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From the Chiefs

Our summer came in May when it was very warm and sunshine all the time. Since the it has been very warm and very wet. However, the grounds at Cassillis are looking very good. Bill & Andy [whom some of you have meet] do a great job cutting the grass when they can and keeping the grounds immaculate.

The weather was certainly different when I visited The Greenville & Blairsville games, where the temp was 95+. It was, however, great fun and I would like to thank Nannette, Karen, Chris and Mike & Sherry Frady, for helping and making people feel so welcome.

I would also like to thank Frank Kennedy for being MY Standard Bearer and welcome Frank & Bonnie, to The Kennedy Society of North America and look forward to seeing them in September with kilt.

It was also great to see Nomon and his wife, who is now in charge of our armored section. Thanks to Sue, Chris, Eddie and Laura and family for looking after the tent and making me feel so welcome.

On a sad note, Lady Mary The Marchioness and mother to the Clan, is in her twilight hours and now in a nursing home in Edinburgh, being well looked after, with regular visits from her family. Cassillis Castle has been locked up and the future unknown.

On a happier note I attended

The Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs last week and was informed there will be a large gathering of Scottish Clans in Edinburgh in July 2009. We have been asked, as one of The Oldest Clans, if we would like to attend. LC TOURS will be putting together a package and will be available to discuss the tour at the AGM in New Hampshire in September. I hope as many of you as possible will think about attending. The event will finish with a Gala & Banquet at Culzean.

Looking forward to seeing you all at THE NEW HAMPSHIRE GAMES

Lord Charles—Your CHIEF

I open this on a very sad note. Our prayers and sympathy are with John (Sid) and Dorthea Kennedy in the passing of their son, Gordon.

As we, “the wild & mighty,” continue on a path of grand achievements, June was the beginning of a new year for us. Our annual membership dues are now due on June 1st not December 31st. This was changed so we are not part of the holiday rush. This year and this year only you will be paying for 18 months of dues. You’re paying for the first six months—January—June 2007, and for the full year ahead July 2007 thru June 2008. Please send in your dues to the treasurer without delay and to avoid disruption of your Gazette.

In the southeast winter held on with a late freeze, getting the plants in April. In May, the cooker at the Greenville, SC games roasted Lord Ailsa with fellow Kennedys there.

Our Season started by visiting Paul & Ann Key hosting the Kennedy tent at the Loch Norman Games. Nan & I hosted the KSNA tent at the Gatlinburg HG as well as in Glasgow, KY. Sue & Chris (SE Chieftain) Kennedy helped at Gatlinburg.

The KSNA continues to have game host positions that need filling. Dan Kennedy, from outside Salt Lake City, hosted a tent in 2006, and was awarded best new clan tent. He was asked to return this year as Honored Clan. Great job Dan and crew!!

There are numerous others that have done & continue to do a great job hosting tents. Thanks go out to you all. Hosting tents are where our new members come from.

Make your plans to be at Loon Mountain for the 2007 AGM. A Board of Directors meeting will be held on Friday afternoon of game week. Nina & crew are planning a great catered dinner for us on Saturday—**INFORMAL**— please make your reservation. ASAP.

Society Chief—Nomon R. Kennedy

Kennedy Society Scholarship Winners

The Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce the granting of Dance Scholarships to the following recipients:

Olivia Creighton, of Alliston, Ontario, Canada. Olivia is 10 years old, and is the granddaughter of Chieftain John A. Kennedy.

She has been studying dance for 6 years, and has participated in dance

demonstrations in her community, such as Canada Day celebrations and at a seniors' retirement home, as well as at Highland Games during the summer.

Morgan Pell, of East Sandwich, MA. Morgan is 12 years old, and has been studying dance for almost 8 years.

In 2006, she won 19 Dance awards, including: US Premier Champion for the East-

ern Region (11 & under), and Best New England Dancer of the Day at Loon Mt.

For more information regarding scholarship application and criteria, please visit the Kennedy Society website at www.kennedysociety.org.

90% of men kiss their wife goodbye when they leave the house. The rest kiss their house goodbye when they leave their wife.

Show your support of the Kennedy Society of North America by attending and/or hosting a Kennedy Society tent at your local Highland Games.

Upcoming Games & Festivals

I smell tartan—and so will you! Check out this schedule for upcoming games in your area! .

Following are the games coming to your area soon. Please come out and show your support OR offer to become a games representative in your area by contacting Nomon Kennedy.

August 3-4—ONT: Glangarry Highland Games—Maxville, ONT

August 4—WA: Spokane Highland Games—Spokane, WA

August 10-12—ONT: Fergus Scottish Festival—Fergus, ONT

September 6-9—CO:

Longs Peak Scottish/Irish Highland Festival—Longs Peak, CO

September 7-9—PA: Ligonier Highland Games—Bethel Park, PA

September 15—Eastern Oregon Highland Games—John Day, OR

September 15—South Carolina Scottish Games and Highland Gathering—Charleston, SC

September 21-23—NH: New Hampshire Highland Games—Loon Mountain—Lincoln, NH—AGM

The AGM will be held in 2007 at the New Hampshire Highland Games in September. Lord Ailsa plans to attend these games and the Kennedy Clan is the Honored Clan.

Have You Thanked Your Website Lately? Submitted by Carver Kennedy

When was the last time you visited the Kennedy Society web pages?

Too long, I bet. Information, color, humor, history, genealogy, and so much more! But since this is the “Genealogy Square” - let’s talk about that section of the website.

Garry Bryant, formerly the Kennedy Society archivist and genealogist, is truly the person

responsible for this amazing page.

On the pages of the KSNA Genealogy tab you can find answers to common questions, such as:

What is the origin of the name Kennedy?

Who is a member of the Kennedy clan/family?

What tartan may I wear?

There is even information and links discussing how to research your family history, what software to choose, and approximate costs.

Garry, and now Carver, have left out nothing when it comes to Kennedy genes. Take a moment and check out your best resource for family history at www.kennedysociety.org/genealogy.htm.

A stone from home is worth ten from a far away riverbed.

African Proverb

VENDOR DEALS—Tartan For All!

From time to time we run across vendors that offer great deals on Scottish, particularly Kennedy, related items. One such vendor is Scottish Lion.

Recently William Kennedy inquired about tartan fabric and the following quotes were given by Melinda Hamilton of Scot-

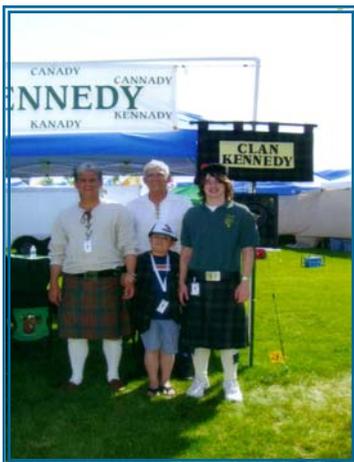
tish Lion:
 Kennedy Modern 13 oz
 \$56.00 per yard for 50 yards
 \$52.00 per yard for 100 yards

Kennedy Ancient 13 oz
 \$80.00 per yard for 50 yards
 \$74.00 per yard for 100 yards

That may seem a steep sum, but if you partnered with several other members for the bulk deal — it’s a great price!!

You can contact Scottish Lion at www.scottishlion.com.

REPORT: Utah HG & Scottish Festival



Above L to R: Dan Kennedy, Graham (center-front), Carver (center-rear), and Alex

This was the second year for a Kennedy tent at the Utah games. Dan C. and Ellen Graham Kennedy of Salt Lake City and their sons—Alex and Graham—

Last year Dan’s first effort at sponsoring a tent won the “Best New Clan Tent” award at the games. The organizers must have been convinced that Dan and family would do it again, as they deleted that category from the awards this year.

Prior to the games this year, Dan prepared a one-page color announcement inviting Kennedy families to the Games and the Kennedy tent and sent it to over 70 names from the Salt Lake phone book. This effort and excellent weather increased tent sign-ins from 5 last year, to 19 this year!

Dan also used an idea he had, placing small paper bowls filled with M&M’s™, jelly beans, gum drops, and peanuts on the sign in table. These attracted children—and a lot of adults—and kept them busy while we talked Scotland, Kennedy clan

and genealogy to their parents. Martha and Carver Kennedy helped Dan (their son) and his family as tent “staff.”

As expected in heavily Mormon Utah, most visitors were interested in genealogy about Kennedy ancestors as well as other Scot names. Copies of the Clan location maps circa 1600’s that Carver and Martha use as handouts, were very popular. One notable visitor was Garry Bryant, KCR SC, former genealogist and historian for the Kennedy Society, who lives north of Salt Lake City.

Dan, Alex, and Graham represented the Kennedy clan in the Calling of the Clans ceremony on Friday night and all marched in the opening ceremony on Saturday. Dan and Alex represented the Kennedys at the closing ceremony. A long but very good event!

were the hosts of the event.



Flowers of the Forest

KENNEDY, Scott (age 20)— of Oakley, Scotland, near Dunfermline was killed in the line of duty, on June 27, 2007, while serving in Iraq. Scott was in the Black Watch.

Our deepest condolences to his family and friends. "I'm afraid to say that he is not the first Kennedy to die in this war. Let's hope he is the last," said Iain Kennedy who submitted the information.

KENNEDY, Gordon Edward (Age 59) - Beloved son of Sidney and Dorothea Kennedy, passed peacefully as a result of an aneurism on June

1, 2007. Gordon was born in Oakland, California on June 13, 1947. He spent most of his younger life in California and the Orient before settling in the Bay Area in Berkeley, California. He was active in the Boy Scouts and earned the rank of Eagle Scout. He was also a member of the Oakland, California Sons of the American Revolution on the ancestry of John Kennedy, Pvt. from Kentucky Co., Virginia. Gordon was elected as a Fellow of Antiquaries of Scotland for his extensive work in Egyptology and the pyramids of Giza. He was an accomplished musician, artist, excelled in penmanship and

printing, and was teaching a printing class to a group of seniors in Oakland, California. He was the grandson of the late Harry and Ruby Whitfield and the late Jesse and Hildah Kennedy, all of Moran Prairie in Spokane, Washington.

He is survived by his parents, daughter Rachel Blanche, loving sister Marcy Heldt, brother-in-law Carl Heldt, and nephews Erik, Morgan, and Kristopher Heldt. He also leaves his very close friend Jean Sharp of Berkeley, California and will be missed by all his friends there.

*Greater love
hath no man
than this, that a
man lay down
his life for his
friends.*

John 15:13

*A computer beat me at
chess once, but it was not
match for me in kick-boxing.*

*Beauty is only skin deep; but
ugly goes all the way to the
bone.*

Anonymous

New Hampshire Highland Games

Just a few reminders regarding the New Hampshire Highland Games—site of the AGM this year.

The Kennedy Society Annual Meeting will be held Saturday, September 22. Information about the NH Highland Games (Sept. 21-23) is available on the web at www.nhscot.org.

The Kennedy Clan is the Honored Clan at the New Hampshire Highland Games. Lord Ailsa will be the Chieftain of the Games, which is the highest "rank" of Honored Guest.

Tickets for the 32nd NH Highland Games went on sale the first week of June. Entry tickets, concert and dinner tickets, and whisky tasting tickets can be pur-

chased by calling the NHSCOT toll free number at 1-800-358-7268, or visit www.nhscot.org and click the Tickets link near the top to go to the page with the link to Loon Mountain. Purchase your tickets early as many of the events sell out!

Lord Ailsa will be honored at the Tartan Dinner and Dance on Friday, Sept. 21 at 7:00 pm at the Beacon Resort (www.beaconresort.com). There will be a sumptuous Scottish Banquet with traditional Address to the Haggis. The Brigadoons will add their stylish and ever-popular presence to the evening, inviting all to a wonderful evening of music and dancing. Put on your Kennedy tartan finery and join

in the fun! Tickets are \$43 and available via the ticket information above.

A Kennedy Society Dinner and Ceilidh (all very informal!) will take place on Saturday evening, Sept. 22 at the condo unit in the Alpine Village Resort in North Woodstock, NH, where Chieftain Nina Eppes and her family will be staying.

The cost for a buffet dinner catered by family friends who are professional cooks is \$20 per person (children under 14 free). Nina would like a count of people by September 10 if possible; advance payment welcome but not strictly required (if you do pay beforehand, please make out checks to Nina Eppes and send them to her at 31 Norma Drive, Nashua, NH 03062-1340).

Scholarship Committee News

If you would like to apply for a Kennedy Scholarship, earlier is better than later! The Kennedy Society awards annual scholarships to students of Celtic arts such as dance, pipes, drums, harp, fiddle, and language arts. The qualifications for a student to receive a Kennedy Society scholarship are:

- Plan to attend a certified workshop/class/camp of instruction.

- Documentation of certification of the workshop/class/camp or instructor. Preference goes to relatives of Kennedy Society members, but others are eligible.

For information or to apply, print and fill out the scholarship application on the Kennedy Society website (it is in PDF format), and send it to either of the Scholarship Co-Chairs listed below:

Joan Kennedy
255 North Rd., #172
Chelmsford, MA 01824
Tel. 978-256-8023
[Email: jolouisek@comcast.net](mailto:jolouisek@comcast.net)

Nelson Kennedy
34 Timber Ridge Rd.
Alton Bay, NH 03810
Tel. 603-875-5979
[Email: nfkjak@tlc.net](mailto:nfkjak@tlc.net)

A résumé and letter of recommendation from the student's teacher are required.

The Kennedy Society welcomes contributions to the Scholarship Fund! You can send contributions to either of the above Co-Chairs.

NEWS AND EVENTS FROM THE MIDWEST by William Kennedy

Hello fellow Kennedys! The Midwest is having a lot of fun this year, don't miss out!

So far, the Celtic Beltane Festival in Hartsville Ohio, Glasgow Games in KY and Ohio Scottish Games have had very good turn outs! Let's get together!

We have had a few new members take advantage of signing up at an event to get the \$10.00 discount. Must be Scottish! The most recent Ohio Scottish Games had absolutely lovely weather! Thank you to member Craig Weigand and all the

Kennedy Society friends for stopping by to say hello. Don't forget to mark your calendars for the **Ligonier, Pa. Highland Games** on September 8th. The Kennedy Society is returning to PA for the first time in many years. This is a wonderful location in the Laurel Highlands of PA. The link is in the calendar on our website. Contact me at wkenne-dyjr@yahoo.com or 330-687-8804 for more information!

For a complete list of events happening all of the Midwest—please contact me at wkenne-dyjr@yahoo.com.



Above: Julie Kennedy, new members Darrell and Julie Davis, John Snodgrass, and Cynde Kennedy



Left: Wielding claymore & banner—Cynde Kennedy and John Snodgrass at the Ohio Scottish Games.

NEWS FROM THE SOUTHEAST Cont'd on Page 6

Mike and Sherry Frady have accepted and been appointed to serve as Vice Chieftains for North Carolina. The Fradys have been highly active in attending and working games. Additionally, they have been instrumental in developing Kilt Night programs in Raleigh. The culmination of these activities is the

first area Celtic event to be held this fall.

This season has been active and rewarding for the Kennedys. Tents have been hosted at six games in the southeast and one in Utah, and Society members have attended several more. This effort has helped gener-

ate new interest and membership for: Doug & Megan Carrick; Carey & Scott Kennedy; Lynn Grant; Sandra Ross; Lynn Robinson; Michael Tew; George & Carla Kennedy; Charles & Elizabeth Scribner.

We congratulate you and want you to know that it is through your . . .

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interest that we continue to grow but also renew our own commitment to the Society. The level of activity would not be possible without the dedicated work of a lot of people. Special thanks to: Paul & Ann Key, Gene & Linda Kennedy, Eddie & Laura Pittman, Mike & Sherry Frady. Gene & Linda hosted their first tent at Greenville. It was a very exciting and busy event; you would have thought they were old pros.

We are interested in knowing about events and activities that are important to members. Please keep us informed of those happenings; we would be honored to share them with you.

On June 3 Emily Madison Rhoads became a new wee member at 6lbs.9oz; parents are Dylan & Ann.

Recently at the Greenville, SC Scottish Games, 3 year old Caitlin Frady, daughter of Mike & Sherry Frady, entered her first Kilted Mile Race.

Although the temperature was in the upper 90's, Caitlin gave it her best shot. With Mom and Dad trailing behind, Caitlin ran full steam around the track. Only the cheers from the Kennedy tent and other onlookers slowed her down (she just had to slow down for everyone to get a good look you know!).

When the dust settled, Caitlin had come in 3rd out of 6 in the 3-5 year old class. When she presented her ribbon to Lord Ailsa, he congratulated her and presented her with a Kennedy pin.

Mom & Dad were proud, of course and await future races for Caitlin!



Above: You're never too young too wear a kilt—Ben Johnson—Sue Kennedy's grandson at the Blairsville Games.

More from Nomon:

To all Game Reps & Tent Host. The Game Registers or Sign-Up Sheets are to be sent as follows: the original to the Membership Chair, copies to your regional Chieftain and the Chief.

Take every caution to get a clear readable email or postal address. Some folks sign the register with great speed but poor penmanship. Take care that follow-up letters or emails can be sent to those that show an interest.

The Kennedys had a RECORD BREAKING WEEKEND at Grandfather Mountain. Tent Hosts Mike (Mr. Cherokee) and Sherry Frady, with Chieftain Chris Kennedy and Membership Chair (and wife), Sue signed up Five New members. Congratulation to all!

PHOTOS FROM GRANDFATHER MOUNTAIN— Below and Right



An Important Message For ALL Members

As chair of the nominating committee, I would like to announce a call for NOMINATIONS for the following positions:

Nominations for the following positions are being accepted by the nominating committee at this time.

Society Chief
Vice Chief
Secretary
Treasurer

Nominations must be made with the permission of the nominated person. There will be a vote at the Annual General Meeting at Loon Mountain, Saturday, September 22nd. All current members are eligible to vote at the AGM or by proxy.

As per KSNA Bylaws:

Proxy voting by members in good standing (as defined in Section 3: Membership) is approved for fulfilling the requirements of meeting quorums. Proxies may assign voting responsibility to the Chief of the Society, a member of the Board of Governors, or another member in good standing are entitled to vote.

Proxy assignment must be in writing or email and must include both the assignee name and the name of the member assigning the proxy. It also must include the date and time, and description of the meeting for which the proxy assignment is made.

Bill Kennedy
Nominating Committee Chair

ATTENTION ALL TENT CONVENERS....and WANT-TO-BE-TENT CONVENERS

Now we have available to all tent conveners a set of tent materials called a "tent kit"! If you thought maybe you would like to convene a tent at your Highland Games, but lacked all the materials to set up a tent, here is the answer to your dilemma!

The tent kit includes the following items: display banner for the front of the tent, banner of Culzean Castle, small banners saying "Kennedy Society", a poster of name variations and easel, 3 tartan flags (ancient, traditional, and modern), St Andrews flag, and a walking banner for a parade. In addition there will be detailed instructions on how to set up these items as well as a folder of 10 handouts for your use.

Contact Sue Kennedy at skenedy@ngaappraisalservice.com or 770-844-9916 to reserve the kit and have questions answered. Please contact Sue at least a month before your Games, as we must allow time for mailing.



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From East to West—North to South—MISC. News



Left to right in front of the Heelan' Hound sales tent at the June 9 Greater Greenville, SC Scottish games: Frank Kennedy of Maryland, Ann Key of North Carolina, owner of the Heelan' Hound, and Lord Charles Kennedy, 8th Marquess of Ailsa, 19th Earl of Cassillis, Hereditary Chief of Clan Kennedy, who was an honored guest of the games.

The Heelan' Hound tent was decorated in modern Kennedy tartan, including the model dogs who were wearing Kennedy dog coats and tams, in tribute to the visit by Lord Charles. Paul Key carried the Kennedy flag in the parade of the tartans.

Nina Eppes and her mom, Joan Kennedy, hosted a Kennedy tent at the Southern New Hampshire Highland Games in Jaffrey, NH, on June 2 (www.snhscotcelt.org). This was their 9th year, and Nina and Joan have been there every year, except for last year when it POURED rain all day.

The weather this year was pretty good, albeit a little too much on the warm and humid side for Nina's taste.

This was the second year in a new location for these games.

They were held at a place called Silver Ranch, in Jaffrey, NH, and the layout was such that the different activity areas were laid out in a long, narrow stretch of fields. The Clan Village ended up being way at the back, although a concert performance tent was there as well, which drew people to that section.

They had one Kennedy Society member sign in, Patrick Kennedy (yay!) of Nashua, NH, but no potential new members stopped by. One gentleman (who I think was one of the vendors) did pick up literature for friends of his who were Kennedys but who weren't there that day.

Nina and Joan met David Gooch, the President of the Board of Directors of the New Hampshire Gathering of the Scottish Clans, which is the sponsoring organization of the New Hampshire Highland Games. He is the person who invited Lord Ailsa to be Chieftain of the New Hampshire Highland Games. He was extremely nice, and we had a good chat. I look forward to seeing him again in September.

Nina also chatted with Alice Hattenbrun, the Chair of the Clans Committee for the New Hampshire Highland Games. She was responsible for choosing Kennedy as the Honored Clan for those games. They talked about logistics and such, and Nina also told her a bit about Lord Ailsa. She was pleased to hear that he is down to earth and that he is fond of beer. :-)

Submitted by Nina Eppes, Chieftain