

EMBRACING FAMILY ABOVE AND BEYOND

If you've ever attended a Highland Games and found a tent with your Clan name, you know that feeling: like you found lost family you never knew you had. Turnbull Clan Association has always promoted and appreciated its tent hosts, who make local games feel like home. That's why the emphasis as an Association the past two years has been on expanding the tent hosts program.

Chris and Tim Nelson are examples of Turnbull tent hosts who go above and beyond what's normally expected. Tim, a Highland Games enthusiast and participant, introduced Chris to her first Highland Games when they started dating. She, like others who attended for the first time, discovered that she not only has Scottish roots, but Turnbull Scottish roots! So when Tim and Chris married, it seemed only natural to host a Turnbull tent at the games they loved.

They've been hosting for eleven years and now are Turnbull Tent Hosts at ten or more games. Many of the games they attend are smaller, regional games. Tim and Chris noticed that many clans didn't appear at these games. They began contacting clans and offering help and encouragement. This has now turned into them being the liaison between clans and festival committees. Their role is to not only attend the games with their tent but to recruit other clans to attend. They call and contact clan officers to make sure they feel comfortable and address any needs they might have. They are also on hand to help set-up and take down tents, especially for those who want to host and are elderly. If a scheduled Clan doesn't show up, they call and make sure everything is okay.

At one of the gatherings, several now-friends from other tents, mentioned how they only seemed to see each other in passing during the games and wouldn't it be nice if they had time to enjoy a meal together. That's when the Clan pot lucks began.



Above, Chris Nelson helps find Scottish roots for game attendees.



Chris Nelson, left, and husband, Tim (second from right) welcome Clan Gunn and Clan Claus to the Turnbull tent.

Twenty-five to thirty clans will gather for either a supper after the days' activities or maybe for breakfast and coffee before the opening of the games. Great friendships that extend far beyond game weekend have been formed.

Tim and Chris have been instrumental in implementing new ceremonies at some of the games, like a Torch ceremony for the opening of the games and closing Sword ceremony for those who have passed on.

One of the highlights of any Games is the athletic competition. It didn't take Tim and Chris long to realize that many of the athletes competing didn't actually belong to a clan association. While encouraging athletes to join their clans, they learned that many had no clan or Scottish identity. That's when they decided to encourage 'clan adoption.' They talked to Clan officers and to the athletes and suggested that those athletes find a clan that interested them and seek adoption into the clan. To encourage this, Tim established a Clan Athlete Award. The Award is presented each year by a different clan to an athlete for their performance at the games. The only requirement is that the athlete be a member of a clan. The athletes love being adopted and part of a family and being cheered on by their clan.

Chris says that she couldn't have done any of this without the help of TCA members like Janet Schwierking and tent host Keith Turnbull who offered suggestions and advice early on. They started small and found a mission that's brought them great fun, wonderful memories, and many friends who are now like family. (If you are interested in hosting a Turnbull Tent contact events@turnbullclan.com)

MEET MAX AND DAWN DAY – 65 YEARS AND COUNTING!

by Dawn Day

On Sept. 1st 2016 Max & I celebrated our 65th wedding anniversary. When I say celebrated perhaps I should say 'observed'. Due to Max's ill health anything too boisterous would be out of the question.

However 65 years ago things were very different when I met Max soon after his return from war service. He had served in the Army; was there when Lt. Gen. Adachi surrendered his sword to Major General Robertson before signing the peace agreement at Cape Wom, New Guinea, September 13th, 1945, then, when hostilities ended, joined the British Commonwealth Occupational Force & spent two years in Japan before returning home, resuming his trade of carpet laying & upholstery and rejoining the Blue Lake Highland Pipe Band. My father, Alf Turnbull, was secretary of the band at that time and my mother and I were supporters. That is how Max and I met. We were married on 1st Sept. 1951 in St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Mount Gambier. I was working as a telephonist at the local Post Office, but had to resign my position when I married.



Above, father and son champions, Robert and Levi Day, carry on the family tradition of motor bikes.

We have lived in Mount Gambier all our married life, except for 12 years spent in Ipswich, Queensland. We sold up and moved there shortly after our eldest son, Iain, was born. Sons Robert and Stuart were born there before we returned home in 1970.

Iain, an Occupational Health & Safety Manager, working in the



Grandson Stuart, Max and Dawn, and son Iain celebrate together. Max also celebrated his 91st birthday on the 15th September of this year.

mining industry, and his wife, Sheila, a nurse, currently live in Brisbane, Queensland. Their daughter, Alanna, & her husband Stewart, live in Geraldton, Western Australia. Alanna is taking a few years off from office work in order to be with their children, & our precious great-grandchildren, Dash, 6 years, and Kirra, 4. Iain's and Sheila's son, Liain, lives in Mackay, Queensland.

Robert, a watchmaker, lives in the Mount. He and his wife, Vicky, have a daughter and son. Their daughter, Courtney, teaches piano and works for her Dad. Levi works in England. Stuart is a musician. He and his wife, Allyson, a Kindergarten teacher, live in Adelaide with their two daughters; Isabelle, who is studying at the Canberra University and Jeannie who is still in High School.

Motorbikes seem to have been an obsession in our family. Max owned a motorbike for years and often rode off on it to spend his 'think time,' as he called it. He also helped establish the local mini-bike club. Iain has two Harley Davidson bikes. Robert went a little further and rode in races, winning three national titles. His son, Levi, has gone even further; living in England, working at his trade, Fitter & Turner and employed at a motorbike coaching school, as well as riding in the British Superstock1000 competitions. He and his English wife, Katie, have just returned to Mount Gambier for four months and have just celebrated their 1st wedding anniversary.

Stuart, on the other hand, gentle Stuart, doesn't own a bike and has hardly ever ridden one since his days in the mini-bike club.

Editor's note: Dawn Day has been a faithful contributor of Australian updates to the Bullseye for many years. She was especially helpful when this editor began. Thanks for sharing once again. Congratulations Dawn and Max.

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Sharing and Caring

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

Highland Games Update: Wisconsin & Virginia Report

by Bill and Claudia Trimble
TCA Vice Presidents for Events

Wisconsin Welcomes New Turnbull Clan Tent Hosts

It may have been the 13th annual celebration of the Wisconsin Highland Games in Waukesha, WI, but it was the first time the Turnbull Clan was represented there. New TCA tent hosts, Jeff and Sue Trimble of Sheboygan started the new tradition. The Games began Friday evening, September 2nd, with the Calling of the Clans. Torches are lit by each clan representative who then steps forth to cry out their clan motto. They then heave their torch into the fire pit which signifies the many clans, but one Scotland.

The warm fall like day was perfect for families and individuals to celebrate their Scottish roots and investigate their heritage. Several people saw on-line that the Turnbull Clan was going to be represented at the Games and visited the tent. One Turnbull family member, who was away on business, sent his wife to convey his excitement of knowing the Turnbull family was being represented in Wisconsin. Another Turnbull family member was work-



Above, Bill and Claudia Trimble, seasoned tent hosts, help son and daughter-in-law, Jeff and Sue, with their first tent. Left to right: Bill Trimble, Claudia Trimble with mascot Wally, Jeff Trimble, Caitlin Trimble, Sue Trimble



ing at the event and offered to help Jeff and Sue set up for next year's Games. While visiting other Clan tents, it was a surprise to find out that the Douglass Clan claims Clan Turnbull as one of their Septs. It is known that the Douglasses and Turnbells were both Border Families and they rode together during the Rieiving times, but interesting to see their claim.

Over all, the weekend was a fun celebration of being Scottish. Jeff and Sue are looking forward to next year's Games and meeting more Turnbull Family members.

TCA welcomes Jeff and Sue Trimble to our awesome family of Tent Hosts!

Left to right: Michael Good, Ginny Trimble Davidson, Sue Trimble Johnson, Laura Trimble Waldron join Bill and Claudia Trimble at the Virginia games for a family reunion.

Central Virginia Celtic Festival & Highland Games

This year's Highland Games at the Richmond International Raceway, was a cool and blustery weekend of celebrating everything Scottish. The weather and wind did not dampen the mood of the enthusiastic crowd of attendees, though. We again connected with our Turnbull Clan cousins and also celebrated a mini Trimble cousin reunion. New visitors to the Clan Tent were Jason Trimble of Newport News and John Martin. Jason was attending the Celtic Festival with his wife when he saw the Turnbull Clan Tent. John's grandmother was Georgina Turnbull. Bill's three cousins from Washington State, Laura Trimble Waldron, Sue Trimble Johnson, Virginia (Ginny) Trimble Davidson, and Michael P. Good of Virginia Beach came together for a mini cousins reunion. The Highland Games presented a perfect backdrop for a reunion as well as an opportunity to celebrate our Scottish heritage. We were also graced with Brad and Tammie Trimble's new daughter Elodie. Drum Major, John Trimble, led the pipe bands at their assemblage at the parade field. Incidentally, John also won the Bonnie Knees trophy. We want to thank the many hands that helped set up, keep the tent from blowing away, and take down our Clan Tent. Thank you John and Nicole Trimble, Brad and Tammy Trimble, Josef Trimble, and Michael Ives. As senior (seasoned) citizens,



Elodie Trimble attends her first Highland Games. Congrats to parents Brad and Tammie!

we are realizing it takes a lot of physical work to host a tent. We would encourage tent hosts to begin thinking about apprenticing younger Clan members in the rewards associated in hosting a Clan Tent. We have a rich heritage to celebrate and you may be surprised by how closely you are related to other Turnbull family members.

UK - Business Leader Award



Dr Turnbull has triumphed at the national grand final, where he has been named EY Entrepreneur Of The

Year UK 2016 Social Enterprise award winner. Based in Jesmond, CASA is an employee-owned social enterprise, which specialises in providing care and support to people living in their own homes. The judges praised Dr Turnbull for his strong clarity of direction together with his success, in developing a highly innovative business model that meets not just his customers' demands, but those of his devoted employees.

USA - Chamber office opens

Genesee County's future Visitor's Center, overseen by Chamber Director, Tom Turnbull has been acting as the tour guide for Chamber board members, business owners and anyone who stopped in as one office was settling in and another was almost completed. "I'm so excited, and so proud when we show them around," Turnbull said "But it's still got a long ways to go."



UK - Privy Council promotion



The Queen of England has been pleased to approve that the Honourable Lord Turnbull be sworn of Her Majesty's most Honourable Privy Council, following his appointment to the Inner House of the Court of Session. The office shown here, helps the Prime Minister to establish and deliver the government's policy priorities.



by Kenneth Turnbull - International News Editor

Virgin Islands - Miss World 2016 contestant



The Miss World British Virgin Islands Committee has introduced Kadia Turnbull as the designated contestant for the Miss World 2016 title. Kadia, a 5'7 Virgin Islands model, 25-years-old and currently pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Marketing, was born and grew up in Tortola; and her career ambition is to be a Marketing Executive with the BVI Tourist Board. This, she said is the motivator of her current studies. From the stage of Summer Sizzle, to New York Fashion Week, and many other modelling opportunities in between, Kadia has already been doing her part to promote the Territory at home and abroad. She plans to raise awareness of depression, and other similar illnesses for a while, and recently commenced actual promotional work.

Australia - Prime Minister gives ailing young man a personal tour of Parliament House



possibly showing the "bugs" that are permanently in the secure chamber - a joke by the artist who designed the ceiling's decorative inlays to show native flora hiding moths and beetles.

Malcolm Turnbull has made a sick young man's day, giving him the VIP treatment at Parliament House in Canberra. The prime minister spent Sunday showing "Declan" around the house of power as part of a Make A Wish experience. "Declan hasn't been well lately, but today he found out what it was like to sit in the Prime Minister's chair and visited the cabinet room before exploring the rest of Parliament House," Mr Turnbull wrote on-line. He also invited Declan in the Prime Minister's courtyard, and let him sit at his desk. The pair are pictured in the cabinet room with Mr Turnbull pointing at the roof,

New Zealand - High animal welfare

Have you ever wondered where your meat and eggs come from? A farm surely, but have you thought about what kind of farm, where that farm is, and how the animals are treated? This is part of the reason why nutritionist Claire Turnbull has signed up to become one of the SPCA Blue Tick® goodwill ambassadors. She is encouraging people to take the high animal welfare pledge. "When I was younger my grandfather, who was a farmer, taught me how to appreciate and understand the different ways in which animals are farmed and just where your food comes from."



UK - Staff get useful training from local suppliers

Staff from Crowne Plaza Newcastle-Stephenson Quarter can claim to be a cut above the rest when it comes to knowing their stuff about the produce served up for diners, thanks to a training programme conducted in partnership with



the hotel's local suppliers. The food and beverage team, who provide the service, are visiting local suppliers to learn more about the provenance and traceability of their food. The most recent visit was to Turnbull's, of Alnwick, who supply the hotel with quality meats such as rib eye steaks and gourmet burgers for the grills. The group was hosted by Mark Turnbull, is a sixth generation family member who runs the award-winning family butchers established in 1880.

UK- Forest Heath Sports Awards

The start of 2016 was a very challenging time for the 16-year-old Rhys Turnbull-Bester, who suffered with an illness that prevented him from



training and competing. But he refused to be shackled and after making a recovery, he blew the competition away to win national titles in the 200 metre, 400m and long jump for competitors with intellectual disabilities. Those results were recognised in both; the Samurai Sports Triumph Over Adversity and Suffolk Sport Young Personality of the Year. Having seen sport change his life, the Red Lodge resident is eager to see others follow in his footsteps. "Hopefully I am setting an example to other people like me." he said.

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Bitty Bulls



Bitty Bull wishes all of his readers a wonderful Christmas and a Happy Hogmanay! He is off to rest, fill up on yummy treats and discover more interesting things about our Scottish heritage.

History of Hogmanay

Celebrations of Christ's birth around the world can often last most of the month of December, but in Scotland the real celebrations come after a quiet Christmas at the end of the year. Hogmanay, the Scottish New Year's Eve celebration, became a time of rollicking festivals after Christmas celebrations were banned in the late 1500's. The Scottish Reformation took a strong stand against both Catholic and pagan celebrations. For over four hundred years Christmas was a day much like any other. The midwinter festivals were based on pagan celebrations and many of the Highland Scots remained Catholic so the clever Scotsmen transferred much of their rituals from Christmas to Hogmanay in the 1600's by changing the date of their New Year in March to that of January 1st. Some of the rituals included burning a yule log, eating special foods, and decorating with mistletoe and juniper. The ban was finally lifted in 1958.

Today, Hogmanay is a two day celebration filled with parties, bonfires, and fireworks. A midnight mass is performed on New Year's Eve in many parts of Scotland. Many of the old traditions still continue such as cleaning the house on December 31st for good luck, welcoming friends and strangers into your home, and sometimes carrying out "first footing." To ensure good luck in the upcoming year, a dark headed male visitor, carrying coal and bread and whiskey, should be the first to set foot in a home in the New Year. (This was most likely a throw back to Viking days when blond strangers arriving at your doorstep meant trouble). Another tradition carried out today is that of singing Robert Burns' "Auld Lang Syne" at midnight.

The word Hogmanay has several possibilities for it's origin. The Scandinavian word for the feast preceding Christmas or Yule was *Hoggo-nott*. The Flemish word *hoog min dag* means "great love day". The Anglo-Saxon word *Haleg monath* means "Holy Month" and the Gaelic word *oge maidne* means "new morning". The French *Homme est ne* means "Man is born" and is a celebration on the last day of the year with a gift exchange. Normandy gift giving celebration was *hoguignetes*. Take your pick of where Hogmanay actually came from!



Auld Lang Syne

(English translation)

Should old acquaintance be forgot,
and never brought to mind?
Should old acquaintance be forgot,
and old lang syne?

CHORUS:
For auld lang syne, my dear,
for auld lang syne,
we'll take a cup of kindness yet,
for auld lang syne.



Robert Burns (1759-1796) after staying up past midnight on Hogmanay

Mad About Plaid

Ornament idea taken from www.allyou.com



- Scissors
- Plaid wrapping paper or Turnbull plaid paper (available at www.totallyturnbull.com)
- pencil
- card stock
- glue stick
- holiday metal cookie cutter
- twine or narrow ribbon
- craft glue

1. If using plaid wrapping paper: cover back side of wrapping paper with glue stick and adhere to a stiffer piece of card stock and let dry.
2. Lay plaid paper on table and using cookie cutter, trace carefully with pencil around the outside of the shape.
3. Cut out shape.
4. Cut 12" of twine or ribbon. Join ends together and knot. String cookie cutter onto twine or ribbon, holding knotted end in one hand and looped in other. Pull knotted end through looped end to create ornament hanger.
5. Run a line of craft glue along the edge of the cutter and then lightly press onto the cut out shape and let dry.

Simple Rolled Sugar Cookies

- 1 1/2 cups softened butter
- 2 cups white sugar
- 4 eggs
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- 5 cups all purpose flour
- 2 tsp. baking powder
- 1 tsp. salt

- In large bowl, cream together butter and sugar until smooth.
- Beat in eggs and vanilla.
- Stir in the flour, baking powder, and salt.
- Cover, and chill dough for at least one hour.
- Preheat oven to 400 degrees F (200 degrees C).
- Roll out dough on floured surface 1/4 to 1/2 inch thick.
- Cut into shapes with cookie cutter and place on ungreased cookie sheet.
- Bake 6 to 8 minutes in preheated oven.
- Cool completely before icing.



Check out this darling idea from www.homemadeinterest.com for these plaid sugar cookies. Turnbull cookies would be the talk of the party!

TURNING 40 FOR A CAUSE



When Kerry Turnbull, Hawick, Scotland, began thinking about how to celebrate her upcoming 40th birthday, she decided to go all out and have a birthday bash: a big party, but a party with a cause. Kerry, who works as a supply additional needs assistant, said, "I wanted to do something different instead of just a party, and thought why not pig racing and why not for a good cause."

So Pig Racing it was. Eighty of Kerry's family and friends gathered in the Burns Club. The money raised was for Spectrum Support Unit, who work with children with autism. Kerry's mum, Lynda Turnbull, has worked for over 40 years with children with learning difficulties. And with her friend's son on the autism spectrum, Kerry says the cause was an easy choice. "They do

good work and need a new garden, so I wanted to help. The pig racing and additional auction items raised over 1700 £. The party was a huge success. Knowing that she helped children in addition to having a great time with family and friends was the perfect way for Kerry to turn forty.



TCA Financial Report as Presented at the Annual General Meeting

by Scott Turnbull, Treasurer

TCA Financials 2016 - YTD as of 8/31/2016								
	Income		Expenses					
	Dues	Donations	Advertising	Events	Fees	Printing	Grand Total	
January			-\$50.00		-\$14.00	-\$119.40	-\$183.40	
February	\$259.12	\$861.49			-\$42.96		\$1,077.65	
March	\$96.00	\$731.73	-\$195.00		-\$65.00	-\$3.00	\$564.73	
April		\$136.00			-\$17.20	-\$215.50	-\$96.70	
May					-\$14.00		-\$14.00	
June					-\$14.00		-\$14.00	
July	\$48.00				-\$16.24		\$31.76	
August	\$72.00			-\$120.00	-\$16.24		-\$64.24	
Grand Total	\$475.12	\$1,729.22	-\$245.00	-\$120.00	-\$199.64	-\$337.90	\$1,301.80	

Note: Minor additional fees in various international currencies not included.

TCA Account Balances 9/8/2016

	Balance
Paypal	\$1,742.77
Wells Fargo	\$2,240.05

Turnbull Sightings...



Sharon Trimble Acosta (center) attends the Tampa Bay Tartan Ball, Tampa Bay, Florida.



Top right: Kenneth Turnbull, Jeff Goody, and Helen Turnbull Goody and son celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Long Peaks Scottish & Irish Festival, Estes Park, Colorado.

Left: Congratulations to parents Warren and Erin Turnbull on the arrival of Remy Ryan Turnbull, Cape Town, South Africa.

Above center: Ross Turnbull Irvine takes a break from the usual Turnbull Whisky with a cold brew.

Bottom right: Thomas Meiers demonstrates how to "turn the bull."

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