

# In The Beginning

## Separated by oceans but one in kinship

By Dana Hume Turnbull-Hoyer  
with excerpts from Byron George Turnbull

*"Dear Cousin John..."*

That's how it all started. That is how my father, Byron Turnbull met John Turnbull of Hawick, Scotland, towards the end of December 1967. It was also how my father became involved in the Turnbull Clan Association.

From my dad's writings:

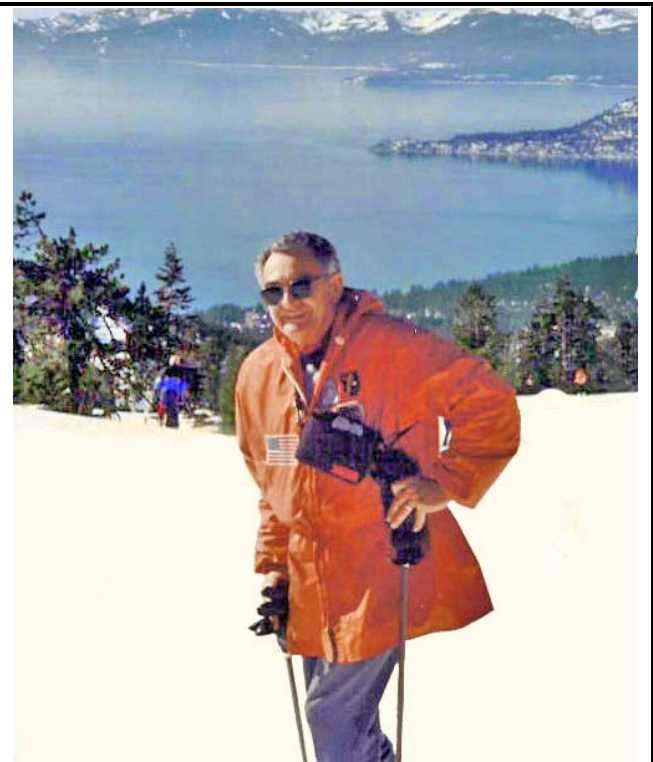
*It was around October 1967, and I was feeling "puny" with a cold. My buddy, Phil Chamberlain and I were to have lunch, and one look at me convinced him I was ill. He offered me a sample of medication he had just received which was just what I needed for my particular problem...except the medication dropped my blood pressure out from under me and I fell on my head. It turned out I had a drug reaction, and my buddy Phil reported this reaction to the LaRoche-Hoffman Pharmaceutical Company, and within several weeks I received a call from Dr. John Pepper, their medical representative, wanting to interview me. Days later we had lunch together at Merritt Hospital (\*note; dad was Chief of Oral Surgery for 22 years at Samuel Merritt Hospital in Oakland.) and during our conversation he informed me he had a very dear friend in Hawick, Scotland, named John Turnbull. That afternoon when I returned to my office, I wrote a letter which started "Dear Cousin John..."*

*Towards the end of December 1967, I received a letter from John Turnbull, dated December 7th. It was written on aged paper with a wide green letterhead advertising Turnbull Whisky with the date of 1890 something. John explained that his grandfather being a thrifty Scot had ordered too much letterhead and well... he just "hadn't got through it yet."*

From that point on, it was letters, tapes, packages and home movies that brought our two families together. My mom and dad first met John and Myra in person in September 1973, on a trip to Hawick. John and Myra reciprocated a couple of years later on a trip to California. All this led to my father's jump into the Turnbull Clan Association, full throttle! I remember my father being in his den at home, for hours at a time, corresponding with John and Myra with ideas. Dorothy Turnbull-Burke and many others shared the same enthusiasm and passion that has all brought us all together. My father saved almost everything; letters from other TCA members, inquiring members to be; swatches for the Turnbull tartans; pictures of other TCA family members and letters of genealogical interest to see just how close our fore-fathers' paths have crossed. I saw such

excitement in my father when he talked about TCA. His happiness was so apparent when sharing news of TCA and this passion of his with others.

How much smaller this world has gotten for all of us since then! We really all are "cousins," aren't we?



Byron George Turnbull  
October 9, 1924- May 7, 1995

## Legend's Training Track To Be Officially Opened

The Derek Turnbull track officially opened with a ceremony on Saturday, April 28, 2007.

The track at Forest Hill, 12 km south-east of Winton, (New Zealand) the training ground and second home of legendary Southland masters athlete Derek Turnbull, who died in November, will be renamed in his honour. It is a fitting tribute to the man dubbed the world's fastest old man for his record-breaking feats on the athletics track, according to Southland Masters Athletics president Evan MacIntosh.  
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## From the President

by Wally Turnbull

Perhaps it is because of the long winters or maybe it is just in our Celtic blood but the Scots have always loved the arts. Most cultures find artistic expression in imagery, song, and dance but few have art forms as identifiable with their culture as we do except perhaps our Irish cousins.



Today, our art may be less traditional than it once was but the creative spirit and the appreciation of the creations is just as strong as it ever was. Consider your family and friends of Scottish blood. How many of them are involved in some form of art such as painting, dance, sculpture, drawing, poetry, photography, music, and drama? Interesting, isn't it, especially for people who tend to be so practical.

Artistic expression can be a powerful form of communication. Art can be created for personal reasons but unless it is shared it remains a thought not validated by expression.

I would like to encourage all of our members to share their art with each other here in the pages of the Bullseye. Send pictures of your creations and performances to [editor@turnbullclan.com](mailto:editor@turnbullclan.com). Include the title of the work if it has one and some information about it.

Please don't be shy and think that this is just for professional artists. This is for everyone. Send us copies of your favorite vacation photos. Send a color copy of your grandchild's "refrigerator art." Send some of your poetry or the lines from a song you have written. Send photographs and copies not your original masterpieces but do send them now and keep sending them. We will publish as many as we can and share them with your extended family.

## Sharing and Caring

Our sympathies to Lee Turnbull and family with the passing of his wife, Josie.

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## Welcome Members

TCA is experiencing record growth! We wish to welcome new members to their extended family. We would love to know more about our members. A request goes out to all members to send interesting stories, news about family events, births, deaths, marriages to [editor@turnbullclan.com](mailto:editor@turnbullclan.com)

### WELCOME TO:

Barbara Turnbull  
Denise Sult  
Brenda Lee Putney  
Emily Ruth Putney  
Amy Marie Putney  
Rowena Turnbull Magrecki  
Drew Carr  
Timothy Nelson  
John Turnbull  
Avril Turnbull  
Ronald Clair Jennings  
Mary C. Turnbull  
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Sean Michael Trimble  
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Cynthia Parham  
Martin Charles Turnbull  
Lenora Arline Turnbull  
Bonnie Nipar  
Patricia Joy Turnbull-Cave  
H. Lee Hadlley  
Trent Fredrick Turnbull  
Gregory Earl Turnbull  
George William Turnbull IV



## UPCOMING GAMES & EVENTS

### USA Games – Attend one in your area!

**May 5-6**, Savannah Highland Games, Richmond Hill, GA  
**May 6 & 7**, Th' Gatherin, Ancient Festival O' Beltane, Kansas  
**May 12-14**, Houston Scottish Highland Games, Houston, TX  
**May 13**, SW Vermont Highland Games, E. Dorset, VT  
 Prescott Highland Games, Prescott, AZ  
**May 19-21**, Edinboro Highland Games, Edinboro, PA  
**May 19**, Aiken Highland Games & Celtic Festival, SC  
**May 20**, Illinois Highland Games and Festival, Springfield, IL  
**May 20**, Rio Grande Celtic Festival, Albuquerque, NM  
**May 20-21**, Livermore Scottish Games, Livermore, CA

### Around the World – Attend one in your area!

**May 3-6**, Glen Innes Celtic Festival, Glen Innes, NSW, Australia  
**May 20**, Moose Jaw Highland Games, Saskatchewan, Canada  
 Comox Valley Highland Games, BC, Canada  
**May 21**, Jakarta Highland Gathering, Jakarta, Indonesia  
**May 21**, BC Highland Games Clan Gathering, Victoria, BC, Canada  
**May 21**, Regina Highland Games, Saskatchewan, Canada  
**May 23**, Barbados Celtic Festival, Barbados  
**May 26-28**, Gathering of Scots Festival, Perth-Andover, NB, Canada

**For a complete list of games visit [www.turnbullclan.com](http://www.turnbullclan.com)**

## Information Needed: Gregor McGregor Turnbull

The following request came from  
 Dr David Hay  
 Honorary Senior Research Fellow  
 Department of Divinity and Religious Studies,  
 King's College, Aberdeen University, Scotland

I am an academic researching material for a biography and I have a query about Gregor McGregor Turnbull who died of Yellow Fever in Trinidad in 1881. He was the son of Gregor Turnbull, a wealthy Glasgow merchant who owned numerous sugar plantations in Trinidad. Young Gregor married Elizabeth Hannah Clavering in Glasgow in 1880 and (I assume) they sailed for Trinidad shortly after the wedding. The story is tragic and is described in the Port of Spain Gazette for 20 August 1881 as "a sad, sad case" for apparently Gregor caught Yellow Fever and within two days had died. And thus "Mrs Turnbull was a wife, a mother, childless, and a widow in less than one short year". The issue for 27 August severely criticized the doctor, a Dr De Wolf, for abandoning his patient and leaving him to die in agony."

Has any member of the Turnbull clan got information or historical records that would provide a more detailed account of this story? Elizabeth survived, returned to Britain and married again, this time to a Nottingham architect called Richard Hardy. They had three sons, one of whom was Alister Clavering Hardy who was to become a world famous marine biologist and Professor of Zoology at Oxford University. I am writing his biography and am keen to find out as much detail as I can about his forebears. I would be most grateful for any help that may be available.

*If anyone has any information that might help Dr. Hay, please send it to me at [editor@turnbullclan.com](mailto:editor@turnbullclan.com) or by post to: Betty Turnbull, 5216 Tahoe Dr., Durham, NC 27713*

*If you have an ancestor you are trying to learn more about and would like to know if anyone in the extended TCA family has information, please send your information and questions to me at the above email or postal address.*

## Flowers of the Forest



## Remembering

*Josephine Wierzchalek Turnbull*

## Happy Birthday to

Lee Turnbull, Mark Turnbull,  
 Andrew Turnbull, Karen  
 Torrey, Jennifer Callender,  
 Sarah Williams, William  
 Turnbull Lewis, Barbara  
 Schell, Iain Day, John  
 Turnbull, James Rule,  
 Frederick Clough, Dorothy  
 Trimble, Richard Turnbull,  
 Martin Turnbull, Roy Turnbull  
 Black, Joseph Knepp, William  
 D. Turnbull, Doris Bable,  
 Brenda Putney,



Hugh Turnbull, Roberto  
 Copa Matos, Thomas C.  
 Turnbull Jr., Stewart  
 James Turnbull, Bonnie  
 Napir, Iere Patricia  
 Turnbull, Isabell Bannister

## Welcome



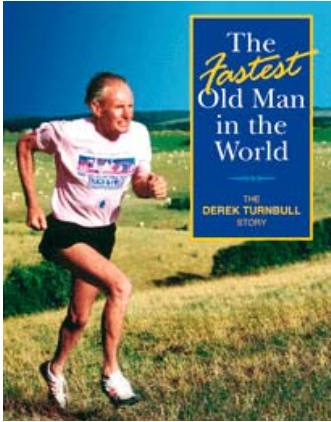
The Turnbull Clan is Growing

Proud grandparents, John and Silvia Turnbull announce the birth of Zoe Yeatts Turnbull, born March 29, 2007, 8 pounds 4 ounces. Parents Kenneth Yeatts Turnbull and Leslie Spiegel Turnbull and baby are doing well.

## Legend's Training Track...

(continued from page 1) "It will be good to get the track named after Derek," MacIntosh said. "That's where Derek used to train before he went overseas to set all those world records he used to set."

Turnbull broke 25 age-group world records as a veteran runner, six of which were broken in 1992 when he was 66. Many of those records still stand.



He won 28 gold medals at world veteran track and field championships and in the 1989 World Masters won six golds.

In 1997, at 71, he ran the 10km track race in 39min 43sec and the 10km cross country in 38.23.69. MacIntosh expects more than 100 people to attend Saturday's ceremony, which

starts at 1.30pm with speeches and an unveiling of new signage on the track at the Tussock Creek entrance.

Athletes from around the country had signaled their intention to be involved, and members of Turnbull's family would also be in attendance. A walk or run over the track, which is about 5 km long, would then be staged, followed by refreshments provided by the Department of Conservation.

*Editor's Note: More about Pat and Derek Turnbull can be found on their website. Information for ordering the book "The Fastest Old Man in the World" can also be found on their website: [www.sherwoodforest.co.nz](http://www.sherwoodforest.co.nz)*

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**Tea Time...** Afternoon tea can be a special time. This mother's day, have a tea party with your mother, grandmother or perhaps your daughter. Nice conversations begin across a cup of tea. Here's a recipe for a sweet to compliment the tea.

**Oatmeal Gingerbread** (from Scottish Tea Time Recipes, compiled by Johanna Mathie)

6 oz flour  
2 oz oatmeal  
2 oz soft brown sugar  
2 oz butter  
2 Tbl black treacle ( or molasses)  
1 t ground ginger  
1 t allspice  
1 large egg  
1 level teaspoon baking soda  
2 Tbl milk

Set oven to 350°. Grease a 7" square baking pan. Put butter, sugar and treacle in saucepan and heat gently until melted. Add the oatmeal and spices to the flour and baking soda. Add the treacle mixture, beaten egg and milk. Stir well. Pour into pan and bake 45 min. Cool 10 minutes and remove from pan.

## Turnbulls in the News

### Seeing Is Understanding In Cheboygan, Michigan

An open house was hosted by Debra Turnbull, executive director of the Cheboygan Youth Center. The Youth Center was established almost 11 years ago. The center is available to students in grades five through nine. "Basically, we want to make people aware of what is here... There are still people who are not aware of the center if they do not have a child of that age... Until they see it, it's a bit difficult to understand. Seeing is understanding," says Turnbull.

Visiting and seeing first hand will help the members of the community understand the positive impact the center has on kids. The open house is from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Monday at the Youth Center, located on Division Street adjoining the Cheboygan Area School District administrative offices.

Turnbull said the center provides a fun setting in which children can develop social skills while taking part in athletic, creative and educational programs. "The most common comment we hear is that people are not aware that there is so much to do here," Turnbull said.

She wants to show off what is offered. Included in that is a new intervention program that focuses on families of at-risk youth. "Research shows that with kids at this age, if they have difficulties, it's hard for them to dig out of," Turnbull explained. "We want to prevent these kinds of problems. When we discover someone is struggling, we work with the whole family to help them get out of the situation. Judge Butts sponsored the pilot program and now we have eight families involved. We teach kids the skills they need here, and if we see they need more help, we are here to help the whole family."

Turnbull would like to see more senior citizens team up with some of the youth; a situation she believes would benefit all involved. "If you have a kid who is lonely and doesn't have a lot of interaction, and you have a senior citizen who is in the same situation - maybe he/she just lost a spouse - we would like for them to have a conversation or do an activity together," Turnbull said. "Sort of a grandparent-type program. It would be a plus for the youth and the senior citizen."

She also wants to hear concerns, comments and suggestions from the community. She noted that comments have resulted in great ideas in the past.

*Cheboygan, MI is located in Michigan's Cheboygan county, about 186.3 miles from Flint and 189.9 miles from Green Bay.*

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