



THE NEWSBEAT



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2013 Colonsay Calendars ARE HERE!! Be sure to get some for your family and friends for Christmas. They are \$15.00 each plus \$2.00 for postage. There are some really great pictures of Colonsay, You do not want to miss it. (Order instructions on page 7)

The Newsbeat is published Quarterly, January, April, July and October. If you have any news, pictures, stories, poems, Games reports, or genealogy queries, please send them to Ginger (at the address to the left, preferably e-mail) for inclusion in the next issue. We love to hear from you and the membership wants to know what is happening with

Dues Schedules
Dues are due each June.

Family \$25.00
Individual \$15.00
Individual (over 65) \$7.00
Associate \$10.00
One time:
Sponsorship \$500.00
Life Membership (over 65) \$200.00

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Annual dues will be due again on June 1, (unless you have joined within the past 6 months or so, in that case your dues will become due until June of 2010). Please check your membership card to see when you need to renew. Thanks to all those who renew their membership, your dues helps us to print and mail out this newsletter, it also helps us to maintain a presence at many of the larger games in the county and be a presence to meet and get to know other Macfies around the country. We encourage you to attend as many Scottish Games as possible, and if you would like to convene, the society will pay half of the games fee. We will also provide a banner, and some items for the table, just contact Ginger at jgmcafee@charter.net

The Macfie Society of America is a Member of The Council of Scottish Clans Association Inc.

Macfie Merchandise for Sale

Kilt Pin-\$15.00
Badges \$12.00
Pro Rege T-shirts green-\$12.00

Minimal postage will be added to each order. Send order and payment to:

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Upcoming Scottish Games where you are likely to find a Macfie Clan Tent

March 23-24, 2013 Phoenix AR Games
<http://www.arizonascots.com/05games.shtml>

June 8-9 Blairsville, GA Scottish Games
<http://www.blairsvillescottishfestival.org/>

July 11-14, Grandfather Mountain NC Scottish Games
www.gmhg.org/

September 7-8 Long's Peak Celtic Festival, Estes Park, CO
www.scotfest.com/

September 21, Charleston SC Scottish Games charlestonscots.org/

October 19-20, Stone Mountain, GA Scottish Games www.smhg.org/

November 2-3, Tucson AZ Highland Games
www.tucsoncelticfestival.org/

Ceud Mile Failte (One hundred thousand welcomes)

To our newest Society members

Winnetta Mahaffey, Lakewood, CO

Gordon MacPhee, Columbia, MD

Bonnie MacPhee, Morrison, CO

We hope to meet you at some of the Scottish Games or in Scotland next year for the Macfie Clan Parliament and Gathering in Dumfries and Colonsay. (see page 7)

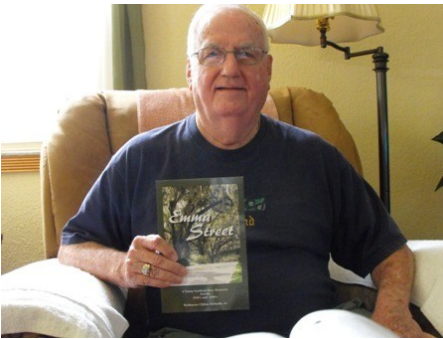
Thanks also to all those who have paid their membership dues, the Macfie Clan Society of America exists for you and by you, because your dues helps us maintain a presence at some of the Scottish Games around the country, and to spread the news and history of our ancient and proud clan.

Up Coming Games and Society News

Amy Fee wrote: Tucson, AZ will have their Scottish games the first weekend of November. On Saturday evening we will have a dance troupe called Elementary Fire. They dance using different metals that are lighted with fire. It is very exciting to watch. We have women's athletic competition on both days. If you ever want to get away from the chill of the Midwest and east come out to Arizona. March will be the Scottish games in phoenix.

John Guffey, wrote: Cathy and I have a new great granddaughter. Her name is **Aubry Ann Winkler**, and her birthday was July 23, 2012. She lives at Ft. Bragg, NC with her brother, Dylan and her mom and dad, Amber and Jamie Winkler.

David Summers placed 3rd overall in heavy athletics at the north Alabama Scottish games on Oct 6th



We recently got this note from **Cliff McDuffie**: I just received the first copy of my book, *Emma Street*. I have been working on this off and on for a long time and finally figured I should get it published before I am gone. It's a short book (118 pages) and contains vignettes about my years from when I could remember and up through high school. It will be available at www.authorhouse.com, Amazon and Borders. It is totally written for my family so they would have some idea about things my family and I did when we were coming up. I

did this as my Dad passed away when I was 6 and there is very little I can find out about his life so decided that wasn't going to happen to my kids and those to follow. I had fun remembering and hope, if you purchase it, that you enjoy it also. Will start my next one now . It's been a fun write and hope you will do the same for your family. OH, the cover photo is also a photo I took in Floral City as I was looking for a tree lined street and that one filled the bill.



David McDuffie sent this group picture of The Macfie Clan Society of America and the MacDuffie Society of Clan Macfie at the Grandfather Mountain NC Games last July



Just some of the attendees at the Stone Mountain GA Games on October 29, 2012. You can find more about these games on Page 4.

The Stone Mt. GA Games

October in Stone Mountain GA, can be tricky. Jim and Ginger McAfee, have attended those games for the past 24 years in a row, and have seen almost every type of weather imaginable. One year it was so cold, people sat huddled in blankets, under the tent and put gloves and ear muffs on the kids. Several years the temperatures hovered around 85 degrees which can seem double that as you stand (for what can seem like hours) in the sun on the main field, during the Parade of Tartans. However, the weather at the 2012 games was near ideal. Temps were about 75 degrees, with no precipitation. The turn out was much better than it has been for the past few years, so all in all, it was a **nearly perfect weekend.**

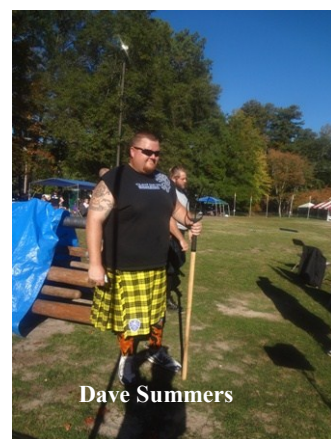
Some of the highlights:

In heavy athletics, society member, **David Summers** tied for 6th overall and placed 3rd in the heavy weight for distance.



Macfie runners in the kilted mile

There were **17 Macfie participants** in the children's and adult Kilted Mile and Clan Macfie came in second place in the overall Participation.



Dave Summers

9 year old **Chloe McAfee**, daughter of **Keith and Holly McAfee**, came in 3rd place in the ADULT women's Kilted Mile.

Chloe's big brother, **Austin**, came in near the front of the pack in the Adult men's Kilted Mile.



Chloe McAfee



Claire McAfee at the Stone Mt. Games



John McAfee, and other Macfies line up preparing for the Tartan Parade at Stone Mt.



Iain and Jacob McAfee—Warriors at Stone Mt.

2012 Annual Meeting

October 20, 2012

Minutes of meeting:

The Annual Meeting was held at the Clan tent at the Stone Mountain GA, Scottish Games on October 20, 2012

The meeting was called to order by President Jim McAfee at 3:00 PM

Greetings from Commander Iain McFie were read by the president

The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

The treasurer's report was read and adopted. (see page 6)

The membership report prepared by Membership Chairperson, Diane Swneson was given as follows:

Total Membership is 209

Life/Sponsor members 35

Guests is 20

Paying family/individual Membership is 154 with 23 delinquent in paying.

John McAfee gave a report from the Tartan Committee, but there has not much changed, John and Keith McAfee, continue to inquire about getting tartan made from Poly Viscose material, which is washable and much cheaper than wool, however getting it in the Macfie tartan is a problem, we would have to guarantee to buy a large bolt and pay in advance. No further action was taken.

There were no other Committee Reports

Old Business:

There was no old business

New Business:

There was some discussion about the International Parliament and Gathering in Scotland, September 4-8, 2013

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30

Scotland Moves toward Independence

EDINBURGH, Scotland (AP) — Oct. 15, 2012, Scotland moved a step closer Monday to a vote on independence after Scottish and British leaders signed a deal laying the groundwork for a popular referendum that could radically alter the shape of the United Kingdom.

Officials from London and Edinburgh have been meeting for weeks to hammer out the details. Sticking points included the date and the wording of the question.

On Monday, British Prime Minister David Cameron met with Scottish First Minister Alex Salmond in Edinburgh to approve the deal. No date was set, but the vote is likely to be held in October 2014, as Salmond's nationalists had wished.

The "Edinburgh Agreement" means that the Scottish Government can now propose legislation on the precise wording of the question, the exact date, extending the vote to 16 year olds, finance rules and conduct.

If Scotland does break away it will end more than 300 years of political union with England.

An ebullient Salmond said he is confident the independence movement can triumph. "Do I believe we can win this? Yes I do," he told reporters. "It is a vision of a prosperous and compassionate Scotland and that will carry the day."

He said the advantages of separation from Britain would become clear, and that his government envisioned "a Scotland with a new place in the world — as an independent nation."

Macfie Clan Society of America

Financial Statement;

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| Beginning Account 10/01/11 | \$2,530.59 | | |
| Income | <u>\$ 3,608.00</u> | | |
| Total | \$6,138.59 | Explanation of Monies Disbursed: | |
| Disbursements | <u>\$2,718.68</u> | Advertisement & Internet | \$100.00 |
| Bank Balance 10/01/12 | \$3,419.91 | Purchase of Merchandise | 745.80 |
| | | Office Supply/Newsbeat/Postage/Membership | 753.18 |
| | | Games | 692.00 |
| Explanation of Monies Received: | | Expenses for Honored Clan, Blairsville, GA | <u>427.70</u> |
| Dues and Misc. | \$1,560.00 | Total | \$2,718.68 |
| Merchandise | <u>\$ 2,048.00</u> | | |
| Total | \$3,608.00 | | |

We have miscellaneous inventory on hand and out with those who convene various games. Inventory includes t-shirts, calendars, badges and kilt pens. Estimated value \$4,000.00.

Membership Chairperson also keeps about \$100.00 on hand for stamps envelopes and miscellaneous expenditures.

Parliament and Clan Gathering, September 2013

Plans are still in the formative state, but here is a **tentative** itinerary for the 2013 Parliament and Gathering in Dumfries and Colonsay Scotland.

Wednesday 4th September

Registration

6pm Clan Commanders Reception

7.30pm Dinner

Thursday 5th September

AM Opening of Parliament

PM Local excursion - John Paul Jones Cottage and local tour.

Evening Ceilidh band entertainment.

Friday 6th September

All day Excursion to Lake District and Hadrian's Wall (Museum)

Evening Talk on Robert Burns

Saturday 7th September

AM Parliament |

PM Local excursion TSB Savings Museum and Gretna Green

Evening Clan Dinner.

Sunday 8th September

Travel to Colonsay.

There should be more information up very soon on the Clan web site soon <http://www.clanmacfie.co.uk/clanhome/gathering-report.php>

And on our society website at <http://www.clanmacfieofamerica.com/>

The 2013 Colonsay Calendars are now available, don't miss them.



Our 2012 Calendars were so popular that we had more made for 2013. Pictures were contributed by Richard and Janell Kean, Bruce Levis, Caleb Erickson and Cadell Hamor. We thank them for sharing these beautiful pictures with us. They are \$15.00 each with about \$2.00 for postage for 1 to 3 calendars, then add about a dollar more for postage for more calendars. You can order by sending a check made out to Macfie Clan Society to Jim McAfee, 420 Ash Dr. Baxter, TN 38544. Or contact Jim at jgmcafee@charter.net or call at 931-858-4790

Homecoming Scotland 2014

Overview of the year

Scotland welcomes the world for the Year of Homecoming Scotland 2014. The year-long programme of events will be celebrating the very best of Scotland's food and drink, our fantastic active and natural resources as well as our creativity, culture and ancestral heritage. The year will run from December 31 to December 31 and will be celebrated from Shetland to Stranraer.

The first Homecoming year in 2009 was such an amazing success and as before, for 2014 everyone's invited to come and help us celebrate and reconnect with all that makes Scotland truly great.

The Homecoming team are busy preparing a fantastic programme of events and festivals which they'll be taking the wraps off in April 2013. This will build on the success of the recent Year of Food & Drink, Year of Active, Year of Creative Scotland and Year of Natural Scotland focus years, as well as Scotland's rich ancestral resources and the Diaspora's connection with home.

Two world-class events already confirmed for 2014 are the XXth Commonwealth Games which Glasgow will host in July and the 40th Ryder Cup to be staged at historic Gleneagles in September. There will be key signature programmes taking place across the year:

- Hogmanay - Edinburgh and Scotland Wide
- Celebration of John Muir Day (21st April) and opening of John Muir Coast to Coast Trail from Dunbar to Helensburgh (through the Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park)
May will see a month long programme across Scotland as we celebrate Whisky Month (Spirit of Speyside a lead festival)
- 28th, 29th & 30th June will see the 700th Anniversary of the Battle of Bannockburn and this will provide many opportunities for you all to engage in the activities surrounding this event.
- August will see the world famous Edinburgh Festivals
- September will see a strong focus on Food & Drink as well as the 40th Ryder Cup at Gleneagles
- October will see a strong Gaelic offering in the Highlands centred on the Royal National Mod.

Around these signature events, you can look forward to an exciting blend of festivals, activities, performances and celebrations that will showcase the very best that Scotland has to offer to locals and visitors from around the globe.

April 2013 will see the launch of the events programme for the year and you can keep up to date with progress at the Homecoming website www.homecomingscotland.com

The Battle of Bannockburn 2014

The 23rd and 24th of June 2014 will mark the 700th anniversary of the battle of Bannockburn, there are many activities being planned to commemorate the event with the new visitor centre officially opening in 2014.

The Battle of Bannockburn project is an exciting partnership between the National Trust for Scotland and Historic Scotland, funded by the Scottish Government (£5 million) and the Heritage Lottery Fund (£4.1 million).

It will create an electrifying new experience for visitors looking to learn more about this important historic event, from 2014 onwards. A brand new visitor centre is being built (work started June 2012). Inside, the exhibition will use Hollywood-calibre 3D technology to bring medieval battle to life for visitors, as well as providing plenty of fascinating historical facts.

Outside, the important monuments will be restored to their original condition, and there will be sensitive external interpretation added to enhance the experience of visiting the landscape. Carefully planned landscaping will also add to the setting and restore the dignity of the site.

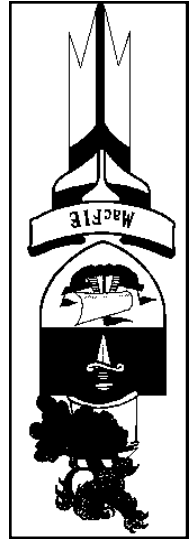
Opening in 2014, Scotland's second year of Homecoming, this is set to be a key attraction and focus for the year, adding to Stirling's appeal as it prepares to 'welcome the world'."

The celebration of the 700th anniversary re-enactment of the Battle of Bannockburn will be a special and hugely enjoyable occasion at the site of the original battle; it will be a significant two/three day event on 28, 29 and 30 June 2014, and will attract a large and enthusiastic audience for all things Scottish in a packed programme of events across all days, offering something for all ages and interests. One key element will be the creation of a Clan village to provide the opportunity for the clans to come together and share in the experience of Bannockburn which is significant not just because of that period of Scottish history but because it occurred at the dawn of highland clan history.

Plans are also under way to stage a second Clan Convention in Scotland in tandem with the Bannockburn re-enactment. The Convention itself will take place in the Stirling area which will build on 2009 and the Stone Mountain seminar of 2012. It will be a great opportunity for clan leaders from around the world to work together, under the leadership of the Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs, to establish the general strategic direction of the clan network into the future. We want to do this as part of the overall team effort to develop the winning year's concept and would wish to involve as many interested parties as possible in our deliberations.

There has been a realignment of events to really focus on Bannockburn itself (dawn of the clan system) with a strong emphasis on good quality regional events many of which will be clan based. As part of this realignment the Homecoming Scotland team are working closely with the Scottish Highland Games Association and the Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs to promote the Highland Games in Scotland through an aligned marketing campaign. This will provide an opportunity to help build to bonds between the clans and Highland Games in Scotland, and enable those not able to attend the Bannockburn activity to plan a trip to their ancestral home at other points in the year.

For further details on the Battle of Bannockburn 2014 event then visit www.battleofbannockburn.com website where details of the project and the event will be available.



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Wishing everyone a Happy and Safe Holiday Season

Just as we finish with our Thanksgiving celebration, Scotland will celebrate St Andrew's Day on November 30th then there is Sowans Nicht on Christmas Eve (named for a traditional dish) , then Christmas, and Boxing Day on 26th December; where more gifts are exchanged in boxes. Hogmany is celebrated on New Years Eve, December 31. Some people in Scotland take off January 1 and 2 to recover from the Hogmany and New Years celebrations.

*Nollaig Chridheil agus Bliadhna mhath ùr!
(Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!)*