



62ND LIGONIER HIGHLAND GAMES SEPTEMBER 18, 2021

The 62nd Ligonier Highland Games on September 18th was exceptional for me in many ways. First, it took an extra year for it to happen. Second, it was unseasonably warm. And most importantly, many of the Kennedy Society Board was there in the morning to help set up the tent!



The combination of good weather and novelty meant a good crowd at the games this year. We certainly stamped more kiddie passports than usual. Thank goodness for the extra help at the tent. In addition to my husband and two sons, my sister-in-law, Beverly, and our cousin, Dana, helped again this year.

We also kept company with Dave and Amy Carrick, Leo Kennedy, Nina and Jim Eppes, Sean Carrick, Bob and Claudette Davis, Joanne and Marcus Engelhardt, Sally and Joe Watkins, and Tom Kennedy and his family, Cyndie and Todd Baker. Our Kennedy Society members came together for the AGM from 10 different states!



The Kennedy Society of North America was given honored clan status this year. As a result, we were provided with an extra-large tent at an excellent location, and the Kennedy Society marched first in the parade of clans.

We gained two new members at the tent during the day; Sally and Joe Watkins from New Mexico; from Pennsylvania, Dawn Kennedy-Miller and her husband, Martin, and their children Alan and Natasha. Sally is cousin to our own Joanne Engelhardt. Welcome to the Watkins and Miller families!

But no dogs. Not only did no dogs visit our tent, but we didn't even have the Scottish Dog Breeds at Ligonier this year. Massed band competition and food vendors were also pretty scarce. The Co-vid year certainly did have an impact on this event. We hope to see it pick back up for next year. Perhaps it will return as a 2-day event in 2022.

Thanks to all of you wonderful Kennedy members for sharing the day with us at the Ligonier Highland Games!

Colleen Kennedy Caldwell
Tent convener

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2021 AGM

The AGM in Ligonier was a lot of fun and very productive:

- Dave Carrick was elected Society Chief, Sean Carrick as Deputy Society Chief, Bob Davis as Treasurer, and Joanne Engelhardt as Secretary
- The bylaw revision allowing associate members to be able to hold the offices of Treasurer and Secretary was approved
- The banquet featured the Director of Education for Fort Ligonier and a Quintin Kennedy reenactor as speakers
- The Friday night meet-up at the Wicked Googly was tremendous

However, the most significant part of the AGM was the approval to have a new website constructed. As cutting edge as our current site was, times and technology have changed. In addition to having a new format, content, and graphics, the website will allow for enhanced email and newsletter capabilities as well as for members to manage their own accounts. Other functions will include automatic renewal notices and dues paying, both of which will be especially beneficial to the Membership Chair and Treasurer. The newsletter and email capabilities will enable more targeted contact for regional or district events and information. It is expected that the new site will be up and running early 2022. Stay tuned!!!



A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHIEF

This year started slow due to the pandemic, but it didn't take long for things to ramp up – especially since our last newsletter. Since then, I have been:

- to Laurinburg, Stone Mountain, and Charleston
- busy with Sean and the website designers
- named to the CASSOC board of directors

The only negative experience was the weather at Charleston, which forced its cancellation. Amy and I and Sean and Tammy at least got to enjoy the reception on Friday night: Saturday was brutal with King tides, flooding, driving rain, and high winds. A major disappointment for everyone. It wasn't even worth staying in Charleston to sight-see as the coastal low didn't abate until mid-day Sunday, plus many roads were underwater. When I got back to the hotel that morning (cold, drenched, etc.) I turned on the Weather Channel. Guess where they were reporting from? Not a good sign when the Weather Channel is camped out only a few miles away! If you want to get an idea as to what it was like, check out Sean's video on the Facebook page. The only one that seemed to get anything accomplished was Andrew Pritchard who won a couple of competitions before things were canceled. That is also on the Facebook page!



The new year is almost here, and it is hard to believe that this one is almost over. I will be attending the Central Florida games in Orlando in mid-January, where Frank and Suzanne Canada are the conveners. Please remember those whom we lost this year but also rejoice in our new members and the successes that we had this year. Thanks to all of those that convened tents, attended games, and have been good boys and girls! Hopefully next year will not have the same issues or constraints which we had to deal with this year and that we can have a full year of games and activities.

Avisé la fin!

2022 AGM

Please note that next year's AGM will be held Memorial Day weekend in Greenville, SC at the Gallabrae games on the Furman University campus. As you may know, the games are very popular and include a parade in downtown Greenville on Friday night. It also features a military salute and flyover on Saturday, as well as a piper and soldiers from 2 Scots. This year's event will be even more attractive as the games will be debuting their new tartan and standard. In order to do it right, the Lord Lyon and George Way of Plean are scheduled to be in attendance. Details are being determined at this time regarding hotel and some other arrangements, but the AGM business portion will be held in an air-conditioned building and the dinner will once again be in Dave and Amy Carrick's backyard. If you were here in 2014, you know how much fun it was – and we won Best Clan in the parade!!! As soon as things are more settled, announcements will be made. If you have any questions, please contact Dave at david_carrick55@yahoo.com. [More pics from 2021 AGM:](#)





LETTER FROM ARCHIE

Hello everyone and a belated happy Thanksgiving. I hope you have all kept well over these last couple of difficult years and were able to enjoy a safe and happy meal with family.

I am Archie, Earl of Cassillis, son of our chief: the Marquess of Ailsa. You might be thinking 'hang on, I thought the chief is the Marquess of Ailsa and also the Earl of Cassillis, Baron Ailsa and Lord Kennedy, etc...' and, if so, you aren't wrong – he is indeed all of these. However, as his son, I am allowed to use his lesser title as a 'courtesy title'. This essentially means that, while I can be called Lord Cassillis, the title is still legally held by my father. I cannot put myself forward to sit as a hereditary peer in the House of Lords and I am still eligible for jury duty (which peers are excused from). A needlessly pedantic point is that, in very formal situations, I should be addressed as 'Earl of Cassillis' rather than 'The Earl of Cassillis'. This isn't reflected in normal conversation where the 'the' before Earl is acceptable – god knows why?!



Further, if I have a son in my father's lifetime, he would be known as Lord Kennedy, the next usable title. The title Baron Ailsa, which was created merely to grant the 12th Earl an automatic seat in the British House of Lords in 1806, cannot be used as a courtesy title. A courtesy title may not have the same designation as the senior title (i.e. [of] Ailsa). If there were two Lord Ailsas running about, there could be some confusion.

I am following in the footsteps of the 10th Earl and the 4th Marquess by studying law and, since my father last wrote, I have completed the first of my two law courses in London. After a few weeks of self-imposed solitude to revise, I sat the exams for my Post-Graduate Diploma in Law, in August. I then had a delightful couple of weeks of holiday before starting the Legal Practice Course in September. The holiday coincided with a further relaxation of restrictions in London and I made the most of it catching up with friends in pubs and going to exhibitions and galleries that had been postponed or shut during our lockdown.

At the Wallace Collection, in Marylebone, I spotted a badge of the French Order of Saint Michael of a very similar date to the badges that must have been worn by the 3rd and 4th Earls of Cassillis. At the National Gallery, I saw an exhibition of five huge, breath-taking paintings of Königstein Castle by Bernardo Bellotto, one of which is normally in a private collection and the other belonging to the National Gallery in Washington. The group will probably never be together again for many years, which made seeing them all in the same room, as they were intended, a very special occasion. Two works likely made in Bellotto's workshop and believed to have been bought by the 9th Earl in the mid-18th century, depicting the painter's famous views of Venice, hang in the Blue Drawing Room in Culzean. It was interesting to read in the exhibition that while Canaletto, Bellotto's uncle, was more well-known in Britain and then to posterity, Bellotto seems to have been more famous in the rest of Europe at the time.

Next on the agenda for my time-off was a trip to the Caledonian Club, a haven for Scots in London. I'm not a member of the club, although I have been to a few Burns' Suppers there. My purpose this visit, however, was to be measured up by a tailor from Kinloch Anderson for a new pair of trows – a birthday present from my parents (my old pair are now much too short and dangerously tight!). I selected 'modern' Kennedy tartan as I think the darker pattern suits trows better. I had hoped that by the time I wrote this I would have the trows, but sadly they needed to go back to the tailors for adjustment. I will, I hope, be able to wear them at Christmas.

After a weekend in the New Forest with my girlfriend, who had returned from her own holiday in Greece to coincide with my time off, it was sadly back to the library to study for the next part of the law course. Needless to say, as I have made it onto this next part of the law course, the August exams had gone well!



LETTER FROM ARCHIE (CONTINUED)

Breaking up the studious life, there have been two occasions to wear my kilt – two weddings! One was a rather conservative wedding in the St Pancras Hotel. A colourful kilt was perhaps a bit over-the-top for the occasion but it certainly made for good conversation at the reception. The second wedding was in Norway. I enjoy reminding my Norwegian friend, the bridegroom, of a story that the Kennedys chased the fleeing Norwegians down the Ayrshire coast after the Battle of Largs in 1263. The Norsemen managed to escape back to their ships at Dunure; the Kennedys then built a castle there in defiance. I'm not convinced of the truth of this story, but I remind him regardless! Oslo is a lovely city, the wedding was delightful, and the photograph accompanying this article is me with the happy couple.

Now I am back in London, studying, and counting down the days until I return to Scotland for Christmas and see my family again. I wish you all a very happy holiday season, and I hope you all keep safe in light of the recent Covid developments. I hope to write to you all again next year, after more exams, and at least three Burns' Suppers – the Suppers I have given the last few years have been so popular, all the guests want to come again and bring their friends! It's not often non-Scots want to eat haggis more than once!

Archie Cassillis



A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAPLAIN

To all our Kennedy families and friends,

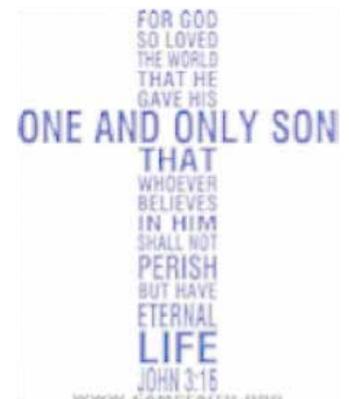
December is a time of year when we gather with our families to celebrate Christmas. What a wonderful time of the year! So much energy in the air with Christmas carols, bright decorations, trees, and the children running around with excitement. A renewable energy created thousands of years ago by the birth of one child.

We remember and joyously celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. A birth that changed the world forever and gave us the greatest gift ever, forgiveness of sin and life everlasting, and its free! If only we follow the Word of God, the Bible.

Please pray for our USA, and for God's guidance and grace for the coming year. Amen

Marcia and I wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Tom Kennedy, Chaplain





SCOTLAND COUNTY GAMES OCTOBER 2 2021

The weather was beautiful for the Scotland County Games in Laurinburg, NC on Saturday, October 2 as the sky was Carolina Blue and the sun was brilliant. The event was equally good, with almost twenty pipe bands competing and great attendance. The reception on Friday night was held downtown in a renovated space and featured several musicians as entertainment. It gave many people the opportunity to introduce themselves before Saturday's action. Manned by Dave and Amy Carrick and Sean Carrick, the tent had a great deal of traffic throughout the day, including new member Lee Hedgecock, a retired firefighter. Many thanks to Kaci Hedgecock who has made the effort to get members of her family to join the Kennedy Society. We were also happy to have Colin Grant-Adams stop by for refreshments a couple of times,

and we also received a visit from our piping scholarship recipient, Anderson Pritchard, who plays with the Harvey Ritch Memorial Pipe Band from Asheville, NC. Anderson had an excellent day in competition as he won the junior piobairechd and finished second in junior marching. These results enabled him to also win best junior at Laurinburg! As excellent as the games themselves were, Saturday night in the hotel lobby was even better as Colin and several other musicians held an impromptu jam session of epic proportions. It was probably the only place for hundreds of miles that had conversations in Gaelic. The plan is to have a tent again next year, so put it on your calendars!

Submitted by David Carrick



Amy, David, Sean, and Collin



Amy, Sean, Lee Hedgecock (new member), Kaci Hedgecock



Anderson Pritchard



David, Amy, and Sean

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STONE MOUNTAIN HIGHLAND GAMES OCTOBER 15-17 2021



The Stone Mountain games finally returned to the magnificent views of the granite mountain of Georgia. You could not ask for better weather or more energetic group of people.

We had 3 new member sign up Kevin W Hedgecock, Heather Kennedy Mobley James and her husband Lawrence James, Gordon Kennedy the brother of Gwen and Susan Kennedy became a new members and Gwen and Susan renewed their memberships.

Just remember - Up the coast to Ballantrae, through the ancient kingdom of Carrick, beware! The wild and mighty Kennedys are here!

We were located in the same tent location as the Clan Kennedy has for years, BUT the games were unrecognizable from years past, some clans were moved around and gave everyone the ability to make new friends. But getting around was hard due to everything being moved (You couldn't find a thing from years past).

And we will be back to the Granite Mountain next year October 14-16 2022!!

Thank you to all that helped with the setup and teardown from all, till we meet again...

David and Irene Phelps



We had our fiends Derek and Jesse Behmke bring an outstanding display of Curling and setup a portable lane that allowed all ages to try their hand at curling

(and yes Irene beat me), they explained the game of curling and where the stones come from.

Thanks to the Behmke family for the Kennedy face masks, they were appreciated by all.



There was great enthusiasm from all that attended the games, Sue Kennedy even conducted a tent convener class with future tent conveners Tom and Meghan Boles.



Thanks to all of the friends and family that visited the tent, Dave and Amy Carrick, Chris and Sue Kennedy, Chris and Tonya Kennedy, Vicky Quinn, Shawn

Kennedy, Connie and Bruce, Jake Martin, B Ney, Becky and Dennis Kalman, Jesse and Derek Behmke, Beth Norton, Dominic Kennedy, M Kennedy, Kaci and Lee Hedgecock.





FLOWERS OF THE FOREST

DR. BARBARA L. KENNEDY

DR. BARBARA L. KENNEDY, 83, of Greensburg, PA, died Tuesday, August 24, 2021 in Allegheny General Hospital, Pittsburgh. She was born May 4, 1938 in Connellsville, a daughter of the late James Wolfe and Catherine (Smith) Kennedy. She was a graduate of Penn State University and received her Ph.D. and M.D. from the Medical College of Pennsylvania. Her residency was served at Hahnemann Hospital in Philadelphia, and she had been on the faculty of several universities. She had numerous publications in the field of psychiatry, cardiac function, and metabolism, and was a fellow of the American Psychiatric Association. Prior to retirement she had spent 11 years at the University of Louisville, Department of Psychiatry where she was a researcher, teacher, and in private practice, and then worked for a brief time at UPMC.

After her retirement, she lived in Greensburg and attended Greensburg Church of the Brethren. She took piano lessons and belonged to the Friday Evening Music Club (Salon Series). Barbara was a member of the Greensburg College Club where she was the program director for several years and enjoyed antiques club and bridge club. She also volunteered at the YWCA Thrift Shop and the Seton Hill University Holocaust Center. In addition to her parents, Barbara is preceded in death by her brother, James Craig Kennedy, and her half-sister, Drusilla Young. She is survived by her sister, Janet Snyder (Glenn), of Jeannette; sister-in-law, Cooky Kennedy, of Uniontown; nine nieces and nephews; 20 great-nieces and great-nephews; and many cousins and good friends.





NEW WEBSITE!!!

As you are probably aware, the KSNA is having a new website developed for multiple reasons, not least of which is to enhance communications and interaction with and between members. Each member will create his/her own profile and can manage their respective phone and email information, in addition to determining how payments and renewals are processed. There will no longer be a universal password or user ID for the membership to access the site. If you are a member who does not have an email address, please contact Colleen Caldwell, Membership, IMMEDIATELY at 304-594-0695 or have someone email her at caldwellkids@earthlink.net.

If you are reading this issue of the Kennedy Gazette in your email, the correct email address is on file. IF YOU ARE READING THIS ON PAPER, THIS DEFINITELY MEANS YOU! Much effort is being made to minimize any inconvenience to anyone. If all goes as planned, the new site will be functional sometime in January. Further, you will receive a notification via email that the new site is operational and on how to set up your own respective account. The new website will be an exciting addition and benefit to the Kennedy Society that will provide many new options and improvements to and for your membership!



WINTER MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

As it has been 3 months since I was able to fulfill my Membership duties, I had a lot of catching up to do this weekend in order to make the newsletter deadline. Shortly before the Ligonier Highland Games and AGM which I had been planning for 2 years and of which you have been reading about for the past 4 issues, my aunt passed away unexpectedly. Her obituary is attached. None of the KSNA members knew her even though she was a Lifetime Member. She joined our society in a show of support for me because she was that kind of aunt. I spent these past 3 months settling her estate. Thanks for your patience with me during this difficult time.

Now for the good news!

Our newest Lifetime Member is my husband, Daniel Caldwell of Morgantown, WV.

Welcome to these new members:

- Sally Watkins, Alamogordo, NM
- Dawn Kennedy-Miller, Lower Burrell, PA
- Kevan Ward Hedgecock, High Point, NC
- Heather Kennedy Mobley James, Timberlake, NC
- Gordon Kennedy, Ellenwood, GA

Website upgrade

At the Annual General Meeting in September, I learned that the KSNA is building a new website that will include membership software. Watch for more information about these membership management tools in future issues of this newsletter. We will be learning it together.

Your KSNA Membership Chair,
Colleen Kennedy Caldwell



TRADITIONAL SCOTTISH RECIPE SCOTTISH BEEF AND DUMPLING STEW

RECIPE INGREDIENTS

- 2 tbsp Plain Flour
- 1 tsp Salt
- 1 tsp Black pepper
- 800g Beef Cubed (approx)
- 2 tbsp Butter
- 2 Onions (chopped chunky)
- 2 Carrots (chopped chunky)
- 1/2 Neep (turnip - chopped chunky)
- 400 ml water (or beef/vegetable stock)

Dumplings

- 110g Plain Flour
- 1/2 tsp Baking Powder
- 50g Beef Suet
- Chopped Fresh Parsley
- Salt and Pepper
- Water (just enough to mix dough)

RECIPE METHOD

1. Preheat the oven to 140C (fan oven).
2. Add the plain flour, salt and black pepper to a large mixing bowl and mix through.
3. Add the beef into the bowl and mix through to coat.
4. Melt the butter in a large oven proof cast iron pan or similar.
5. Add the beef and brown for around 10 minutes.
6. Remove the beef once browned and set aside.
7. Add all of the chopped vegetables into the pan the beef was cooking in and cook down for 5 minutes.
8. Add in the water or stock and add the beef back into the pan.
9. Stir through well and season with salt and pepper.
10. Add a lid and cook in the oven for 1 hour.
11. After the hour take out the dish and stir through. Remove the lid and place back in for another hour without the lid this time.
12. While the stew is cooking for the final hour add all of the dumpling ingredients to a mixing bowl and mix through.
13. Add a small amount of water to form a dough and split into 8 balls. Roll them in your hands.
14. Remove the stew 30 minutes into the cooking and add in the dough balls as per the video above. Pop back into the oven for the last 30 minutes to cook the dough balls. Serve with seasonal vegetables.



NOTES

From: The Wee Larder by Angie Milne
<https://angiemilne.com/2021/11/19/scottish-beef-dumplings-stew/>



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CALANAIS STANDING STONES

People like to build things. People build buildings to live in, to worship in, to learn in, and just to gather with other people in. People also building statues and monuments. The statues remember or celebrate an important person on an important event. All around you there are things that people built in recent centuries.

But what about people long, long ago? Did they build things, too? Yes! They certainly did! People called archaeologists find things that were built a long time ago and dig up what remains of them. They try to figure out who built them and why they were built. Sometimes they can figure out what something was used for. Other times they can only make guesses. One of the things they can only guess about is standing stones. Thousands and thousands of years ago, long before there was any big construction equipment people moved very big, very heavy stones and stood them up in the ground. Why did they stand large stones on end and plant them in the ground? No one knows for certain. Maybe it was a place where they worshiped. Maybe it was a calendar telling them when the longest day of summer was. There may be burial grounds at some of the standing stones.

There are thousands of places with standing stones in the British Isles and in the northern part of France known as Britany. Stonehenge in England is one of the best known standing stones, but there are actually many more standing stones in Scotland than in England. The standing stones in Scotland are much older than Stonehenge. You can see a wonderful 360 photo of Calanais Standing Stones on the internet. It looks just like you are there.

<https://www.wildernessscotland.com/blog/scotlands-stonehenge-standing-stones-callanish/>



WHERE WE HAVE BEEN TOLD THERE WILL BE A KENNEDY TENT DECEMBER 2021 - MAY 2022

Finally, and after a year of cancellations, games across the country are starting to populate the calendar. At the moment, these are the games that we know will have a Kennedy tent:

January 15-16th: Central Florida Highland Games
Winter Springs, FL

April 9th-10th: Loch Norman
Huntersville, NC

February 19th: Asheville Celtic Fest
Fletcher, NC

**May 28th: Gallabrea
Greenville SC – AGM**

February 26th: NE Florida Scottish Games and Festival
Green Cove Springs, FL

May 7th: Savannah Scottish Games
Savannah, GA

March 5th: Panama City Beach Scottish Festival
Panama City, FL

May 21st-22nd: Smoky Mountain Scottish Festival & Games
Townsend, TN

With the purchase of The Highlander and Scottish Life, there is no longer is a comprehensive published list of games. Even on the internet there is no one reference source or list. As such, the Society really needs to have its members and conveners relay information regarding games in their respective area. For now, please send this info to david_carrick55@yahoo.com or samanthaksna@gmail.com.

CENTRAL FLORIDA SCOTTICH HIGHLAND GAMES!!!

The Central Florida Scottish Highland Games are just around the corner, coming to Winter Springs, Florida, January 15th and 16th, 2022. Back and better than ever after a two-year delay due to that pesky virus, the biggest games in the state are sure to fill your heart and soul with music, tradition, food, entertainment, whiskey and fun! Bring the kids and make friends with a highland cow, participate in kid's versions of highland athletics and enjoy all of the other activities for the younger set. Hope to see you there!

Frank and Suzanne Canada

CASSOC

The Kennedy Society is proud to once again be a member of Clans and Scottish Societies of Canada (CASSOC). The organization has members from across Canada and the US and will help to give the Society better visibility and presence, especially as all member clans are able to submit an article in their quarterly newsletter. This newsletter is available on their website www.cassoc.ca. Additionally, Lydia Kennedy, daughter of our late Canadian Chieftain, John Angus Kennedy, will be convening a tent at the Fergus games next August. The Society is also looking at other potential games exposure in Canada. If you are interested in convening a tent or becoming active, please contact Dave Carrick at david_carrick55@yahoo.com. Dave is currently our representative to CASSOC, and Sean Carrick is our representative to the US equivalent COSCA.





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