades and also the Kirking O the Tartan ceremonies. Will have to purchase the makings from Council in Scotland.

NEWS ABOUT OUR MEMBERS: Andy & Mable, Potosi, Mo., now have three generations of their family enrolled as members in the Turnbull Clan Association. Andy has also been one of our biggest boosters and recruiters.

Le Roy, Lake Elmo, Minnesota sent us a snap of the new addition to his house, it is a Turning-Bull weather vane, quite lovely. Should be a conversation piece.

Tom, Gages Lake, Illinois, received the Freedom of Berwick (on Tweed), an honor which is handed down thru Tom's family. Congratulations.

GENEALOGICAL FILES: The Association requests that you please send us copies of anything you have on your family research. Without it we can't help you or others to find missing data.

AUGUST 12, 1979

MINUTES OF THE FIRST OFFICIAL MEETING OF THE TURNBULL CLAN ASSOCIATION

Meeting held at Holiday Inn West, Golden, Colorado; 3:00 P.M.

There were 12 in attendance: Mr. & Mrs. Bill Berk, Mt. Prospect, Illinois; Mr. & Mrs. Morris W. Turnbull, Denver, Colorado; Mr. & Mrs. LeRoy E. Turnbull, Lake Elmo, Minnesota; Mr. & Mrs. Andy Turnbull, Potosi, Missouri; Mr. & Mrs. William N. Turnbull Jr., Denver, Colorado; and Mr. & Mrs. Floyd Kennon, Potosi, Missouri.

We were all very pleased with the Turnbull turnout at the 16th Annual Scottish Highland Games in Golden, Colorado. In fact, our first gathering, compared to the older more established clans that were in attendance, was really spectacular. (Our attendance: Denver 24, Seattle 2, Missouri 4, New York 1, Minnesota 6, Montana 1, California 2, Illinois 2 and 1 from Boulder, Colorado but did not get the name.)

FUND  
RAISERS

It was determined that fund raisers are needed and the following were discussed and approved: Patches, washable & dress (Wm. Turnbull design?)

Jiggers  
Ballads  
Belt Buckles  
Bull Weathervane  
Kilt Crests  
Rings

Also proposed and approved that fund raisers should be sold with a 10% markup to be used to help finance the Clan Organization. (Bill & Dottie Berk have been using their own money to this date.)

DUES

It was proposed and approved that dues for the year 1980-81 should be \$15.00 as a combined membership, \$5.00 to Scotland Clan and \$10.00 to the U.S. Clan, rather than sending two separate remittances.

REVISE  
PATCHES

Proposed and approved that patches be revised, with only one bull on it per #263750, black sanforized background, blazer pocket size, with belt and buckle motto "I Saved The King", Turnbull name and scroll.

SIGN  
BANNER

After reviewing our display at the Highland Games in Denver, August 11, 1979, the conclusion was we need to add more to it. (Need more items to sell, as found we would like to purchase items at the booth to take home rather than to order them.)

Also, we need a professional looking sign and a banner.  
Also, we will use "TURNBULL CLAN" rather than "CLAN TURNBULL".

There are other games and gatherings around the country coming up and if at all possible we hope to have representation at some of these. Rev. William D. Turnbull perhaps will be able to attend the one in New York, and Bill and Dottie Berk may try for the one in Florida in January.

The Denver Turnbull's volunteered to take care of representing the Clan at the Highland Games in Colorado in 1980, and offering assistance to St. Andrews Society. Also, will do their best to provide special attention and help to all the Turnbulls attending.

Closed Meeting at 4:30 P.M.

*W. D. Turnbull*