

# Beautiful Setting and Great Turnout Make for Successful AGM



*The 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Grandfather Mountain Highland Games was an ideal setting for the Turnbull Clan Association Annual General Meeting.*

Surrounded by mountains and picture perfect weather, the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games offered a perfect setting for this year's TCA Annual General Meeting (AGM).



Tent hosts Scott and Adaira Turnbull welcomed Turnbull Clan Members from Washington, Louisiana, Colorado, Georgia North Carolina, Alabama, Kentucky, Tennessee, and Canada. In addition to the Turnbull tent, TCA sponsored a hospitality tent located facing the field of activities.

Grandfather Mountain is known for hosting one of the most attended Highland events in the United States and this year's 53<sup>rd</sup> GMHG was no exception.

Crowds enjoyed the heavy athletic, bagpipe and Highland dancing competitions. From Tossing the Caber to Wrestling, nothing was left out.

The AGM and Banquet provided a great time to catch up on business, renew friendships, make new friends and have fun. Business included welcoming

Fiona Turnbull as the new TCA secretary. A special thank you was extended to Janet Schwierking for her years of hard work and service in this position.



President Wally Turnbull presented the Clan Member of the Year award in absentia to Patricia Turnbull of New Zealand. Pat has been very active in Scottish and Turnbull activities for many years.

Pat and her late husband Derek Turnbull established the Turnbull Family Reserve, a National Reserve to protect and preserve the environment. Pat is currently creating a Turnbull Museum and Library. She was named Clan Member of the Year for her environmental, social, and Turnbull Clan contributions in New Zealand. To learn more about what Pat is doing visit her website at [www.sherwoodforest.co.nz](http://www.sherwoodforest.co.nz)



*Back row: Andy Turnbull, Bill Trimble, Scott Turnbull, Wally Turnbull, Gail Turnbull, Roberto Copa Matos Second row: Pat Trimble, Adaira Turnbull, Betty Turnbull, Daniela Copa Perez, Elizabeth Turnbull, Jennifer Capoccia*

## From the President

by Wally Turnbull

We had such a good time at the Grandfather Mountain Games that we wondered why more Turnbells don't host tents at Scottish games in their areas. There are so many good reasons to host a tent that we thought those who would like to may simply not know how to get started.



With a tent you have a "home-base" from which to enjoy the festivities. You can wander around to visit the vendors, other clans, watch the athletic competition, and then come back to your tent to rest, drink, eat, and visit friends, extended family, and those who simply stop by to find out what makes Turnbells so great. By being a regular participant you meet and make a lot of good friends in a fun and wholesome family-oriented environment.

To make it easier for those who would like to host a Turnbull tent, we have expanded the support section of the web site to include everything a new tent host needs to setup a great basic Turnbull display. Some items including brochures, application forms, images for display, and files for commercial reproduction can be downloaded from the web site. Other items are available from vendors via links to their websites. We even have a hosting how-to manual coming - as a help not requirement.

Additionally, we are assembling a complete kit that a member may borrow to get going. In years when tent support contributions permit such kits may be available at a subsidized cost to those who might not otherwise be able to host a tent. If you are interested in borrowing a tent host startup kit contact [president@turnbullclan.com](mailto:president@turnbullclan.com).

So - please don't let know-how or cost stop you from enjoying the best seat at your local Scottish games as Host of the Turnbull Tent. Why not start at the very next event?

### Sharing and Caring

Our thoughts and prayers are with Dorothy Turnbull and family with the loss of her cousin's grandson, Kyle Brewster, age 17 due to a car accident.

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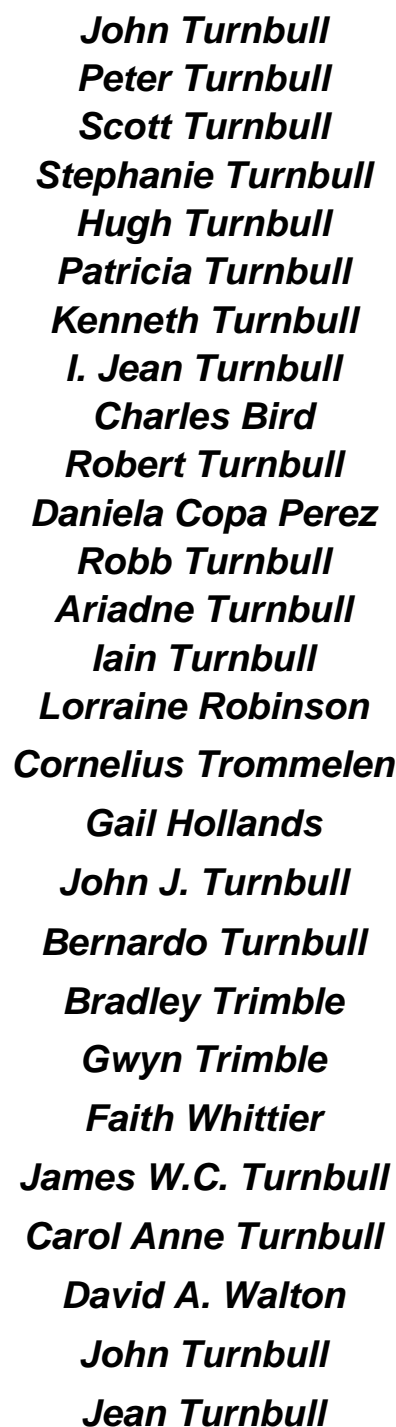
**Officers:** Wally Turnbull, President • Brian Turnbull, Vice-President  
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**Founders:** John F. Turnbull, Scotland • Dorothy Berk, USA

## Meet the Family

TCA extends a warm welcome to its new members. We hope you enjoy getting to know your extended Turnbull family. We look forward to the chance to get to know you, as well. WELCOME!



**John Turnbull**  
**Peter Turnbull**  
**Scott Turnbull**  
**Stephanie Turnbull**  
**Hugh Turnbull**  
**Patricia Turnbull**  
**Kenneth Turnbull**  
**I. Jean Turnbull**  
**Charles Bird**  
**Robert Turnbull**  
**Daniela Copa Perez**  
**Robb Turnbull**  
**Ariadne Turnbull**  
**Iain Turnbull**  
**Lorraine Robinson**  
**Cornelius Trommelen**  
**Gail Hollands**  
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**Gwyn Trimble**  
**Faith Whittier**  
**James W.C. Turnbull**  
**Carol Anne Turnbull**  
**David A. Walton**  
**John Turnbull**  
**Jean Turnbull**



Blue skies provided the perfect background for the Turnbull flag and tartan, proudly displaying our heritage and colors. Below right: Special visitors, from Lyon and Turnbull Auction House, John and Angela Batty. Mr Batty, Lyon and Turnbull Consultant and a former curator of the National Trust of Scotland was an invited guest of the games. Below center: Gail Turnbull enjoys the activities on the field from the hospitality tent. Below left to right: Cynthia and Henry Parham represent the Louisiana Turnbells. Pat Trimble (WA) and Barbara Schell (TN) enjoy photos of past events. Pat Trimble prepares goodies for the Hospitality Tent. Walter Turnbull, Sr. and Walter Jr. (AL) enjoy the wrestling matches.



Below center: TCA officers, Brian Turnbull (Vice-President, Canada), Fiona Turnbull (Secretary, Colorado), Wally Turnbull (President, North Carolina) and Bill Trimble (Treasurer, Washington) take advantage of being together for an executive meeting.



Above: Elizabeth Turnbull and daughter Daniela (NC) enjoy a great view of the games.

Right: Winners of the Highland Dancing competition are escorted to the winners circle.

Far right: Andy Turnbull introduces the clan to his fiancée, Jennifer Capoccia.







The Parade of Tartans culminated the weekend of activities. Representing TCA back to front: Wally Turnbull, Bill Trimble, Daniela Copa Perez, Elizabeth Turnbull, Gail Turnbull, Scott Turnbull, Adaira Turnbull, Jennifer Capoccia, and Betty Turnbull



Above: Andy Turnbull, left, presented the clan colors for review after the Parade of Tartans. Right and below: Sunday morning, TCA President, Wally Turnbull, participated in the Kirkin' o the Tartans, a traditional blessing of the tartans.



Far left: Wally makes a toast and calls for a moment of silence remembering James Trumble. James hosted the Turnbull tent at Grandfather Mountain for many years.



Top center: Wally welcomes Fiona Turnbull as secretary. Left: Paula, Fiona, James and Douglas Turnbull. Doug once served as TCA VP.



Above: Roberto Copa Matos with daughter Daniela Copa Perez and wife Elizabeth Turnbull.



Left: Wally greets Barbara and Edward Schell at the banquet. Right: Walter congratulates Scott and Adaira on their engagement. (By the time you read this they will be married!)





## Turnbulls In The News

*Wish Upon a Dream* was founded by Lesley Turnbull in 2007. The aim of the non-profit organization is to enable terminally ill and sick children from the Isle of Man, UK to fulfill some of their ambitions and dreams.



The charity recently granted a wish celebrating its first anniversary. Six children experienced a flight over the Island. The children ranged in age from four to thirteen. They are sick or in remission for their conditions. They were able to get a bird's eye view of

their schools and homes as they flew above the Island. Also on board was founder, Lesley Turnbull.

The wish was granted through the arrangements of Ms. Turnbull and courtesy of Manx2. Lesley said, "It is our first birthday – a year since we granted our first wish and it coincided with Manx2's birthday." Manx2 chairman Noel Hayes said, "It has been really nice to do something for the kids and give them a few moments of happiness...it has been a great and uplifting experience because it's given a chance to put something back and I think days like this make everyone realize really how fortunate people are in life."

Last year one of the wishes granted was for Joseph. "Mid 2007 saw our first wish being granted to Joseph. He suffers from a condition known as 'Spinal Muscular Atrophy Type II' and is confined to wheelchair. A close family friend nominated Joseph for his wish of a spa that would aid and relax his muscles and allow him home water therapy whenever he needed it. A 'Softub' developed in America has transformed his everyday life. With help from Swales of Laxey the wish happened. It requires various water treatments to keep the water right at all times and Swales are on hand to deal with any problems that may arise. Joseph knew nothing of the nomination or what was happening in an extension to his home and all delivered courtesy of Phoenix Logistics.

The day of the surprise came and Joseph's face was a picture of joy and delight, his new spa with coloured, underwater lighting was exactly right. This was as amazing for his parents, to know that their son could have this water therapy treatment in the home, their faces a picture. Joseph is such a lovely child and very deserving of his wish, that is in constant use."

For more about *Wish Upon A Dream*, visit <http://www.wishuponadream.co.uk>.

## Could You Be Related To . . .

James Turnbull, a private soldier of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Regiment of Guards? Before answering or delving too far perhaps it would be wise to learn more about this soldier Turnbull. He is not known for his heroic patriotism. His fame comes from a different sort of heroic act.

James Turnbull robbed the National Mint in the Tower of London the 25<sup>th</sup> of February 1799. A private soldier of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Regiment of Guards, he received orders on the 20<sup>th</sup> of December 1798 to work in the die in the coinage of guineas. At 9:00 in the morning, James pretended to go with the other men to breakfast.

James, in fact, did not stay at breakfast. He returned from breakfast after only a minute or two with a fellow comrade named Dalton. Dalton stood at the door while James put a pistol to the head of an apprentice named Finch, who had been left in care of the coining room. A Mr. Chambers was also present.

James demanded the key to the chest where the finished guineas were deposited. Mr. Chambers attempted to interfere. With the pistol now leveled at his forehead, he and Finch were pushed down a passage leading to another room into which they were forced and consequently locked.

James then opened the chest and removed four bags, containing two thousand three hundred and eighty guineas and proceeded to escape with them before any alarm could be made. He managed to elude detection for a fortnight, but was discovered on the 5<sup>th</sup> of January, at Dover, when he attempted to hire a boat to carry him to France.

With the evidence against him, he acknowledged himself to be guilty of the robbery and when called to make his defense was immediately found guilty by the jury. He was sentenced to death and instantly replied, "I have now heard my sentence, and I thank God for it."

James Turnbull was tried and convicted on the 25<sup>th</sup> of February, 1799. He was executed on the 15<sup>th</sup> of May before Newgate.

So, is James in your family line? And if so, will you admit it?

(Story contributed by Fiona Turnbull)



One of TCA's youngest members, three year old Iain Turnbull of St. Louis, MO drew this chalk bull on the sidewalk. Why a bull?, ask his parents, Keith and Thérèse Turnbull. Perhaps it's in the DNA...

## Homecoming 2009 Scotland You Won't Want to Miss This!

by Betty Turnbull, Editor

It's official; the dedication of the Turning of the Bull monument is 18 July 2009. Plans are taking shape for this historical event. Turnbolls from all over will be present to share a bit of their history with the rest of the world. The Gathering, an Edinburgh event that is sure to be one of the most highly attended clan gatherings takes place the 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> of June.

It's not too early to start planning. From time to time, the Bullseye will run an article on events to look for, tips on where to stay and what to see. To begin, many of you read the series *Turnbull Trails* in past Bullseye editions. (If not or you want to review, a *Turnbull Trails* booklet will soon be available from the website.) The series identified places in the Borders of historical interest to anyone with Turnbull ancestry. During the 2007 AGM Trip to Scotland, I remember seeing one of the group become very silent and walk off to be alone for awhile. When I next spoke to him, he told me that he was standing on the same ground on which a ggg grandfather had walked. It was a sobering experience for him to try to imagine life as it had been and the family he came from but never knew, something he says he will remember forever and something he thought everyone with Turnbull ancestry should experience.

For those of you who might be hesitant to venture out on your own, there is good news. Alastair Crantson is designing a *Turnbull Trails* tour from 4-6 days that begins with the monument dedication and continues throughout the Borderlands. Alastair was one of our guides for the 2007 trip and I can vouch for his ability and knowledge of the Borders and the Turnbolls. To help in the planning, Alastair would like to have an idea of how many might be interested in taking such a tour. This will influence the type of transportation and cost. If you are interested (no commitment necessary) please let me know at [editor@turnbullclan.com](mailto:editor@turnbullclan.com) and I will happily pass the information onto Alastair.

Next month's Bullseye will have some ideas on how to start looking for lodging and how to decide what is best for you and your family. Visit [www.homecomingscotland2009.com](http://www.homecomingscotland2009.com) for more information about the year's events and The Gathering.

### Happy Birthday

Mary K. Dollar.	Rowena
Turnbull Magrecki,	John R.
Turnbull, Jr.	Kathie Shilipetar,
John C. Turnbull,	Paula
Turnbull,	Eleanor Turnbull,
Kenneth Turnbull,	Dorothy
Cook,	Jimmie Jean Bowman,
Adriana Rosado	Bonewitz,
Janet Schwierking,	Mary R.
Turnbull, John Turnbull III,	

Ann W. Stevenson,
Cynthia Parham,
Ann W. Turnbull,
Kathryn Hunt

### A note from Janet:

THANK YOU ALL for voting. Fiona is very capable of doing the membership secretary job and will be there for you. I am now officially retired as the membership Secretary, but far from gone. I plan to devote more time to your family histories. As TCA grows, so does the family history.

I would like to share an idea with you. Several years back I had a young couple who wanted to join TCA but the husband was out of work, so I paid the dues for them. That is when I started my TCA change can, which is actually an old change purse. I put my uncounted daily change in the "can" and had by the year's end, paid myself back - plus had enough to assist someone else. So, I have a suggestion...

Start your own change can, cup, or purse. If you start now, who knows how much you can save towards your dues for 2009. And remember, all of us are always here for all of you. I still have my change "can" in case you know someone who needs a little help. (Your local banks have coin wrappers for the asking.) Janet Schwierking



Dale and Mary Kay Hilding are TCA Tent Hosts and keep busy during the summer months with the Prosser, WA, Athena, OR and Baker, OR games. Above left, Dale introduces us to 7<sup>th</sup> generation Turnbull grandson, Addison. Right, 6<sup>th</sup> generation Turnbull daughter, Katie, graduates from high school June 2008.



**And the Winner is...**  
**Sarah Turnbull**  
**Congratulations!**

Keep looking for the embedded © in one of the articles and be the first to tell me where it is. Email me at [editor@turnbullclan.com](mailto:editor@turnbullclan.com). I'll send your prize and announce the winner in the next issue. Don't give up – your turn will come!