

Grandfather Mountain – Home of 2008 AGM

The Grandfather Mountain Highland Games and beautiful mountains of North Carolina will be home to the 2008 AGM Turnbull Clan gathering. The Annual General Meeting is a time for members to gather from all over to enjoy the Highland Games, family fun and get caught up on current clan business and goals. It is a time for members' input into the direction of TCA, suggestions of things to be done and ways to improve the organization. And you can count on host Scott Turnbull to have the best looking tent around!

This year that opportunity will take place in one of the world's prettiest settings and one of the most popular Highland Games ever! Grandfather Mountain is the highest peak in the Blue Ridge mountain range and is a globally recognized nature preserve.

The Highland Games lay claim to being one of the most attended and complete games in the nation. The games include everything from big name entertainment, athletic competitions, marathons, Highland dance competitions, sheep dog demonstrations, piping and pipe band competition, and children's activities. From the torch light ceremony on Thursday to the closing ceremonies on Sunday, there is never a dull moment. Couple the excitement of the games with other area activities, this becomes a vacation highlight!

In addition, to the Highland Games arena, Grandfather Mountain hosts several other sights and activities. The Mile High Swinging Bridge is a 228 foot suspension bridge that spans an eighty foot chasm at more than one mile in elevation. The bridge was built to



Mile High Swinging Bridge and the view from the other side.

give visitors easy access to the breath taking views from the Grandfather Mountain Linville Peak.

Grandfather Mountain boasts seven environmental habitats, large enclosures that allow visitors to see animals like black bears, cougars, eagles, and deer in their natural settings. There is also a special aquarium-like viewing area allowing spectators to enjoy playful otters above and below the water.

For those who enjoy walking, there are 11 trails which vary in difficulty from a gentle walk to a rigorous trek across rugged peaks.

Other area attractions include the Blue Ridge Parkway which travels around the mountain and offers spectacular views. Ride on the historic steam locomotive, Number 12, listed on the National Register of Historic Places in the Tweetsie Railroad Amusement Park. The town of Blowing Rock offers shops, parks and restaurants as does nearby historic Boone.

TCA has blocked a group of rooms at the Days Inn, Blowing Rock, NC for this event. With over 170 Clan tents and over 30,000 attendees, hotel rooms are scarce and are at a premium. TCA has secured a special rate of \$89.00 per night. Plan ahead to attend the games and book your reservations early. Call the hotel at 828-295-4422 and ask for the Turnbull Clan rate. You may cancel up to 72 hours prior to arrival. The weekend will include a TCA banquet as well as the Annual General Meeting. Whether you've been to Highland Games before or this is your first, Grandfather Mountain is a must game! Stay tuned for more details!

Visit www.grandfather.com and www.gmhg.org.



That's a Lot of Bull! The Turning of the Bull Monument is taking shape. Artist Angela Hunter sends the above photo update of how the bull is coming along. Notice that the armature of William Rule has been put into place. For more information see page 4.

From the President

by Wally Turnbull

Virtual is good but real is better. Virtual means that some thing or action has the effect of being real even though it is not actually real. Instant coffee is virtual coffee. A phone call is a virtual conversation. Email is a virtual letter. Phone sex is, well, actually, I don't know what that is. We appreciate an email but do you remember what reading a two page handwritten letter from a loved one felt like? We are certainly happy for a phone call but only as a modest substitute for a hug and a good sit down conversation.



Last month I wrote about "virtual community" and our participation through the Turnbull Clan group on Facebook. I think that is a great idea. I hope it engages the younger Turnbulls and helps all of us connect better. We must, however, use this kind of exchange to supplement not replace our personal interaction.

Our virtual contacts, our emails, letters, and phone calls let us exchange information and even help us get to know each other better but memories are made in person. Think back through your life and recall the good times. They happened when you were there not just by hearing or reading about what happened.

The North Carolina Grandfather Mountain Highland Games are among the best in the world. There are more people of Scottish descent in North Carolina than there are in Scotland. Those Tar Heels as they are affectionately known have developed a good blend of old world heritage with new world dreams and excitement. The people are great, the games are outstanding, the Blue Ridge Mountains offer some of the most magnificent views on Earth, and don't even get me started about the North Carolina pork barbecue.

You can read about it in the Bullseye, visit it virtually online, or be there to experience it in person at the Turnbull Clan Association Annual General Meeting (AGM). Let's make a good time memory in July atop Grandfather Mountain in North Carolina.

Meet the Member

Meet TCA member Nigel Turnbull of Buckinghamshire, England.

by Nigel Turnbull

I am 66, married to Esther for 40 years with three daughters, two married, and have two grandchildren. I live in England, 60 miles North East of London. I graduated with a science degree from St. Andrews University and then qualified as a Chartered Accountant in the City of London. I worked initially in the oil and gas exploration industry and then, in the last 12 years before retirement, as Finance director of a UK Quoted leisure business. Just before I retired I chaired a Committee which provided guidance to Directors on Internal Control, the UK equivalent to the subsequent Sarbanes Oxley legislation in the US.

I am still involved with a number of companies where I have been Chairman although I am trying to reduce my commitments and have more time for hobbies such as golf, gardening and sailing.



Nigel Turnbull seen here at a family wedding with his wife, three daughters and two sons-in-law.

Whist training in the City, I became involved with the Worshipful Company of Founders, a City Livery company that can trace its origins back to the mid 14th Century and which regulated its trade

for many centuries Many of our members have worked in the foundry trade and one of them still casts bells in the City of London. I was Master of the Company in 2002 and it is one of our traditions that a plaque of our personal Coat of Arms is hung in the Hall.

Since I was not entitled already to a coat of arms, I commissioned the Norroy and Ulster King of Arms from the College of Arms to provide me with one. We based it upon the idea of three bulls' heads and the Institute of Chartered Accountants' symbolic scales. Just before finalising the design a friend pointed out that there was often a hidden meaning within the coat of arms. This is why the final version shows two bulls facing in one direction and the other in the opposite direction. Turn-bull. (pictured on page 6)

Whenever travelling through the Borders we always divert and visit Bedrule and the surrounding countryside and so I enjoy the newsletter telling me more about it.

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Scottish Gathering and Highland Games, Phoenix, Arizona

Together with father, Russell, Bill and Claudia Trimble once again represented the Turnbull Clan at the 44th annual Scottish Gathering and Highland Games in Phoenix, Arizona. Bill reports that this year's games were held in a different venue from previous games.



Russell Trimble, Bill and Claudia Trimble sponsor the Turnbull tent at the 44th annual Scottish Gathering in Phoenix, AZ.

The games included a beer garden, athletic events, Celtic music, balladeers, fiddlers, Highland dancers and of course, the pipers and pipe bands. Bill says that despite the activities and stellar weather, he thinks the games were less attended than others.

Perhaps the new venue was responsible for a few early on glitches. The promised tent was not set up when Trimbles arrived, so it took a little doing to get one going. They eventually got a tent set up and decorated. Bill came down with the flu on Saturday so left the greeting to Russell and Claudia on Sunday.



Above, Russell Trimble, Bill Trimble and Jack Trimble enjoy the beautiful day at the Arizona Highland Games.

Jack Trimble had a nice visit with all when he stopped by the tent wearing his Scottish American Military Society uniform. In spite of the set-backs, there was beautiful weather, the Turnbull tent looked grand, and all had a good time.

Hawick News

Brian Turnbull reports that the first of several planned fundraisers for the Turning of the Bull Monument was a big success. They raised about \$500 at a Coffee Morning. A Coffee Morning entails finding a venue which is then turned into a Coffee Shop. People are invited (via press publicity and word of mouth) to come along to it.

Participants pay to get in and get unlimited amounts of coffee and a few biscuits. While they are there, they are encouraged to buy other things – raffle tickets, cake and candy (all of which is sourced as donations).



TCA spread posters all over the town from two weeks before and sent press releases to all the local media contacts. Close to 100 people showed up!



The morning was just one of several planned events. Check future Bullseyes for updates on future fund raisers and activities coming from Hawick – like Brian's 'Turnbull Clan Sponsored Skydive' in June at St Andrews. He is organizing the event to raise funds for the monument and a local charity. His target goal is to have 20 participants. So far, he has five.

Welcome Daniela Cristina Copa Pérez

Daniela Cristina is not only new to TCA, but she is new to the USA. Daniela was born in Cuba, June 18, 1997. Daniela's father, Roberto Copa Matos is married to Elizabeth Turnbull. Roberto was born in Cuba and lived there until coming to the United States in 2002. Elizabeth and Roberto were married in 2004 and from that time on, they talked about the day Daniela would live with them.



Together at last. Some things are worth waiting for. Daniela is greeted with hugs and kisses from Mom and Dad!



Roberto and Elizabeth worked hard at getting the necessary paperwork for Daniela to join them. Accomplishing this was not an easy task. But neither Roberto nor Elizabeth was going to give up. Almost four years later their dream came true. On January 22, a brave little 10 year old, left family and friends and the only life she knew, to board her first airplane all alone. After more than an hour in Miami clearing immigration, Daniela Cristina was welcomed into open arms of two very happy parents.

A second plane ride, only this one not alone, brought her to her new home in Durham, North Carolina, where she was once again greeted with hugs and kisses, but this time by her new grandparents.



Wally and Betty Turnbull welcome granddaughter Daniela Cristina.



Roberto, Daniela and Elizabeth.

Daniela is adjusting well to her new life. She is busy learning English. She loves school, making new friends, and going to Gramma and Papa Bull's house for peanut butter and jelly sandwiches.

Scottish Haggis Available in US, You Say ????

Haggis lovers rejoice. The Scottish government is considering asking the US to lift the ban on the importation of Haggis. Imports of Haggis have been banned in the US since 1989 during the mad cow disease scare. A Scottish Government spokeswoman said it "will consider engaging the US government on its haggis export ban, if there is popular support for such a move from within our world famous haggis producers." (Only organ free haggis is available in the US market today.)

Backing this request is the renowned haggis maker, Macsween. Because of the number of people in the US with Scottish ancestry, Macsween is sure that the lifting of the ban would open up a very lucrative market. Jo Macsween, a co-director of the family run company, said she hopes to see the ban overturned. "The market is massive because there are so many expat Scots there and once Americans try a good quality haggis, they can't get enough of it."

Haggis is traditionally served with neeps and tatties (turnips and potatoes) on Burns night. Haggis is made from sheep's 'pluck' (the liver, heart and lungs) and is minced with onion, oatmeal, suet, spices and salt. The real thing is then boiled in the animal's stomach for approximately three hours. As the 2001 English edition of the *Larousse Gastronomique* puts it, "Although its description is not immediately appealing, haggis has an excellent nutty texture and delicious savoury flavour."



From Down Under (Perth, Australia) TCA Member Cara Cox turns 70 – On Jan. 8, Cara spent her 70th birthday with her grandchildren at a local winery. She says a lovely day was had by all. Pictured above are Tom Kelleher, Cara, one of TCA's newest members, Owen Turnbull Ledger, and Elizabeth and Simeon Nelson. All are Turnbull descendents.



CD!

It is amazing what detectives can uncover. We left the following question pending in the last issue: "Did you know that there is a Mount Turnbull? The detectives need to find out why this mount is called so." We are grateful to Mr. Jack Trimble and to Prof. Marshall Trimble, Arizona State Historian and professor of history at Scottsdale College who cleared the mystery. Please read on.

The Mountain, actually Trumbull, not Turnbull, was named by John Wesley Powell during his historic exploration of the Colorado River and into the Grand Canyon. Mt. Trumbull was named for Senator Lyman Trumbull from Illinois.

CD then wanted to know who was John Wesley Powell; here is the answer: **John Wesley Powell (March 24, 1834 - September 23, 1902) was a U.S. soldier, geologist, and explorer of the American West. He is famous for the 1869 Powell Geographic Expedition, a three-month river trip down the Green and Colorado rivers that included the first passage through the Grand Canyon.**

Lyman Trumbull was born in Colchester, Connecticut. He attended Bacon Academy and was a school teacher from 1829 to 1833. After studying law, he was admitted to the bar and practiced in Greenville, Georgia until moving to Belleville, Illinois in 1837.

By 1840, he was serving in the Illinois State House and was Secretary of State from 1841 to 1843. From 1848 to 1853, he was a justice on the state Supreme Court. Although elected to the United States House of Representatives in 1854, he was elected to serve in the U.S. Senate before he could take his seat. He served from 1855 through 1873, during which time he claimed party affiliations with the Democrats, the Republicans, the Liberal Republicans, and finally the Democrats again.

During President Andrew Johnson's impeachment trial, Trumbull broke party ranks, along with six other Republican senators, and in a courageous act of political suicide, voted for acquittal. These seven Republican senators were disturbed by how the proceedings had been manipulated in order to give a one-sided presentation of the evidence. Senators William Pitt Fessenden, Joseph S. Fowler, James W. Grimes, John B. Henderson, Lyman Trumbull, Peter G. Van Winkle, and Edmund G. Ross of Kansas, who provided the decisive vote, defied their party and public opinion and voted against impeachment.



Lyman Trumbull, Senator, Supreme Court Justice and co-author of the 13th Amendment

(and now the Mt. Trumbull Wilderness) in northwestern Arizona after the senator. The Lyman Trumbull House is a National Historic Landmark

Source: Wikipedia, but others, including the Lincoln Library website were consulted.

Until the next "how interesting,"

A. Turnbull Clan Detective

Contributions to this column are welcomed at detective@turnbullclan.com

As chairman of the Judiciary Committee (1861-1872), he co-authored the Thirteenth Amendment, which prohibited all kinds of slavery in the United States.

In 1873, he set up a law practice in Chicago and remained in private practice except for a brief period when he ran an unsuccessful campaign for governor (as a Democrat) in 1880.

During his explorations in the west, John Wesley Powell named Mt. Trumbull



Margaret Turnbull,
Russell E. Trimble,
Dolores Forgette,
Sandra E. Olsen,
Sean Trimble, E.
Carlton James

Birthday Apologies! Apologies from the editor to all our February birthdays. Last month's birthday greetings were extended to a mix of January and February birthdays. **Belated February Birthday wishes to** Charles Bird, John G. Turnbull, Mary Turnbull Raghallaigh, Dennis Turnbull, Denise Turnbull, Velle Turnbull, Kenneth Turnbull, Leslie Turnbull, Emily Putney, Scott Turnbull, Mary A. Turnbull, Hazel Turnbull, William Trumbull, Claude Snow, and Morris Kugler

Happy March Birthdays

Gail Turnbull, Alice Foy, Sandy Turnbull, Wallace R. Turnbull III, Brian Turnbull, Patricia Trimble, Ann Turnbull, John Turnbull, Lenora Turnbull, Guadalupe Rule, David E. Turnbull, Genevieve Turnbull, T. Stephen Turnbull, Robert M. Turnbull, Thomas Turnbull, Walter Turnbull Sr., Kenneth Turnbull, Julie Lloyd, Harold F. Turnbull, Donald Stoughton, Glenn Turnbull, Roger



Lee, Clarence Kunz, Kara Knepp, Patricia Turnbull, and Barbara Stoughton

Flowers of the Forest

TCA Remembers...

James Trumble



James Trumble, the Lord Lyon and Scott Turnbull,, Stone Mountain, GA.

James Trumble was descended from James Turnbull, brother to Andrew Turnbull of Florida. James immigrated to Virginia in the 1760s while brother Andrew went to Florida. Over the next hundred years, his descendents traveled through the Carolinas, into Florida and west to Texas. Around the 1830s or 1840s, the family changed their name from Turnbull to Trumble.

James grew up in Texas, was a CPA in North Carolina before moving to Tennessee and then back to Texas. James was the first treasurer of TCA. James' early involvement in TCA included helping establish the by-laws. He was instrumental in registering TCA as an official non-profit organization in Tennessee and of acquiring IRS non-profit status.

James was part of the 101st Army Airborne in Fort Campbell, Kentucky and was a member of the Knights Templar. He was an excellent marksman and avid gun collector. But what James loved best was representing his Turnbull heritage at Scottish Games all across the South.

James was very proud of a beautiful replica of Fatlips Castle that he constructed. But how that came about is interesting. James broke his leg – twice! And both times were at the exact same place, same time of day and same day of the year, his birthday! Being laid up the second time, James decided to make lemonade out of lemons and spent his time constructing a beautifully detailed replica of Fatlips Castle. The replica has been displayed many times in the Turnbull tents that James and Scott Turnbull sponsored and participated in.

James will be greatly missed; His participation in things Turnbull and dedication to the clan are much appreciated and remembered.

Arms of Nigel Turnbull. The arms are based upon the idea of three bulls' heads and the Institute of Chartered Accountants' symbolic scales. Note the two bulls' heads facing the same direction and the third pointing another. This is symbolic of the "turning of the bull." (See Meet the Member, page 2 for more about Nigel Turnbull.)



Homecoming Scotland – 2009 – An Invitation

The following comes via the Scottish government and TCA Scotland: 2009 marks the 250th anniversary of the birth of our national poet and international cultural icon Robert Burns whose message of friendship and 'Auld Lang Syne' lives on. In 2009 we are inviting you to celebrate with us. Whether you live in Scotland, are part of our extended global family, or maybe you just love Scotland, join us in our 2009 celebrations. 2009 will be of Scotland's great contributions to the world: Burns, Golf, Whisky, The Enlightenment and Innovation, as well as our rich culture and heritage which lives on at home and through the many people of Scots descent who live out with our shores. There is a year long calendar of activities planned. For more information visit www.homecomingscotland.com and stayed tuned to more Bullseye articles about this historical event.

From the Editor: When I receive special comments about a particular issue of the Bullseye, I always notice that it contains news about members. Yet, the most difficult news to get is just that – your news. If you know someone you would like to see featured as a Meet the Member, please let me know. Also, let me know about births, deaths, reunions, special occasions or just fun family times. Photos are always welcome. Contact editor@turnbullclan.com or Betty Turnbull, 5216 Tahoe Dr., Durham, NC 27713. (Photos received via post will be returned.) Thanks! And looking forward to hearing from you!



**And the Winner is...
Rowena Magrecki
Congratulations!**

Find the © and win a box of Bulls-Eyes caramels! Tell me the page number, article and paragraph where the Bullseye appears.

Don't despair. If you didn't win last time you have a chance each issue in 2008 to try again. Look for the embedded © in one of the articles and be the first to tell me where it is.

Email me at editor@turnbullclan.com. I will send you your prize and announce the winner in the next issue.