



The Bull's Eye

The Official Newsletter
of Clan Turnbull

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Dorothy Turnbull Berk, *Convener Emeritus*



You are holding the first issue of the newly revamped Clan Turnbull newsletter. Tell us what you think! Write to: John Turnbull, 46-26 81st Street, Elmhurst, NY 11373-3117. We look forward to hearing from you!

Survey Results

In light of Dorothy Turnbull Berk's decision to step down, a survey form was sent to each of our 147 members on May 1, 1998, in order to take stock of what members expect and what direction we should take as we head toward the new millennium. We received a total of 47 replies, which is slightly less than one third of the membership. Statistically, such a response is considered highly indicative of the opinions of the entire membership.

The results of the quantifiable data are as follows:

The Two Major Questions:

- 1- What Is Important To You
- 2- How Should Clan Funds Be Used

Below is a matrix of those results.

	Genealogy	Newsletter	Tents	Web Site
Importance	41.90%	36.00%	22.10%	N/A
Funding	N/A	52.20%	29.30%	18.5%

Thus, genealogy is clearly the greatest interest of the members, and a clear majority of the membership feels that the Newsletter should receive the most funding in order to serve that interest. While the newsletter cannot, as a practical matter, directly address the individual member's interest in genealogy, it can serve to guide the member in the right direction in his or her area of interest. Other resources which we mean to explore, mentioned below, may be of greater assistance in tracing individual genealogy.

The Clan Turnbull Newsletter

Many of you have indicated that the newsletter is the most important aspect of membership in the Turnbull Clan Association. The information that was requested included the following:

1. Genealogical information
2. Information about the History of Clan Turnbull
3. Current events about Clan Turnbull both nationally and internationally.
4. Information from members who have traveled to areas of interest to the Clan membership and reports on what may be of interest regarding Clan Turnbull and its membership.
5. Biographical sketches of members

Future issues of this newsletter will focus on all of these topics. If you have a story or article which you wish to contribute, or know of an upcoming event, which you believe will be of interest to the membership as a whole, please submit it to John Turnbull, 46-26 81st Street, Elmhurst, NY 11373-3117.

Clan Tents

The importance of Tents at games, and the funding of same, was clearly in third place in relation to the other two activities of the Clan. However, many members, while not interested in attending such events, felt that the Clan should nonetheless be represented at the Games.

As to whether the tent should be a National or Regional expense, the results were:

- 20 % of those responding to this question felt that it should be a national expense.
- 35 % felt that it should be a regional expense.
- 45 % felt that there should be a combination of national and regional funding. Of those falling in this category,
 - 62.22% felt the regional group should bear the bulk of the expense, while
 - 36.67% felt the majority of the funding should come from the national level.

The costs of these games may be quite different based upon size and location.

Web Sites

The Clan website provides easy access to genealogical information and updates on current membership activities. Corey Turnbull, of Smith Falls, Ontario, began it as a labor of love some time ago, and it has blossomed into an enormous website chock full of information and articles of interest. His website currently offers the following pages:

Corey has also agreed to be the contact person for Turnbells living in Canada who wish to join.

Membership

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How Did You Find Out About Clan Turnbull?

There were 24 replies to this question, as most people could not recall how they found out about the Clan Turnbull Association. Of the 24 replies the results were:

Through a Magazine or Newsletter Advertisement	12	50%
From a relative or a friend	8	33.3%
From a Clan Tent at one of the Highland Games	2	8.3%
Other - details not given	2	8.3%

Clearly, it is important to continue the advertisements. In addition, we are considering other methods for bringing the Association to the attention of potential members. As always, word-of-mouth is one of the best ways to introduce Turnbells to the benefits of Association membership. Your help in this endeavor is vital. Spread the word!

Terms Of Office

Because we are currently in a state of transition, we have not yet settled on exactly what form our organization will ultimately take, and therefore on what officers we will have and what their duties will be. Of those responding to this question, however, the suggested terms of office for the President, VP, Treasurer and Secretary ranged from 1 year to 5 years, with an average of 2.4 years. There was no mention of a restriction on re-election of the same person to the same office.

As to the immediate future, we are exploring the various organizational structures available to us, and the advantages and disadvantages of each. In the meantime we are prevailing upon members who have previously run clan tents or been otherwise active in the Association to become regional leaders to coordinate local events. The following members have agreed to assume leadership responsibility as follows:

Quartermaster - Bill Turnbull

Bill is the West Coast (California) area coordinator for Clan Turnbull, and has also assumed merchandising responsibilities: he has already printed up two types of tee shirts which may be available to members. He is also looking for other items which may be of interest to Clan Turnbull.

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Membership Secretary - Pat Turnbull Felmar

Pat is originally from Great Britain, and is the first Turnbull of her line to set foot on American soil. It was she who tabulated the results of the survey and who has shown an interest in maintaining the membership lists. Her son Mike is our recruiting coordinator and legal counsel.

Archivist - Mark Turnbull

Mark has a considerable amount of Turnbull material, and he is now in process of cataloging such information for use by members as a reference. While the items are his own property, the access to the information is available to all.

Mark welcomes any inquiry or assistance in securing general information about the Turnbull Family History or other related matters.

He is also the New England area coordinator for Clan Turnbull Society.

Other Area Coordinators

As indicated above, there have been in the past other Turnbolls who have demonstrated a more than minimal effort in their membership in Turnbull Clan Association, by running tents at the various games.

To date the following members have indicated their willingness to serve as area coordinator:

Mike Turnbull -Scotia NY for New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

Jeannette Pepin Elk River MN for the North Midwest.

If you are interested in serving as a regional coordinator, please contact John Turnbull, 46-26 81st Street, Elmhurst, NY 11373-3117, or call John at (718) 446-0911.

Based upon the location of the membership, there will be a greater propensity for members to get together at Clan Tents or meetings such as picnics at the Highland games.

The Turnbull Clan Association of NA

At least eight members have sent dues to the a corporation calling itself the Turnbull Clan Association of N.A., Inc. ("TCANA"). We have no affiliation with that corporation, and **we have not asked for any dues from our members this year.** We have yet to determine what expenses we will incur this year, and have therefore not yet determined what amount of dues we shall ask, if any. For those members who wish to recover any

dues paid to the TCANA, please contact our Counsel, Michael Felmar, Esq., 225 Bennett Avenue, New York, New York, 10040, who will try to obtain a refund of your money.

Upcoming Events

Activities for Clan members for the remainder of the year are listed below. We hope that you will be able to get together and meet each other. In addition, John Turnbull of New York would greatly appreciate any reports on these activities for inclusion in the newsletter, and for future reference.

Highland Games

If you are interested in going to any of the games please contact the following to confirm that they will have a tent and answer any question that you may have.

Date	Event	Location	Contact
July 18	Pike's Peak Highland Games	Colorado Springs CO	Fiona Turnbull Glen Haven Colorado 970-572-0851
July 10 -12	Grandfather Mountain Highland Games 704-733-1333	Linville, NC	
Sept. 5- 6	Capital District Scottish Games	Altamont (near Albany) N.Y.	Fred Turnbull 518-382-0196
Sept. 10 -13	Longs Peak Highland Festival	Estes Park CO	Fiona Turnbull Glen Haven Colorado 970-572-0851
Sept. 18-20	Loon Mountain Highland Games	Loon Mountain, Lincoln N.H.	Mark A. Turnbull 603-686-3869
Oct. 2-4	Floria Mac Donald Highland Games (910) 843-5000	Red Springs NC.	
Oct. 15-18	Stone Mountain Highland Games 770-521-0228.	Stone Mt. Georgia	
Frankly, we are trying to keep up with Bill. You will have call him to find out where he will be next.			Bill Turnbull Santa Cruz Ca. CA 408-429-5042

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