

# THE BULL'S EYE BULL - E - T I N

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## INTERNATIONAL GATHERING OF THE CLAN - HAWICK, SCOTLAND

For those off to Bonnie Scotland in May we wish you HAPPY LANDINGS AND A SAFE JOURNEY. Collect lots of happy memories.

We have not received any further details from Hawick as to the program for the weekend of May 22-24, 1981, but we are confident it will be one everybody will enjoy. John has asked me to inform all those planning to attend to please drop him a line so he will have some sort of count for their plans.

Hawick does not have a lot of hotel rooms. If help is needed in finding rooms in Hawick or some of the nearby towns, perhaps John can advise.

All travel agents have books with overseas hotel listings. One of the problems is communication, it takes some time to get letters answered and back and forth.

This is by no means a commercial, but if you are fortunate enough to have a Cook's Travel Office near you, they do have a direct line to their offices in Scotland and can get you information and confirmation for hotels over there much quicker.

## ORLANDO GATHERING

Our Gathering in Orlando was very disappointing. Between the weather and the Bangkok flu it was a flop from a membership participation standpoint.

It was so cold that the ice had to be scraped off the car before we left the hotel that morning. Arrived at the field to find our tent, along with others, had been blown down and put up several times the day before. Before the day ended the tent had blown down and been put up about 6 or 7 times. It was so cold and windy, no one was comfortable. We piled on all the sweaters and jackets we were fortunate enough to have with us in the car. We looked like refugees from the local thrift shop.

The Opening Ceremonies this year included the Kirkin' O' The Tartan, it was very beautiful and inspiring. Your Clan had a flag for the Parade and it was blessed at the Kirkin, so all was not lost.

We had several membership inquiries and that is one of the purposes of having a tent at the Games -- to recruit new members and to pass along the word that our Clan is now active.

## OTHER GAMES AND DATES

We have received notices and invitations to the Games listed. We do not anticipate having a tent at any of them this year, but they are under consideration for the future. If you live close by or will be travelling in any of these areas at the time, stop by for a fun filled day of Scottish heritage events and food.

April 2-11 - Scottish Festival, Norfolk, Va., Contact: Dr. Charles Haws, Director of the Institute of Scottish Studies at Old Dominion University.

April 11 - Jacksonville Highland Games, Jacksonville, Florida - Contact: St. Andrews Society of Jacksonville, P. O. Box 2105, Jacksonville, Florida 32203.

June 27 - Ohio Scottish Games, at the College of Wooster, Ohio - Contact: The Ohio Scottish Games, 4813 Behrwald Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44144, Attention: M. J. Fischbach.

July 11-12 - Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, Linville, North Carolina, Contact: Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, Linville, North Carolina 28646.

TURNBULL REUNION - June 21-28, Standing Stone State Park, Tennessee

We have received a very special invitation from one of our members, Frank Johnson Turnbull. "A Turnbull Reunion will be held June 21 to June 28, at Standing Stone State Park near Livingston, Tennessee. We hope to beat last summer's record of 47 here for the whole week. We have a group of fourteen log cabins and tents. This branch of the Clan are children, grandchildren and great grandchildren of David Russell Turnbull and Ruth Johnson Turnbull. We send greetings to the whole Clan. May the Dear Lord bless you. A warm welcome awaits you at this Gathering. The Clan is rising, in all the earth." Contact: Frank Johnson Turnbull, RD 1, Palestine, West Virginia 26160.

#### SCOTTISH LOWLAND CLANS & FAMILIES SOCIETY

They will sponsor the Bannockburn Gala and Grand Ball on June 20th, on board the Queen Mary in the Grand Salon. The Ball will be conducted in the old fashioned manner with all the trimmings of yesteryear. We have the Salon lavishly decorated with the Coat-of-Arms shield of many of the Lowland Clans and Families, the Highland Clans, the flags and banners of all the Consuls representing the nations historically attached to Scotland and our own nation, music by the famous Scottish-American dance orchestra - Jack Rennie and his "Thistle Band", Highland Dancing by Shampion Dancers, Music Hall performers, Gaelic Singers - altogether an evening you will long remember. For further information contact: Scottish Lowland Clans & Families Society of North America, Inc., 35 South Encino Road, South Laguna, California 92677.

Also ask about the classes for Scottish Country Dancing.

#### NEWS FROM THE LAND DOWN UNDER - AUSTRALIA

We have received a couple of letters enclosing the Newsletter that Jim Turnbull has been sending to his members. In the short time we have been exchanging notes and thoughts it is interesting to note that we share some of the same problems.

Jim planned to have a tent at the Highland Games in Sydney on January 1st. We regret that we did not get a letter off to him wishing him Good Luck. We hope they had a nice summer day and a good attendance.

We are looking forward to meeting with Jim in Hawick. It is hoped that we can set up an Inquiry Section in each of our Newsletters, on a reciprocal basis. The Australian Branch now has over 150 members and is looking into starting up a Branch in New Zealand. We extend our Congratulations and Best Wishes to Jim for a wonderful job.

#### MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL NOTICES

Dual membership dues, U.S.A. and Scotland will be due and payable on an annual basis every January. This is our first appeal for dues since our founding in 1979. We think all will agree that the dual membership is a great convenience.

We have enrolled 15 new members, we wish them a hearty welcome. Their names and addresses, along with those members from John's list will be issued for attachment to our membership directory soon.

Our attention has been called to a number of errors, duplicates etc. contained in the membership list from Hawick. We have noted these changes and they will be forwarded to John for his records.

#### ROSEDOWN PLANTATION

On our way home from Orlando we paid a visit to Rosedown Plantation, St. Francisville, Louisiana. We had the wonderful good fortune of meeting Mrs. Molly Kendrick at the Tourist Bureau who arranged for us to meet one of the Turnbull descendants of the Turnbells of Rosedown. We enjoyed a delightful visit with Mrs. M. Bowman Fort, exchanging tidbits on the Turnbells and viewing some lovely pictures.

A book on the history of Rosedown was purchased for presentation to the Clan archives in Hawick.

If your travels take you in tht direction be sure to stop and visit Rosedown and Catalpa Plantations. If you can extend your time in the area, there are other very historical and interesting homes to view. The spring and summer would be a riot of color with all the flowers in bloom.

Till next we meet on these pages, "May you have.....

Enough Happiness to keep you sweet  
Enough Trials to keep you strong -  
Enough Sorrows to keep you human  
Enough Hope to keep you happy --  
Enough Failure to keep you humble  
Enough Success to keep you eager --  
Enough Friends to give you comfort  
Enough Wealth to meet your needs --  
Enough Enthusiasm to look forward  
Enough Faith to banish depression--  
Enough Determination to make each day a better day than yesterday."