



CLAN TURNBULL ASSOCIATION OF N.A.

**John G. Turnbull
President**

TO THE MEMBERS OF TCA

THE ELECTION RESULTS

Firstly, a hearty "thank you" for the trust you have placed in me and the other new and returning officers. We look forward to the challenges and opportunities presented to Clan Turnbull in moving forward in the 21st Century.

Many of us were part of the transition team who helped guide TCA after Dorothy Turnbull Berk stepped down as Convenor, so we anticipate no disruption in Clan activities. This issue of The Bull's Eye contains the election results and brief biographical information about each of the officers.

A new regional Vice President position for the Rocky Mountain area has been created. Fiona Turnbull has been appointed Vice President for this region in recognition of her many years of sponsoring tents at various games in this area, especially at the Estes Park, Colorado games.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Our returning Treasurer, James Trumble, has prepared a financial report for the year 2000, which is summarized in this issue of The Bull's Eye. Having this information available and published provides a better control of our operations and a thorough understanding of the financial requirements and limitations of running TCA.

Many members have spent their own personal funds in hosting tents and other TCA activities. It is important that members report all financial expenses incurred for the benefit of TCA, whether or not they expect to be reimbursed. This will give us a better understanding of our financial position. Hereafter, those seeking reimbursement for expenditures undertaken should receive prior approval from myself, Vice President Doug Turnbull, or Treasurer James Trumble.

NorthEast: Mark A. Turnbull of Auburn, NH
SouthEast: Nina Turnbull of Charlotte, NC
West Coast: Bill Turnbull of Laytonville, CA
Canada: Mark Turnbull of Elgin, Ontario

Two elected vice presidents declined their respective offices. Mark Turnbull of Elgin, Ontario, elected to the position of Vice President, Canada, cited business and personal responsibilities. Similarly, Nina Turnbull declined the office of Vice President, SouthEast region. The runner-up in this close race was Andy Turnbull, administrator of the Clan website. After consultation with President John G. Turnbull, Andy decided to decline the position so as to focus on the website. Scott Trimble, of Burlington, Kentucky, offered to assume responsibility for that region.

One of the first actions of the new administration was to create a new regional Vice Presidential position for the Rocky Mountain area, appointing Fiona Turnbull to the position.

Upon certification of the election results, President Turnbull issued a letter to the membership addressing several administrative matters and pledging to "increase our contacts with other Scottish Clans and Organizations to promote TCA within the Scottish Community."

The complete text of the President's letter appears on page 3.

At A Glance . . .

The New Administration



John G. Turnbull
President

John was born in New York in 1941, and traces his Scottish ancestry from a William Turnbull who came from Scotland in the 1770's and settled in

Philadelphia. His ancestors fought on the American side in the Revolutionary War, and on both sides of the Civil War.

He has been a member of Turnbull Clan Association since July 11, 1978, soon after the Clan was formed. He is also a member of the St. Andrew's Society of Baltimore and New York State, since 1965 and 1972, respectively. He is a member of the Scottish Tartans Society, the Scottish Tartans Educational and Cultural Society, The New York Caledonian Club, the North American Branch of the Celtic League and the Scottish Historical Society.



Douglas James Weddel
Turnbull
Vice President

Douglas was born April 3, 1925 in Great Britain, and was educated at Lindisfarne

College and Havilland Aeronautical Technical School.

He spent his entire adult career was in the aviation industry in both the U.S. and the U.K., working on such projects as the D. H Comet (the world's first jet liner), a Lockheed nuclear powered bomber, the Agena Satellite, the C5A military airliner, and the McDonnell - Douglas Harrier Jump jet.

Doug also worked in Computer Aided Design system development. He retired in 1991.

Douglas is married and is the father of five children, three of whom are active in TCA affairs.



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of
Clan Turnbull

John F. Turnbull, Founder 1977

Dorothy Turnbull Berk, *Convenor Emeritus*

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JOHN G. TURNBULL ELECTED CLAN TURNBULL PRESIDENT

Looks To Strengthen Ties With Other Clans, Organize Clan Activities

By Michael S. Felmar

In the wake of the unprecedented controversy over the national presidential elections, serious questions arose over the procedures followed in the November election of Clan Turnbull officers. When a sampling of members reported that less than 20 percent of the membership had received a ballot, Presidential candidate John G. Turnbull issued a strong letter to all members, calling for a fully inclusive election. The result of that vote was the election of John G. Turnbull by an overwhelming majority vote.

Readers of The Bull's Eye have become familiar with John G. through



John G. Turnbull

his frequent contributions to this publication and his work as co-editor.

The election results were tabulated and certified by Clan Secretary James E. Trumble, R. CPA.

In addition to the Presidential election, the following candidates were elected to office:

Douglas J. Turnbull of Marietta, Georgia was elected Vice President. James E. Trumble of Tennessee was re-elected to the dual posts of Treasurer and Secretary.

The following regional vice presidents were also elected:

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CONTACT WITH OTHER SCOTTISH CLANS AND ASSOCIATIONS

We plan to increase our contacts with other Scottish Clans and Organizations to promote TCA within the Scottish Community, and have a sharing of ideas. Vice President Doug Turnbull and the regional Vice Presidents will have primary responsibility for this endeavor. In addition, our Convenor Emeritus, Dorothy Turnbull Berk, will lend her status as elder stateswoman of the Clan to this effort.

ARCHIVAL MATERIAL

Our archivist, Mark A. Turnbull, continues in his substantial efforts to “protect, preserve and promote our Family History and Culture for future generations of Turnbells.” He is accomplishing this by the purposeful collection, acquisition, presentation and interpretation of objects and information relating to our Clan history. If you have something to add in this area, please contact Mark or myself.

PUBLICATIONS

The Bull’s Eye will continue as the official newsletter of Clan Turnbull. In addition, the Turnbull Historical Review will be published annually. It will have articles of historical interest to the Turnbull Clan.

THE WEBSITE

The official website, located at www.turnbullclan.com has been offline during the transition, but will soon reopen and will be a major source of information relating to Clan activities. It will include contact names, current information about TCA events and future activities, approved vendor lists, and archival issues of The Bull’s Eye and its predecessor, The Bulls Eye Bulletin.

Corey Turnbull of Canada has run the Border Clan Turnbull Genealogy Resource website for many years, at www.turnbulls.org. It’s crammed full of records and resources pertaining to our mutual history.

MERCHANDISE: TARTANS AND ACCOUTREMENTS

As a small Clan, the ability of TCA to secure merchandise, tartans and other accoutrements is difficult, especially for non-massed produced items. We have therefore set out to identify and authorize vendors of Clan Turnbull merchandise. This issue of The Bull’s Eye contains an initial list of such vendors, already used by some of our members. If there is a vendor whom you wish to submit for consideration, or if there is a particular type of merchandise you would like us to authorize, then please so advise me.

Some members have indicated that they have the ability to manufacture Turnbull items. Anyone who wishes to manufacture Turnbull items is encouraged to contact us.

TENTS AT THE HIGHLAND GAMES

Having a tent at the various Highland games throughout the USA and Canada is a good way members can meet and get to know one another. They also help bring TCA to prominence in the Scottish community nationwide. Clan Turnbull has appeared annually at most of the major Highland games throughout this continent, thanks to the dedicated efforts of our regional representatives. Members are encouraged to hold tents at various games, working with their regional Vice President. Once again, please get approval for all direct expenses from James, Doug or myself.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

Last year's Annual General Meeting was in the Southeast. This year's Meeting will be held in at the New Hampshire Highland Games at Loon Mountain, in the White Mountain National Forest, September 14,15 & 16, 2001. Our 2002 meeting will take place at the Longs Peak Scottish/Irish Highland Festival in Estes Park, Colorado, and in 2003 Meeting will be on the West Coast (probably the Pleasenton Games). In 2004 the Meeting will revert back to the Southeast.

Naturally, it is very difficult for all members to attend such meetings, and therefore, all major questions will be referred to the full membership before approval or rejection.

THE FUTURE

Our recent survey of the membership revealed three important goals: continued research into Turnbull Clan history and other historical articles of interest, sources of Turnbull merchandise, and organization of tents at Highland Games, and more generally a presence in the Scottish community.

To meet the first goal The Bull's Eye and the upcoming Turnbull Historical Review have run many articles about important events and individuals in our clan history. The steps we have taken to meet the second goal are outlined above (see the vendor list on page 7 as well). As to the third goals, generous members have responded by continuing to host tents at the major Highland Games throughout this continent. We seek to expand this effort, and also publicize the games where we already have a presence. Your constant comments, ideas, and support for any projects we undertake is what will make TCA a viable organization in the future.

If we can accomplish these three major goals, and expand into new areas, we will ensure the continuing existence of TCA over a long time, and provide a legacy for future generations of Turnbolls. Please join us in the endeavor. It will be worth the effort.

Yours aye,

John G.

John G. Turnbull

President (2001-2003)

At A Glance . . .

The New Administration

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James E. Trumble, R.
CPA
Secretary
Treasurer

James was born in 1954 in Big Spring, Texas. James served from 1972 to 1975 in the prestigious 101st Airborne Division, Rank Specialist 4th Class, Parachutist Badge. He is a Certified Public Accountant and a Certified Valuation Analyst, having worked 20 years counting beans in various public accounting firms. He became interested in his Scottish heritage upon attending the Grandfather Mt. Games in 1989. His involvement steadily increased to the present attendance at four to five games a year. James has also been invested in The Scottish Order of The Supreme Military order of The Knight's Templar of Jerusalem at Balgonie castle in Fife.

Profiles of our regional Vice presidents and website administrators will be included in the next issue.

The following letter is from James Trumble, Secretary and Treasurer:

Dear Fellow Clansmen:

The results of the election are as follows: (It was an extremely close race in several instances.)

President: John G. Turnbull, Elmhurst, NY

Vice President: Douglas J. Turnbull, Marietta, GA

Treasurer and Secretary: James E. Trumble, Jr., Nashville, TN

Vice President NE: Mark A. Turnbull, Auburn, NH

Vice President SE: Nina Turnbull, Charlotte, NC

Vice President West: Bill Turnbull, Laytonville, CA

Vice President Canada: Mark Turnbull, Elgin, Ont.*

(due to business and personal responsibilities Mark has advised that he is not able to accept the responsibilities of the office).

Revised bylaws passed.

Please join me in wishing the new slate of officers a successful term of office.

There have been requests on several matters that I will now take the opportunity to address:

1. What is the benefit of tax –exempt or 501©(3) status?

As the title suggests, any operating funds at the close of the year are not subjected to federal income tax. This saved the Clan approximately \$150.00 for the current period. A second benefit is that contributions to the organization are tax deductible for the individual making the contribution. This is helpful to those individuals that have contributed substantial amounts from their personal funds to benefit the organization.

2. Does conducting genealogical research violate our tax- exempt status?

The organization may serve as a repository of information and share information without violating our tax exempt status. However, the organization may not expend funds or conduct genealogical research that would benefit a specific individual.

3. Are copies of our tax returns and financial information available?

As the organization has gross receipts less that \$10,000 per year a tax return is not required and none have been filed. A financial report was published with the prior newsletter (Volume 1 Number 4) for the period inception through November 30, 2000. A current financial report has been completed.

I trust this will resolve these questions.

James E. Trumble Jr. CPA

Treasurer

APPROVED VENDORS

<p>The Pipers Cove P.O. Box 444 Kearny NJ 07032 1-201-998-3695 1-800-447-1737 (orders only) John and Joan Nesbit A very reputable company, with a good selection of crystal. Jock is an excellent piper and expert on repairs.</p>	<p>Gaelic House 84 Union Ave Laconia NH 03246 603-527-1300 Andre Garcia Will make kilts and other garments.</p>
<p>Alberene Royal Mail P. O. Box 902 Harrisville NH 03450 800-843-9078 Good for books and videos. Wide range of merchandise, especially Jewelry.</p>	<p>Highland Leather Works P.O. Box 891 Highland Lakes, NJ 07499 973-763-0192 Don Smith Leather Sporrans etc.</p>
<p>Bold Blades P.O. Box 703 Waleska, GA 30183-0703</p>	<p>Unicorn Ltd P.O. Box 397 Bruceton Mills WV 26525 304-379-8803 Scottish Books</p>
<p>Pecora Wools 1480. Main Street # 8 Laconia NY 03246 Weaves Tartans for blankets, kilts etc.</p>	<p>Burnett's & Struth 61 Patterson Rd Barrie, Ontario L4N 3V9 705-728-3232 Major carrier of all Scottish wear, etc.</p>

Scottish Designer House 160 Gilbertville Rd Ware, Mass. 01082 413-967-9901 Susand Raymond Crests, shields, coats of arms, etc.	Celtic Papers 7704 Lambert Place Norfolk VA 23505 757-440-1788 757-399-1253 Stationary with Tartan imprints etc
Hall of Names 29 Northland Drive Midland Ont. L4R 4K3 Recommended by Mark A. Turnbull for genealogy.	Interlink Publishing 46 Crosby St Northhampton, Mass 01060 413-582-7054 Importers of books

BULLOCKS by Mike Felmar

