

BULLSEYE

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NH Games Report

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CREST BADGE: A bull's head sable

MOTTO: Audaci Favet Fortuna (Fortune Favors the Bold)

The history of the Turnbells has been closely interwoven with that of the Scottish/English Borders since they settled in the region as part of the Boernician race in 400 A.D. The Turnbells are a scion of the Rule family of Roxburghshire where they lived on the lands through which flowed the River Rule in the parish of Hobkirk. Alan Rule was the first recorded Chief of the clan in 1214 followed by his son Richard in 1249.

Walter de Rule became the first Turnbull when he saved the life of King Robert the Bruce at Stirling Park from a charging bull injured by the king while hunting. Walter jumped in between the king and the angry bull, turning its head to the ground and breaking its neck. The gratified king dubbed his savior Walter Turn-E-Bull and gave him the barony of Bedrule and area. Walter adopted the motto "I Saved the King", which is still used by many Turnbells.

The Turnbells became a notorious Border Reiver clan seated Bedrule Castle which was situated a few yards north east of the current Bedrule Kirk. History records that the Turnbells could quickly put 500 Reivers into the saddle for one of their forays. With their neighbors the Rutherfords they

sacked the town of Jedburgh, from which the famous poem and ballad "The Raid of the Reidswire" is derived. In 1513, following success at Flodden, Lord Dacre led an English army of 5,400 through the Rule Valley for further assault on a stricken nation. George Turnbull quickly rallied 700 Turnbells, Kerrs, Douglasses, and Scotts to defeat the invaders at the battle of Sclaterford.

When the crowns of Scotland and England became one with James VI of Scotland in 1603 many members of the Border Clans, including the Turnbells, were dispersed to England, northern Scotland, Ireland and the colonies. In Ireland the Turnbells settled in county Donegal under the name Rule, in Antrim under the name Trimble and in Ulster under the name Turnbull.

Amongst the first Turnbull pioneers to the Americas were Thomas and William Turnbull who settled in New Jersey in 1685; John Turnbull in Annapolis, Maryland in 1753; William Turnbull in Bonavista, Newfoundland in 1765; and William Turnbull in St John's, Newfoundland in 1794.

These pioneers became the nucleus of the first Turnbull settlements which spread from Nova Scotia through the Blue Ridge Mountains to Florida and on to California.



TCA proceeding to Gathering of Clans ceremony.



Reviewing party with Wally Turnbull, TCA President



Mark and Wally receiving the Honored Clan Plaque from Ken McCormack.



Attracting the crowds are the Bill Trimbles! at the New Hampshire games tent. This was a new recruitment record for a single games event

TCA 2004 AGM

The TCA 2004 Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Members was held during the New Hampshire Highland Games on September 25, 2004 at the Highlander Inn in Manchester, NH.

The president, Wally Turnbull, called the meeting to order. He welcomed all members, including new members who had joined TCA that day. He shared that as of the meeting time, 12 new members had joined TCA



Handouts to members included an agenda, a budget summary, and a Statement of Purpose.

Old Business

Membership:

It was reported that TCA now

has over 200 members. A goal of 300 members has been set for the end of 2005. Each member was encouraged to recruit one new member.

TCA Coat of Arms:

An update of the process for TCA being granted its own arms was given. TCA Scotland is assisting on our behalf with this process as they are the ones present in Scotland. While we can suggest arms and designs, ultimately, it is the Lord Lyon's decision to design the arms.

Financial Report:

Brian Turnbull, TCA vice-president and webmaster followed the President's Report with a Financial Report for John Turnbull, treasurer, unable to attend and a Webmaster's Report.



Summary of the Treasurer's Report:

A full TCA financial report will be published to members at the end of the year. The following summarizes the status as of the end of September, 2004:

Balance Carried from 2003:	\$5,123.96
Income January to September 2004:	\$2,369.78
Expenses January to September 2004	\$2,991.03
Balance September 30, 2004	\$4,502.71

Most of the balance carried from 2003 was funds received at the end of the year for 2004 expenses.

Of the balance, \$2,500. is a restricted donation to be used for the TCA coat of arms project.

Webmaster's Report:

The TCA website www.turnbullclan.com receives about 7-8 hits per day. It was encouraging to note these are from all around the world. The site is updated on a regular basis and newsletters are posted each month. If any TCA member would like to have a turnbullclan email address, contact Brian and he will be happy to set it up. Also, if anyone has difficulty navigating through the

website due to technical difficulties, please notify Brian so that he can correct the problem.

New Business:

Bylaws:

It was reported that over 70 members had responded with affirmative votes to accept the bylaws as presented. There were no votes opposed. It was moved and seconded to have a vote from members present who had not yet voted. There were five for and none against. The bylaws require a majority of those voting to be accepted. The final vote tally will be made at the end of October and published in the November *Bullseye*.

Turnbull Hall of Fame:

TCA would like to start a Turnbull Hall of Fame for Turnbells including sept members who have done something noteworthy. An explanation of requirements and a process of how to nominate candidates for this award will be issued soon.

Virtual Museum:

It was noted that while TCA does not have the funds to own or operate a physical museum, it could certainly start a virtual museum through the website. Anyone possessing anything of merit relating to Turnbells is encouraged to provide a photo and up to a one page description of the item. These may be sent to Wally Turnbull or to Brian Turnbull.

Statement of Purpose:

The following statement of purpose of TCA was distributed to members present:

Turnbull Clan Association (TCA)

Statement of purpose

The purpose of TCA is to preserve the heritage and promote the fraternity of the extended Turnbull family.

Our heritage includes our history, culture, genealogy, and traditions. TCA seeks to discover, record, and teach how the various aspects of our heritage came to be and how they relate to our members today.

Our fraternity includes our interaction for social, networking, reference, promotion, exchange, and information purposes.

Fraternity focuses on the present interaction between members of the extended Turnbull family while heritage

deals primarily with the past and its relevance to us today. Our history tells us who the Turnbells were and what they did. Our fraternity addresses who we are today, what we are doing, and what we can do for each other.

Because we live in an electronic information age much of the TCA interaction and many of its services are Internet based. The TCA web site is a repository of historical information and an electronic source of news and exchange between our members. TCA is continually expanding the content of its web site to include more genealogical records, a who's who of Turnbells, and a virtual museum with images and descriptions of items.

TCA social interaction includes Scottish games, Tartan Day parades, and family reunions. TCA provides information, endorsement, materials, and modest subsidy to increase Turnbull participation in game events. TCA is launching a new program called the Bull Pen for those who are willing to assist members of the extended Turnbull family as worldwide local resources.

Bull Pen exchanges and supports are meant to be at a level comfortable to each member. Some may only be able to provide recommendations to others about local activities and services. Others may offer local contact support to Turnbells who are traveling. Some may offer vacation or study exchange opportunities. Others will provide business networking contacts.

Discussion followed concerning the Statement of Purpose and the Bull Pen program. The Bull Pen is meant to be used as an exchange of resources from TCA members, in all countries where there are members. The program was received with much enthusiasm. It was moved and seconded to adopt the Bull Pen as an official program of TCA as a Turnbull resource. Motion passed unanimously. The Bull Pen is not limited to answering questions and information exchanges, but may also include members welcoming other members into their homes or cities and providing guidance or support where needed. Every TCA member will be given an opportunity to become a member of the Bull Pen and each member will choose the level of involvement that he/she is comfortable with.

Volunteers:

Wally pointed out that throughout the year, TCA has many opportunities for volunteers. These include manning tents at games to entering genealogy data. Much of what is needed can be done from someone's home.



TCA Dinner:

The meeting was adjourned to a TCA dinner. The dinner was attended by 38 TCA members, family and friends. Entertainment was provided by Bill Trimble of Arizona (bagpipes) and Brittany Jennings and Heather Matthews who performed some Scottish Highland Dancing.



Clan Member of the Year Award:



At the end of the dinner, President Wally Turnbull presented the 2004 TCA Clan Member of the Year award. A marble plaque was given to Mark Turnbull in recognition of his outstanding service to TCA and its members. Mark who is a TCA Trustee is famous for his outstanding Turnbull tents at the Highland games. This year Clan Turnbull was the "honored clan" at the New

Hampshire Highland games which was a great honor to Turnbells and recognition of Mark's exceptional contribution to the games. Mark is also one of the premier TCA membership recruiters.



Lee Turnbull and the Turnbells from Rossie NY.

Clan footprints in history

Betty Trimble of Louisiana, mother of Country singing star, Tim McGraw

George S. Trimble born 1874 died in 1925 Silent film star, from 1914-1919

Theodore T. Turnbull from Monticello, Florida, Alternate delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1940.

Gilbert Turnbull of Illinois, Delegate to Illinois State Constitutional Convention 1847.

Bellani Trombley a socialist candidate for US Senator from Connecticut 1938.

J. Hammond Trumbull of Connecticut Secretary of State of Connecticut 1861-1866.

Agnes Sligh Turnbull, Author of children's books.

H. Rutherford Turnbull, Educator and author.

Ann Paterson Turnbull, Educator and author.

John Trimble, Member of Tennessee State Legislature 1843, and US Representative for Tennessee 5th district 1867-1869.

Jimmie Jean Bowman has sent the "Roster of Confederate Soldiers" which we will be adding to the list of names being used in this section. If you have family names for our history list, please mail them for publication.

Thank you Jimmie Jean!!

PLEASE Ladies and Gentlemen...the Bylaws that you are being asked to vote on are very important to the future of TCA. They assure that you and your rights as a member, and all the new members to come, will be upheld and that you are protected. These Bylaws took 16 months of hard work, by 13 individuals, with 7 revisions, and a legal review, before it was felt that they were adequate enough to be presented to you for a vote. **PLEASE, PLEASE** take the time NOW to send me your vote. I would like to be able to say, "We have had a 100 % response of our voting membership for the first time in our history."
Thanks, Janet

Highland Games

What Happened to the Clans?

During the fifth century the Clan style of government came into being and achieved it's most historic publicity during the eighteenth century. Ancestral claims go back to the Niall of the Nine Hostages century, and some claim ancestry from Kenneth Mac Alpine, the first King of Scots during the ninth century. Some Clans claim they can trace ancestry back to the eleventh century, yet others claim inability to claim anything reliable before the thirteenth century.

The claims of Celtic origin seem unfounded as it appears that the Celtic origins were absorbed by the invading Norse who turned settler before they arrived in Ireland. Lowland and Border Clans seem to have an origin with the invasion of the Normans in the eleventh and twelfth centuries. The granting of lands (baronies) was during the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries, by the kings and clerics of the Church who were appointed lairds of the lands of the newly independent Scotland. Clan chieftdom was achieved by tanistry and then hereditary succession upheld by the authorities of the crown, to whom they gave their allegiance.

The unification of Scotland and England in 1603 made some traumatic changes in the lives of the Scots.

All of this started to change during rebellions beginning in 1689 and the disastrous climax in 1746. During the Jacobite rebellion of 1745 and 1746 the destruction of the clan system at Culloden Moor was actually a civil war. Highland clans and their members were on both sides. The Battle of Culloden Moor was the last nail in the coffin of the clan system when the English side won the horrific bloody battle. In an effort to civilize the Scots, they systematically and ruthlessly destroyed the

clansmen and what they stood for. Checking historical movement of the Scots, you will find that movements to Canada, America and Australia started about 20 years prior to 1745, because many persons were being kidnapped, sentenced as indentured servants for petty crimes, sold as slaves, and children taken from the parents who were either killed or threatened. Some could see the end of their culture in the coming future. It was easier for the clan chiefs to destroy their clansmen realizing that the prospect of income from the land used for cattle and sheep than to try to civilize the populace under them.

Today in North America, the clan societies are enjoying the revival of the old Scottish traditions and cultures of their heritage by attending the Scottish Gatherings, Festivals and Games. Some clan organizations have a Chief, by traceable heritage. Many do not have this pleasant and traditional custom. Turnbull Clan has not had a known traceable chief in over 450 years.

Legend of the Kirkin' o' the Tartans

Legend tells the story of the tiny pieces of tartan hidden in a persons clothing on the day of blessings. After the Scots were defeated at Culloden Moors, in 1746 the English decreed that the ways and culture of the Scots were forbidden. This included the wearing of one's tartan. The Scots were fervent Christians and very canny in that they clung to their ancient traditions in secret by putting them underground. The Kirk (church) was their place of worship and one Sunday out of the year they would hide a piece of their tartan in their clothing for the blessing to be given that day. While the minister pronounced the blessing on all tartans the Scots would silently pledge their loyalty and respect to their old traditions.

Every Scottish Game, Gathering or Festival in North America holds the Kirkin' o' the Tartans, on the opening day to start the festivities.

Aussie news part 2, by Dawn Day

A.B. Banjo Paterson in his song Waltzing Matilda defined the spirit that inspires us all to be innovative when we are down and out, to be proud of our independence to the point of not wanting to live without it. It gives us courage to face great challenges, not only in our individual lives but as a nation, like Olympics, and the determination to battle all odds in war and in peace. That is the spirit we Aussie Battlers have always been proud of but seem to be losing in these times when our nation is divided over many issues. It was so good to go back to our grass roots and spend time with people who know what it is to face hardship and overcome it, are proud of their history and are carrying those values, beliefs and hopes with them into the future. It was a healing time for us both!

A brief review of the town of Winton.

The centre has a legend section and a museum. One interesting "legend" is that during WWII Winston Churchill, who was the Prime Minister at the time, was entertaining General DeGaulle, the French leader, and our Prime Minister Bob Menzies by singing to them.

The museum holds all kinds of paraphernalia even a steam engine that is the envy of many bigger museums. Amongst it all, the things that people made themselves either because they were not available or not yet invented, showing how resourceful people of that era were.

In the town there is an Opal Walk that leads into an old Open-air theater. Remember the old canvas deck chairs?? The projectors are still there with lots of old posters advertising films that I remember seeing when I was a teenager. The theater is used every Wednesday for some kind of entertainment. The rubbish bins lining the main street are shaped like large green dinosaur's feet. The water supply, which is considered very pure, comes from the Artesian Basin four thousand feet (1000 meters) underground. When it reaches the surface it is 80°C [about 200 degrees F] and for safety reasons it is cooled to 50°C before it is piped into the water pipes.

We are headed towards Brisbane and then home. The weather has been great, clear blue skies, and comfortable temperature.

The most exciting thing about Winston, for us, is that there are 37 Turnbolls in the telephone directory between Winston and Rockhamptom.

Regards to everyone,
Dawn Day

Editor Note: *I find it very interesting that the Opal Walk is not chipped away and stolen as so many things are nowadays. I guess the reason it is not done is that Winston is so near the major Opal mine fields that it is not worth tearing up the walk way.*

Happy Birthday



Dennis Hagerman, Gordon W. Turnbull, James J. Olson, Carolyn Turnbull, Kathleen M. Turnbull, Elaine Kerr Weller, Glenn McConkey, Leonard J. Turnbull, Ann Turnbull, Agnes Turnbull Corns, Wilma Ledgerwood, Olive Turnbull, Helen Mary Turnbull, John Gibson III, Thomas Turnbull IV, Roland Bonewitz, Bill Turnbull.