

HIGHEST HONOR BESTOWED UPON THREE MEMBERS

This year's AGM hosted by Chris Nelson and her husband, Tim, at the Niagara Celtic Festival in Olcott, NY, also served as a time to honor three of TCA's most dedicated members. Mark A. Turnbull of Lyndeboro, NH, John G. Turnbull, New York, NY, and Janet Turnbull Schwierking, Poteet, TX, were awarded the John Fisher Turnbull Lifetime Achievement Award.

John F. Turnbull of Hawick, Scotland began, in the 1970s, what has become known worldwide as the Turnbull Clan Association. In its early days, Dorothy Turnbull Berk chartered a US branch for Turnbull Clan in an effort to bring together Turnbulls in the US and Canada and connect them to each other and to their Turnbull cousins in Scotland. When Dorothy passed away, the organization needed leadership. That's when Mark, John G. and Janet stepped up and helped organize what has now become a clan association with over 1500 members worldwide.

President Wally Turnbull at this year's AGM, "It is my great pleasure to announce that the TCA Board of Directors have unanimously awarded the *John Fisher Turnbull Lifetime Achievement Award* for valuable service to our clan over many years to Janet Turnbull Schwierking, Mark A. Turnbull, and John Grason Turnbull."

"Note that this is not the *Clan Member of the Year* award. It is the highest honor that TCA grants and is only given occasionally for exceptional service over a number of years. You will be pleased to know that although this award is rarely granted, this year we felt it fitting to grant it simultaneously to three very special people who, together, played key roles in the development of TCA, helping it become what it is today." (You can view the presentation on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/NOEn5oYkreU>.)



Janet Turnbull Schwierking, John Grason Turnbull, and Mark A. Turnbull receive the John F. Turnbull Lifetime Achievement Award for their many years of service to the Turnbull Clan Association.

AGM HIGHLIGHTS



This year's AGM was held at the Niagara Celtic Festival in Olcott, NY, September 17 and 18. Turnbull Clan was an honored clan and TCA President was

asked to officially open the games. Highlights included the Parade of Clan and meeting and getting to know fellow clan members. Sunday events were joined by several Canadian Turnbulls.

One of the most fun events was the presentation of the Clan Athlete of the Games Award. When the Nelsons learned that many participating athletes were not members of clans they began encouraging them to find out if they had Scottish ties and to join their family clan associations. Plus, they encouraged clans to adopt those athletes who didn't know their clan affiliation. To support this, they began the Athlete of the Games Award presented to a participating athlete for performance and who is also a member of a clan organization. This year, Lady Betty Turnbull was asked to make the presentation.

Learn more about these games and what the Nelsons do to promote other Highland Games and Scottish Heritage in next month's Bullseye.

Left, Chris Nelson and President Wally Turnbull get ready for the Parade of Tartans. Right, Betty Turnbull presents the Athlete of the Games Award to Craig Northrup.



GOVERNOR JONATHAN TRUMBULL, SR. 306TH BIRTHDAY COMMEMORATION AND 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF CONNECTICUT SAR OWNERSHIP OF THE WAR OFFICE

Submitted by Todd Gerlander, Chairman, Connecticut SAR Historic Sites and Celebrations, Descendant of the Trumble/Trumbull family of Lebanon, Connecticut.

On Sunday, October 2, 2016, the Connecticut Society of the Sons of the American Revolution commemorated the 306th Birthday of Connecticut's Revolutionary War Governor, Jonathan Trumbull, Sr. (1710-1785). The annual event took place at the historic War Office in Lebanon, Connecticut. This year was extra special because the Connecticut SAR commemorated one hundred and twenty five years of ownership and preservation of the War Office (1891-2016).

Events included a Revolutionary War encampment with Revolutionary War re-enactors, 18th century music by the Nathan Hale Ancient Fifes and Drums, and two Connecticut SAR commemoration ceremonies at the War Office where a letter of greetings and congratulations was read from Mr. Wally R. Turnbull, President of the Turnbull Clan Association. The Connecticut Daughters of the American Revolution held an open house at the nearby home of Gov. Trumbull, which they own and operate. This house was built by his father in 1735/40, which the Governor inherited in 1755. Activities concluded with the 51st Annual Massing of the Colors which was held at the Lebanon First Congregational Church. The Church was built 1804-1807, and was designed by the Governor's son, Colonel John Trumbull, the Artist of the American Revolution.

The War Office, according to tradition was built circa 1727 by Gov. Trumbull's father, Captain Joseph Trumble, Sr. (my ancestral Grandfather), the Patriarch of the Trumble/Trumbull family of Lebanon. The Trumbulls were merchants, and the War Office originally served as the Trumbull family store. The War Office is where Governor Jonathan Trumbull, Sr. met with the Connecticut Council of Safety during the American Revolution (1775-1783). In this building Washington, Putnam, Knox, Parsons, Huntington, Spencer, Lafayette, Rochambeau, Chastellux, Lauzun and others met with Connecticut's Patriot Governor. "It has been said that more money, food, munitions, and manpower for the colonial forces were directed from this building during the Revolution than from any other area in the 13 original colonies."^[1]

"Of the War Office it was said later, after its restoration in 1891 and its designation as a national landmark, "that little building had to yield precedence only to Faneuil and Independence Halls as a cradle of American Liberty."^[2]

In 1891, when the Connecticut SAR took ownership of the building, Society President Jonathan Trumbull (a Great-Great-Grandson of the Governor) stated, "that the restoration of this



building, and that our custody and care of it in the future is the most important work which our Society has in hand."^[3] Today, one hundred and twenty five years later the Connecticut SAR continues in this sacred trust to preserve this shrine of our Nation's Independence for future generations.

^[1] *Exploring Connecticut*, William J. Prendergast, The Pequot Press, Inc., Second Printing, 1970

^[2] *Among First Patriots, A Brief History of Lebanon, Connecticut*, Russell Brooks Butler Barber, Ph.D., Town of Lebanon, 1971

^[3] *Year-Book, Connecticut Society of the Sons of the American Revolution for 1891*, Case, Lockwood & Brainard Co., 1892



Above: Todd Gerlander's tricorn hat is shown with the cockade being a wee bit of Turnbull tартan in honor of Governor Trumbull's Birthday, and my Trumbull/Trumble/Turnbull family ancestry.

Above: Members of the Connecticut Society of the Sons of the American Revolution and Revolutionary War reenactors line up in front of the War Office following the commemoration ceremonies.

Below: Connecticut SAR ceremonies at the War Office.



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Sharing and Caring

Please remember Mark Turnbull, New Hampshire who continues to recover from a stroke.

UK - Sharing a street laugh

Recently she has been sighted quite frequently in the company of Guy Ritchie and Madonna's son, Rocco. But on a recent Monday afternoon it was Rocco's friend Brooklyn Beckham who was seen getting close with aspiring runway model Kim Turnbull. Enjoying a walk through the sunny street of London, the 17-year-old son of David and Victoria had the model and student, 16, in stitches. Kim, who is the granddaughter of celebrated artist William Turnbull, appeared to be tickled by what she heard and promptly burst out laughing. The two teens were enjoying the last of sunshine as they made their way along a leafy street; with both in a particularly carefree mood by all appearances.

New Zealand - Anniversary sparks fond memories

For the Turnbull boys, Dave and John, and their wives Moira and Lorraine, the first stop in Hamilton 50 years ago after they drove up from Napier was quite fitting. It was a fine hotel. But it was more than just a spot to get a refreshing drink after the long haul up in John's Mk II Zephyr. "That was where the Hawke's Bay Rugby team was staying and we wanted to see them," Dave Turnbull said. So, fifty years on, Dave had returned to Hamilton with his fond memories. Back then, like the rest of the black and white army, the Turnbull quartet were devoted followers and supporters of the Magpies, and knew the team possessed something special.

Australia - Auction day wins for Olympic gold medallist

It wasn't entirely smooth sailing, but three Melbourne sports stars have had wins on the auction market. Olympic sailing gold medallist Mark Turnbull led the field, selling his Gardenvale family home for \$2.2 million after auction, despite it failing to draw a bid. Turnbull told the Sunday Herald Sun pre-auction that selling the house he built for his family four and a half years ago was more nerve-racking than being a competitive sailor had ever been. Mark said "I wasn't really a nervous sailor." The Olympic sailing gold medalist will be hoping a buoyed Melbourne auction market helps his Gardenvale home sell under the hammer. He said Gardenvale was "the place to be" in the Brighton region, with many developments emerging in the past 18 months.



by Kenneth Turnbull - International News Editor

USA - Safety vote crosses the bridge at New Smyrna

Creek span — named for her late husband Mike two years ago — might collapse. The New Smyrna Beach resident held her breath at a contentious meeting in Daytona Beach where Volusia County Council members fought, against much opposition, for \$1.6 million in federal funds for the outdated crossing. After a two-hour debate by the board of the River-to-Sea Transportation Planning Organization, Jeanne Eader was able to let out a sigh of relief. The request was approved. "People are more important than processes. It's about human beings."

Jeanne Eader holds her breath whenever she crosses the old bridge at Turnbull Bay Road at New Smyrna in Florida. She fears the Spruce

Canada - A singer's 18 hours

An Edmonton opera singer is honouring her late husband and others who have died by suicide. The goal: use the healing power of music to get people talking about suicide prevention. Elizabeth Turnbull has fond memories of her husband. "It was very hard to talk about at first and it's still hard to talk about," the singer said. Determined to create a dialogue about mental health and suicide, Elizabeth created the Mysterious Barricades Concert Society on World Suicide Prevention Day: "Although it's 13 separate concerts, in that sense it's one big concert." Elizabeth is a mezzo soprano and started by singing in choirs as a child.

UK - School head and favourites

Mark Turnbull who joined Giggleswick School as headmaster in 2014 was born in York and worked briefly in banking before becoming a teacher. He is married to Laura, and they have three children, Eleanor, Harry and Henry. When asked, what's your favourite part of the county — and why? His reply was "The Dales. They do it for me every time. Partly it's the wonderful limestone scenery, and the ever-changing skies, but there's also a nostalgic element to the area because as a geography teacher I used to bring a lot of school trips up here, and I have a lot of happy memories of those visits."

**UK - Cutting-edge charcuterie**

Charlie Turnbull is the acclaimed owner of Shaftesbury's finest Deli, 'Turnbulls' and gave a few



of his top tips to a packed food show crowd on how to assemble an eye-catching charcuterie counter. At the Foodex trade show in Birmingham, he spoke about the need to transform the everyday staple of charcuterie into a true crowd-pleaser that adds value to a range of retailers.

Canada - Primed for a breakout

The Calgary Inferno's offensive depth and puck possession played a big role in their 2016 Clarkson Cup victory. The Inferno have re-tooled their roster over the off-season. There are a few new skaters in the mix, but the one to watch this year is second-year forward Blayre Turnbull. In her rookie season, she turned a lot of heads with her play from late November to the middle of January.

Sir Walter Scott and his lifetime achievements

by Kenneth Turnbull - Editor



The Sir Walter Scott Monument viewed here from Princes Street Gardens in Edinburgh.

The tower is 200 feet 6 inches (61.11 m.) high and is constructed primarily of sandstone.

The statue above of Sir Walter Scott is located inside the Monument.



Very few people today who visit Abbotsford House in Scotland or who see the 200 foot (61 metre) Monument in honour of him in Edinburgh, are aware of Sir Walter Scott's lifetime achievements. Amongst his achievements, his innovation in literature included his genre of the 'historical novel'.

Born in Edinburgh in 1771, Walter Scott was the son of a writer. However, at a very early age he was struck down with polio. He survived, but he was left lame with a pronounced limp, so his parents, to help cure his lameness, sent him to his grandparents' farm on the Scottish Borders. It was here that he became fascinated by an old medieval structure nearby, known by the locals as Smailholm Tower.

The Tower was dark and uninviting. Over time, it had seen many wars, including the 1513 Battle of Flodden. Learning about the history of the Border Wars also had an enormous impact on him and so triggered his very creative and vivid imagination into a personal expression of the Scottish culture. His was also fascinated with the oral traditions of the Borders in prose fiction, stories and novels.

He attended the Royal High School in Edinburgh and soon became a devout reader of travel, history books and old chivalry stories on romance. One of these novels included John Barbour's 'The Bruce', which is a poetic account of Scotland's King Robert the Bruce. Walter's early attempts at literary works

included romantic images of Scotland, with the clans, culture and the tartans.

As an adult, he graduated with several classifications in Law and by virtue, this suggested a potential of better things to come in his life. He practiced as a Lawyer and as the Deputy-Sheriff of Selkirkshire. As well, he became a member of the Highland Society, all while continuing to write.

In 1797, he married Charlotte Charpentier (Carpenter). They had five children. At first they lived in Edinburgh and through his various appointments, they made several moves, including the border village of Ashiestiel. They finally settled in Selkirk. It was around 1814, when he came up with a new and creative idea. He became the inventor of the literary genre, known in today's world, as the 'historical novel'.

An historical novel is where fiction and fact are inter-twined to combine as a theme novel. Walter's literary theme centred as a romantic poet and writer. His first work was 'Waverley' published anonymously and the first historical fiction novel produced. The heroic character was fictional, but with an historical theme.

Over time, his literary achievements progressed and he was recognised as a highly successful Scottish Poet, Playwright and Novelist.

Before long, his writings had created a huge international influence. Even today, his works are still widely read. Some of his famous historic works included 'Rob Roy', 'The Lady of the Lake', 'Ivanhoe', 'Minstrelsy of the Scottish Border' and more. In 1818 and with the invitation of the future King George IV, Walter, together with several military men, managed to find the 'lost' Crown Jewels (Honours of Scotland) in the depths of Edinburgh Castle. For this, he was granted the title of Baronet. Two years later he received the Baronetcy in London, to become Sir Walter Scott.

With his success in his writings, Walter started a publishing business, but it turned out to be a financial disaster. Walter Scott died in 1832 through working and trying to pay off his debts.

Today, this genre he created, continues to be used in many areas of entertainment. Apart from the Monument in Princes Street Gardens in Edinburgh, Waverley, the name of his first novel, now lends its name to the local railway station in Edinburgh.



An early version of the Turnbull crest forms a part of his large collection of Border Clan crests, which adorn his library retreat at Abbotsford House, near Melrose. Mentioned in the Bullseye 'Reivers' article published in 2011, Sir Walter Scott is a supposed ancestor of clan member Kim Trimble.

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Bitty Bulls



Let's Get Dressed!

The history of the kilt goes back over 400 years to the end of the 16th century. The Scottish word **kilt** means to **tuck up the clothes around the body**. Originally the kilt was a large piece of wool material (up to 7 yards or two loom widths sewn together). The fabric was gathered by hand into pleats and then belted around the waist to secure it in place, forming a skirt of sorts. The upper half of the fabric could then be worn as a cloak which draped over the left shoulder and tucked into the front or it could be brought over the shoulders and head when the weather was colder. Some of the fabric could also be tucked into the belt to form pockets. The kilt was usually worn over a long sleeved shirt. Depending on the temperature, the kilt length would be adjusted--longer in the winter and above the knees in the summer. The kilt also served as a handy blanket for wrapping up in when sleeping outside.



Scotsmen in the Highlands were the first to wear this, but over time, other Scotsmen adopted this type of wear. Clans began to color the wool to identify which region of Scotland they came from. In 1746 King George II imposed the Dress Act, outlawing all Highland clan dress, including the kilt, in order to suppress the rebellious, independent spirit and culture of the Highlanders. Punishment for wearing the kilt included imprisonment and transportation. The ban lasted for 35 years. Once the ban was lifted, the kilt became a more popular and romantic choice of dress.

With the 1822 visit of King George IV of England to Scotland, the kilt was worn by both Highlanders and Lowlanders in pageant form. The widespread appeal of the kilt picked up momentum after King George, convinced by Sir Walter Scott, wore one. Later on Queen Victoria dressed her sons in kilts. Soon all of Scotland was identified with the wearing of the kilt.

Today, the kilt is worn in military ceremonies, in celebration of Celtic culture, and in pipe bands. The modern kilt has sewn pleats requiring much less fabric. There is no skirting the fact that it continues to be a fascinating and striking part of Scottish culture.



Modern Dress Kilt

Right: David Wilkie's 1829 portrait of King George IV wearing a kilt. The painting portrayed the king as more slender and with bare knees. He actually wore pink tights with the kilt in order to hide his swollen and gouty legs.



Make Your Own Sporrán

craft idea taken from: www.activityvillage.co.uk/sporran-craft

You will need:

Brown craft foam
Brown embroidery thread
Embroidery needle
Button
Brown thick cord
Sporran template

Instructions:

Use the template to cut out the two pieces of the sporran from the craft foam.

Lay the smaller piece on top of the larger piece, matching up the edges, and use blanket stitch to sew them together.

Make three tassels by wrapping the embroidery thread around four fingers about 8 times. Slide the thread off your fingers. Tie a piece of thread about $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch from one end to form the top of your tassel. Trim the loops at the bottom. Make another two tassels in exactly the same way.

Stitch the three tassels and the button to the front of your sporran. On the top flap make a small loop of thread by threading it through the foam and tying two firm knots. Use the loop to hook around the button and close the loop.

Thread some thick cord through the fold at the top. Tie the cord around your waist to wear your sporran!



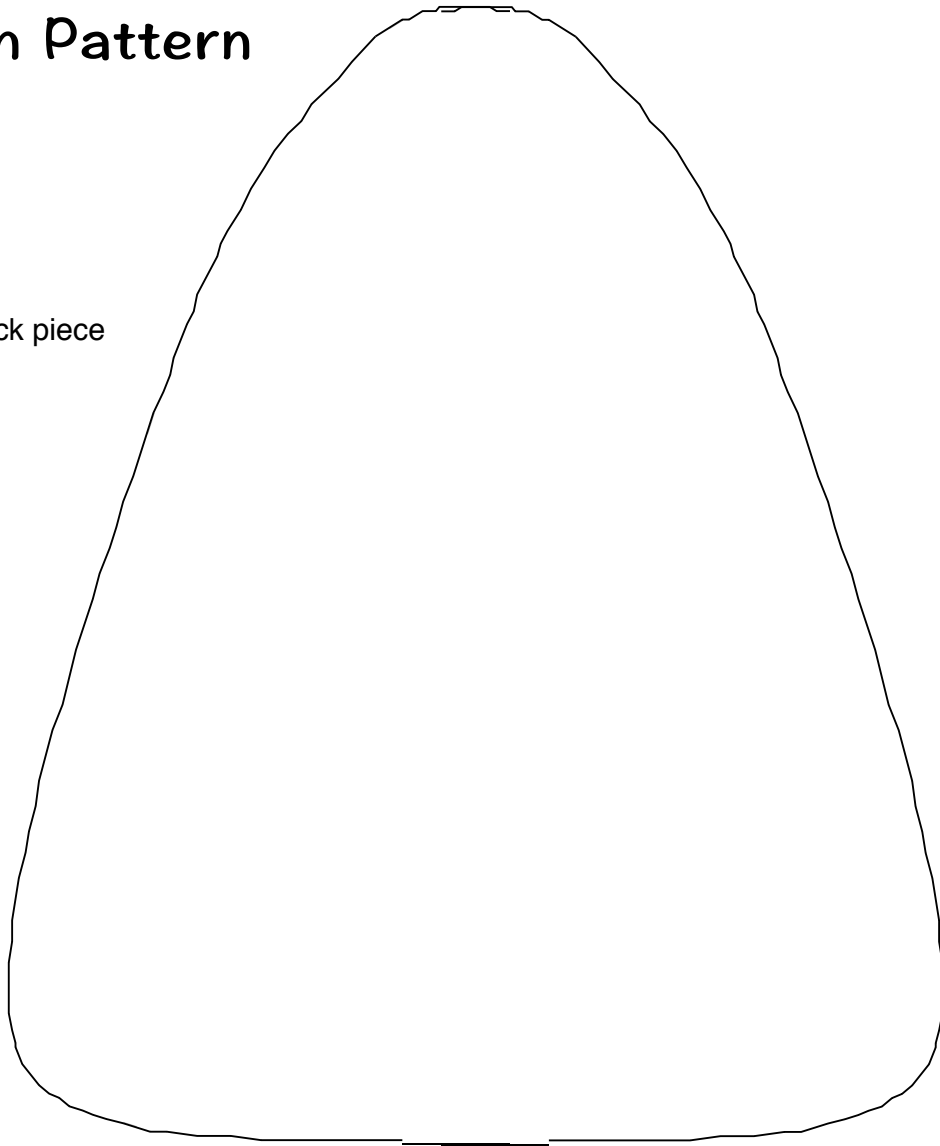
Did you know...

- Sporrán is Scottish Gaelic for “purse” and is a traditional part of the Scottish Highland Dress.
- It is a pouch that is used as a pocket or wallet.
- The first sporrans were circles of leather threaded and drawn up by a leather thong.
- Later sporrans were decorated with animal fur and fancy leather and silver work and hung by chains or a leather strap in the front over the groin area.
- The sporran is shifted to the hip if it gets in the way.

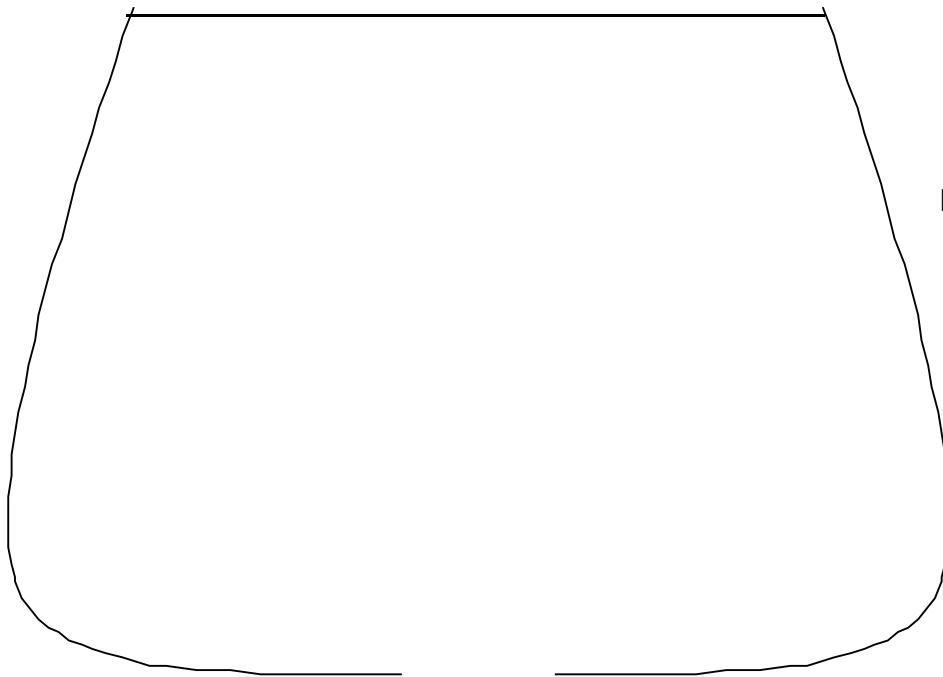


Sporran Pattern

Back piece



Front piece



Congratulations!

Congratulations to Diana Turnbull and Jonathan Stuart of Milton, Ontario, Canada on their recent engagement.



Diana is an avid knitter with her own web-based business selling knitwear, Jonathan (Jon) is a member of the Canadian Armed Forces; they share a lot of common interests but one in particular brought them together: Scotch. One evening while at a gathering of mutual friends they were introduced and struck up a conversation. Jon mentioned he enjoyed scotch, which Diana had heard from many guys, but didn't really believe him as most of the locals know little about good scotch. She went to the bar and bought them each a glass. To her surprise Jon actually properly tasted it, nosing and all! From there the relationship grew. Fast forward to a year and a half later and at the Gala for the 150th anniversary of his Regiment, The Lorne Scots, he proposed in front of dozens of his fellow soldiers in his full kilted uniform.

After a huge parade presided over by His Royal Highness the Duke of Kent, they attended the gala and had a wonderful dinner. Diana says, "We were swarmed with friends and comrades wishing us well and congratulating us, it was an incredible evening. We are hoping for an intimate fall wedding, with as many Scottish trappings as possible, (though the option of eloping to Scotland is not quite off the table...) and look forward to many happy years together."

Congratulations to Diana and Jonathan from your worldwide Turnbull Family.



Above: Cynthia Parham and daughter, Jennifer attended the Celtic Festival in Jackson Ms. Cynthia was lucky enough to find the Turnbull throw at one of the vendors there. As these are no longer made, she was thrilled they were willing to sell it to her. Cynthia and husband Henry participate in period dance and festival events. Jennifer is also taking Celtic dance lessons.

Congratulations to Max and Dawn Day, Mount Gambier, SW, Australia, who celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on 1 September 2016.

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