

ALMA HIGHLAND FESTIVAL AND GAMES 2018 AGM FOR THE KENNEDY SOCIETY OF NORTH AMERICA



The 2018 AGM of the Kennedy Society of North America will be held on Memorial Day weekend, May 25-27, in Alma, Michigan. The games will be held on the campus of Alma College. A full schedule of events is posted on their website - www.almahighlandfestival.com.

Our host hotel will be the Comfort Inn located in Mt Pleasant. The contact info is 2424 S Mission St, Mt Pleasant, MI 48858. Their phone is (989) 772-4000. We have several rooms held in the Kennedy Society name. The hotel is about 20 minutes from the games. On Friday evening we will be dining at Bennigans Restaurant which is located at our host hotel.

Travel to the games is about 20 minutes from the Comfort Inn. Games admission is \$10 each day. Please visit the games website for tickets and costs. We will be holding the annual meeting at the games around 2pm. The officers meeting will be scheduled later on Sunday.

The opening ceremonies are at 12:15pm on Saturday. After the closing on Saturday, we will return to the hotel and get ready for dinner. Nathan and Heather Bishop have arranged an evening at the Brass Café which has a private room, good food, cold beer and a good selection of scotch. The cost and the choice of the dinner will be on each attendee.

Sunday morning will be the Kirking of the Tartans, time to be announced. The closing of the games on Sunday is 5pm.

Please visit us at the Kennedy Tent. If you have not visited a games before, or have not been to the Annual Games Meeting, please take the time to meet and enjoy the company of other Kennedys and help us share our rich history with all!





OFFICIAL BALLOT AND PROXY BALLOT

2018 KENNEDY SOCIETY OF NORTH AMERICA AGM ELECTION OF OFFICERS

I, Christopher Kennedy, in my capacity as Chairman of the Society Nominating Committee do hereby put forth this slate of officers for election for 2018-2019.

President PLEASE VOTE FOR ONE

Leo F. Kennedy III, Greenville, Rhode Island

Vice President PLEASE VOTE FOR ONE

Mary Lynn Grant, Hillsville, Virginia

Treasurer PLEASE VOTE FOR ONE

Amy Carrick, Greer, South Carolina

Secretary PLEASE VOTE FOR ONE

Frank Bernard Kennedy, III, Davidsonville, Maryland

Each nominee has given permission for his or her names to be entered on the election ballot.

PROXY ASSIGNMENT

I _____, not being able to attend the 2018 KSNA election, wish to cast my vote by Proxy. I understand that my vote (one ballot per membership family) will be counted with all ballots cast in person at the Kennedy Society of North America's Annual Meeting to be held at the Alma Michigan Games on May 26, 2018.

Member assigning proxy : _____ Date _____

I give my proxy permission to cast the above ballot in my stead and for such other business as may be conducted at the May 26, 2018 annual general membership meeting to: _____

Since several of the Board of Governors are running for election, Proxy Vote Assignment can be assigned to any other Board Member or member in good standing. Please return proxies to Chris Kennedy via email or post at:

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kenn6633@bellsouth.net



A MESSAGE FROM LORD AILSA



I will start by wishing you all a happy and prosperous 2018.

We had a most enjoyable Christmas here at Morrision with Kitty and Archie, there were plenty of parties to attend and one or two pheasant shoots. Both Kitty and Archie are

accomplished shots and it is a pleasure to see them enjoying the sport.

Since the festive season things have quietened down, however Anne and I had a very pleasant weekend staying with friends who have a lovely Victorian hunting lodge on the banks of Loch Ness. We did not see the Monster!

The Carrick Burns Club once again put on a very good Burns Supper with some highly amusing and informative speakers. It is held in a nearby establishment called Malin Court which puts on a super meal that includes the all-important Haggis, which is addressed expertly by Denis Reid.

The weather, which I always mention, has turned from incessant rain to ice cold and snow, there is a blizzard weather warning as I type this message. The good news for the farm is that we can now travel on the fields, so we have been spreading digestate on the fields to use as fertilizer for this year's crops, which comes from the anaerobic digester in the nearby town of Girvan.

Talking of snow and ice, I hope all kinsman of mine were proud of the fact that at the 2018 Winter Olympics in Pyeongchang every curling stone used by every team was made using granite from Ailsa Craig.

During last summer I had an architect draw up some plans for the repair of parts of the roof of Maybole Castle, there is much to do but the work that has been done so far is proving to be very effective. The Castle stands at the bottom of the High Street as you enter Maybole from the north. It was built in about 1540 and then added on to in the mid Victorian period. Until recently it was used as the Estates Office and for many years was the home of the Estate Factor. It is my intention to continue its restoration and in due course to make it available as a venue for



Maybole Castle in 1839

functions and for people to stay in. I include a sweet drawing of the Castle in 1839 before any of the additions.

During the shooting season the magazine called The Shooting Gazette asked me to write a piece for them titled My Dream Team, as guests for a shoot, they could be living or people no longer with us, I could include people that I have never met. It was published in the January 2018 issue.

Here is my Team.

My first guest would be my forebear Lord Kennedy, later 13th Earl of Cassillis, he enjoyed a wager. In August 1822 he backed himself to for 40 to 1 in £50 notes to shoot forty brace of grouse and ride from his shooting box at Feloar in Perthshire to Dunnottar Castle in Kincardineshire and back to Feloar in a day, a round trip of some one hundred and forty miles. He set out at 4am in the rain, attended by many Highlanders who turned out to see the sport. He had his bag by 9am. Using relays of horses he was at Dunnottar by 2pm and was back at Feloar by 9pm. The umpire Captain Barclay thought it one of the best physical feats ever recorded!

My second guest would be the 2nd Marquess of Ripon. My family and I visited Fountains Abbey last summer and having perused the Abbey ruins we wandered up the Spanish Chestnut Avenue in Studley Royal Park to the delightful little church of St. Mary's where the Marquess was buried. That chance visit renewed my

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A MESSAGE FROM LORD AILSA (CONTINUED)

interest in this extraordinary shooting man, and I would love just once to see him with his three guns and two loaders working like a well-oiled machine.

Number three would be the renowned Dumbartonshire gunsmith Graham MacKinlay who has a love of English guns and a passion for Scottish guns. I have shot with him on the grouse moor when he used his friend Robert Dalgleish's triple barrel 20 bore John Dickson to great effect and has been known to have had three dead birds in the air with that gun. He also is instrumental in keeping my own guns in perfect working order.

Angus Craig is a friend and neighbour who is enormous fun to shoot with. Like me he will often favour a hammer gun, but on one occasion shooting with him on his family estate in Renfrewshire I remember him pulling from his gunslip black nylon stocked semi-automatic 12 bore, on seeing my shocked expression he said not to worry he was only using it because his Uncle Charlie, also a gun, would be appalled. Angus shoots well with any gun.

Tommy Johnston Keeper here on Cassillis and Culzean Estates who has been with us for 40 years, rising through the ranks to become Head Keeper in 2003. He is a good shot, always jovial and I have him to thank for encouraging me to take up the wonderful sport of shooting again after a long break. He also provided me with a first class peg dog that I and my family adore.

Cassillis and Culzean Estates surround Turnberry Hotel and Golf Course, now Trump Turnberry. In conversation with Eric Trump, middle son of the US President, I learned that he is a keen shot and to my surprize uses an English made hammer gun. Whatsmore he would be happy to transport it across the Atlantic to take part in a days sport here in Ayrshire. In the early sixties President Eisenhower shot with my late father here on the Estate, our then Head Keeper, Johnnie Walker dismissed the Presidents body guard from the shooting field because he saw him cross a fence with his gun loaded and cocked.

George Farr from Cornhill on Tweed, a charming man and one of the most elegant shots that I know. He is capable of cleanly killing the highest of birds with such grace and style that he is a pleasure to watch. As many of you will know there are times on the shooting field when you are not in the thick of it and are reduced to spectating for part of a drive. Seeing George drop a high fast one at Corsehope Estate near Heriot on a sunny autumn day is a joy to experience, however it is slightly unnerving when you realize that the plummeting bird might be about to land on your car!

My final guest would be another of my forebears, the 2nd Marquess of Ailsa son of the aforementioned Lord Kennedy, Earl of Cassillis. He was a keen outdoorsman enjoying sailing, hunting, fishing and shooting. He was also very adept at working with precision tools and used them to increase the accuracy of his guns. However it is an entry in his diary on the 20th November 1853 which my son Archie pointed out to me that is so politically incorrect that would make him a little unwelcome on present day shoots ".....saw a curious bird near the farm..... Sent for a gun and shot it." So for this dream team day I would have to be very clear about the quarry. I have one of his guns, a beautiful 1860 Charles Lancaster sliding block 14bore.

My dream team day would be near Stranraer at Lochinch on Stair Estates belonging to my friend Jamie, Earl of Stair. Lochinch grounds are beautifully laid out for pheasant shooting and it is run expertly by Jamie, himself a keen shot from a long line of shooting men.

I will finish by wishing you all many happy Gatherings and Highland Games throughout the coming season.

Ailsa



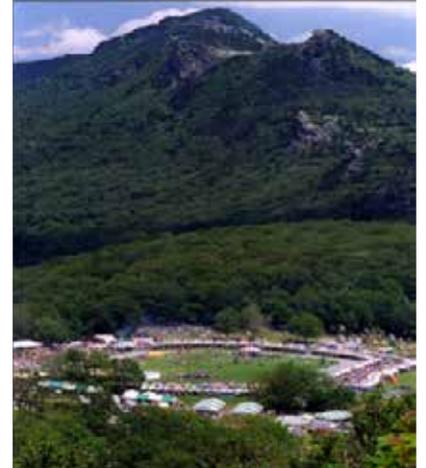
THE KENNEDYS ARE BACK AT THE GRANDFATHER GAMES! JULY 13-15, 2018

Come see us at our two tents – one on the field for viewing and one on the road.

Visit with old friends, make new ones, drink a wee dram, and watch the games.

Celebrate your Kennedy heritage with us!

Dale Laymon, Lorraine Van Fossan, Chris Kennedy and Sue Kennedy



NORTHEAST FLORIDA SCOTTISH HIGHLAND GAMES AND FESTIVAL FEBRUARY 24, 2018

Saturday February 24 was the Northeast Florida Scottish highland games and festival. This was the first year there was a Kennedy clan tent and the first time for me (Katy Morrison-Kennedy) being a tent convener. I had help from niece Siobhan Kennedy and Jay Gillespie. Our displays, set up and knowing what we are taking about do certainly need improvement but we did have a nice selection of snacks, libations and all visiting enjoyed themselves.

We have a new member to welcome Janet Kennedy Germany from Jacksonville. She is interested in genealogy. Welcome Janet!

We look forward to next year.

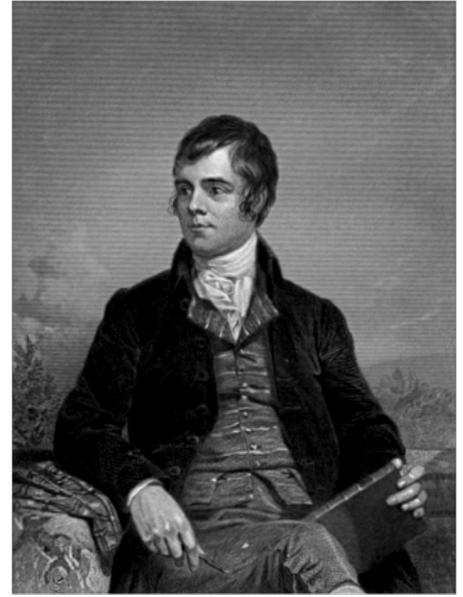
Katy Morrison-Kennedy
Jacksonville Beach, FL





2ND ANNUAL BURNS NIGHT IN GREENVILLE

The second annual Burns Night in Greenville, SC was held on January 25, with the Kennedy Society, Clan Campbell, and the Daughters of the British Empire as the driving forces behind it. The genesis of this celebration was a conversation that Dave Carrick had with Jeff McDermott of Clan Campbell (both Greenville residents) while at Charleston, SC for the Kennedy Society AGM in 2016. Since there was only a private banquet for Burns in Greenville at that time, Dave and Jeff decided to join forces and host an informal (as opposed to black-tie) event that would be open to anyone. The first year was small and quaint, but with the idea of growing it over the years. They sought out the DBE, who were very receptive and helped to give it more authenticity. The crowd this year was twice as large and with a greater percentage of kilts. In addition, more people read Burns and other poetry and more people participated with the local Scottish country dance group. Scottish Cottage supplied the haggis, potatoes, and Shepherd's Pie, while the DBE supplied a variety of desserts (the trifle with Drambuie was exceptional). Decorations included the Kennedy parade and Clan Campbell banners, with the Kennedy Society, Clan Campbell, and the DBE listed in the advertising. The idea is to have this on every January 25th, as well as to keep on growing the event. Amazing what can come out of a simple conversation!!!



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A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

The weather has gone from two weeks of temperatures at zero to yesterday's record temperature at 68 degrees. It's always hard to figure the weather here in New England. The Burns dinner evening was considerably warm at 35 degrees and I enjoyed the evening very much. It is always good to hear the pipes and visit with friends. I have been doing very little travel this winter and looking forward to getting out of the house. I am traveling in a few weeks to Maryland for a conference and then it's St Patrick's Day. The week after I will be visiting with some of the Kennedys at the games in Myrtle Beach where we will be the honored clan. I hope to see many of you there.

I want to thank Rev. Fr. David Kennedy for all of his work and time as our Chaplain. He has retired from this position in the Society after many years of service. We will be looking to fill the vacant spot in the near future.

Please remember the new 2018 Kennedy coins. They, and other Kennedy items, are available on our website www.kennedysociety.com. The sale of these items helps support scholarships and games.

The 2018 Kennedy AGM will be in Alma, Michigan on May 25-27. The Comfort Inn located in Mount Pleasant is the host hotel. Nathan and Heather Bishop and Ken and Sue

Freshley have been very helpful in getting this all set up. Please consider joining with us and attended the AGM! More information on the AGM hotel and events is in this issue of the Gazette.



We have a Kennedy family moving to Oregon. They shared with me the images of the area and their new property. I wish them at the best in their lovely new home. They are also interested in setting up a Kennedy tent the games in great northwest area of the country. This can open up an area to us that we are not strong in.

Please visit and support the Kennedy tent at the following games: we will be at Dunedin FL on Apr 7; Loch Norman on April 20-22; Savannah GA on May 5; Maryville TN on May 19-20; Greenville SC on May 25-26; Old Orchard Beach ME on June 2; Rhode Island on Jun 9; Amador CA on June 10-11 and Pikes Peak CO on June 15-17.

My very best to all of you!

Leo Kennedy

SCHOLARSHIPS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR 2018

DEADLINE FOR SCHOLARSHIPS IS MARCH 31, 2018

The Kennedy Society awards annual scholarships to students of Celtic arts such as dance, pipes, drums, harp, fiddle, and language arts. Adults may also apply. To receive a Kennedy Society scholarship, the student must meet these criteria:

- Be sponsored by a Kennedy Society member
Note: The student himself or herself does not have to belong to the KSNA. However, the student must be sponsored by a KSNA member. Otherwise, the application will be considered invalid.
- Plan to attend a certified workshop, class lessons, or camp of instruction
- Provide documentation of certification of the workshop, class, camp, or instructor

A scholarship award covers the cost of workshop, class, or camp registration. To apply, fill out the scholarship application which can be found on the Kennedy Society website at: kennedysociety.org OR request an application from Sue Kennedy at the address below. Your instructor or band director may also have applications.

Send the application to the Scholarship Committee in care of:

Mrs. Sue Kennedy
6415 Barberry Hill Drive, Gainesville, GA 30506
Email: kenn6633@bellsouth.net

Please feel free to contact Sue with any other questions.

The Kennedy Society of North America

Under the Patronage of the Hereditary Chief of Kennedy The Most Honorable, The Marquess of Ailsa

Scholarship Application

Dance, Pipes, Harp, Drums, Fiddle, Language Arts

Applicant Name (Please Print): _____

Address: _____

City & Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____ Age of Applicant: _____

Email: _____

Date(s) of workshop/camp/class: _____ Date of workshop application deadline: _____

Amount Requested (Does not include travel, lodging, or food): _____

Certification of workshop and instructor included: Yes ___ No ___

Cover letter from applicant/parent with reasons for wanting to attend the workshop included: Yes ___ No ___

Resumé included: Yes ___ No ___

Picture Included: Yes ___ No ___

Two letters of recommendation included: Yes ___ No ___

One letter of sponsorship by a Kennedy Society member: _____

Note: The student himself or herself does not have to belong to the KSNA. However, the student must be sponsored by a KSNA member. Otherwise, the application will be considered invalid.

Submitted by (applicant/parent/teacher): _____

Deadline for Scholarship application: March 31, 2018

Date Submitted: _____

Send to:

Sue Kennedy
6415 Barberry Hill Drive
Gainesville, GA 30506
kenn6633@bellsouth.net

For Scholarship Committee

Check made payable to: _____

Amount: _____

Due date (if applicable): _____

Date paid/check #: _____



PANAMA CITY BEACH SCOTTISH FESTIVAL MARCH 3, 2018

Irene and I were approached during the Savannah games last year and asked if we would consider putting a Kennedy tent up in the Panama City Beach games during the 2018 game season, Irene and I agreed to set up a tent and see what happens...

This is the first time that a Kennedy has setup a tent at the Panama City Beach festival in the 26 year history of the games held on the sandy beaches of Florida.

During the tent setup we met many new friends that were at the games with their tent for the first time.

Also, we made some new friends and helped each other where help was needed and gave each other suggestions on how to better our tents. Because of the effort and friendships made the Kennedys won 3rd Place for Clan tent display.

To use the term "If you build it they will come", well that's what happened. We had 10 Kennedy's sign in at the tent, the members were: David Fulford and family, Jerry Warmingham, Kathryn Blauth, Lollie Fulford. We also had 5 new Kennedys showing interest in their heritage for the first time: Lee Kennedy, Deidre

Kennedy- Twichaus, Lisa Marrow, Todd Heath and Margaret Reedy-Schmidt.

Congratulations go out to David Fulford for competing in the Heavy Athletics games and winning 1st Place in his division and overall games Grand Champion!

Overall this was a great experience-spreading the history of Clan Kennedy and meeting new friends, and so we have agreed that we will return to Panama City Beach Festival 2019.

Submitted by: David and Irene Phelps





U.S. MEN'S CURLING TEAM WINS GOLD MEDAL!

One of the oldest team sports, curling originated in the 16 century in Scotland. The game was played on the local ponds and lochs as early as 1511. Curling was best known in central and southwestern Scotland. The first written evidence appeared in Latin in 1540 in Paisley Scotland-approximately 36 miles from Ayr-and was recorded as a challenge between the Paisley Abbot and another parishioner.

Any manner of rocks were thrown on the local ponds, but in the 1600's stones with handles were introduced. Curling was known as the "roarin game", with the roar coming from the "roar" of the stone as it slid over the ice.

Curling stones, hold a special significance for Kennedys as the stones came from the blue-hone granite of Ailsa Craig. Even today, the curling stones for the Olympics come from Ailsa Craig and its unique blue hone granite.

The first curling clubs appeared in Scotland, with the Grand Caledonian Curling Club, formed in 1838, being responsible for formulating the first official rules of the sport. Men's curling was included in the Olympic program in 1924 at the first Olympic Winter Games in Chamonix. It was in Nagano in 1998 that it officially joined the Olympic program, with both men's and women's competitions.





BET YOU DIDN'T KNOW!

10 THINGS ABOUT ST. PATRICK AND IRELAND

10. March 17th is when Patrick died.

Saint Patrick is a saint of the Catholic Church, and his holy day is the day of his death, and subsequent entrance to heaven, rather than the day of his physical birth. After spending most of his adult life converting the pagans of Ireland to Christianity, St. Patrick went to his reward on March 17, 461 AD.

9. St. Patrick wasn't Irish.

St. Patrick wasn't Irish, and he wasn't born in Ireland. Patrick's parents were Roman citizens living in modern-day England, or more precisely in Scotland or Wales (scholars cannot agree on which). He was born in 385 AD. By that time, most Romans were Christians and the Christian religion was spreading rapidly across Europe.

8. St. Patrick was a slave.

At the age of 16, Patrick had the misfortune of being kidnapped by Irish raiders who took him away and sold him as a slave. He spent several years in Ireland herding sheep and learning about the people there. At the age of 22, he managed to escape. He made his way to a monastery in England where he spent 12 years growing closer to God.

7. St. Patrick used the shamrock to preach about the trinity.

Many claim the shamrock represents faith, hope, and love, or any number of other things but it was actually used by Patrick to teach the mystery of the Holy Trinity, and how three things, the Father, The Son, and the Holy Spirit could be separate entities, yet one in the same. Obviously, the pagan rulers of Ireland found Patrick to be convincing because they quickly converted to Christianity.

6. Legend says St. Patrick drove all the snakes from Ireland.

According to legend, St. Patrick drove all the snakes, or in some translations, "toads," out of Ireland. In reality, this probably did not occur, as there is no evidence that snakes have ever existed in Ireland, the climate being too cool for them to thrive. Despite that, scholars suggest that the term "snakes" may be figurative and refer to pagan religious beliefs and practices rather than reptiles or amphibians.

5. Patrick's color is blue.

The original color associated with St. Patrick is blue, not green as commonly believed. In several artworks depicting the saint, he is shown wearing blue vestments. King Henry VIII used the Irish harp in gold on a blue flag to represent the country. Since that time, and possibly before, blue has been a popular color to represent the country on flags, coats-of-arms, and even sports jerseys.

Green was associated with the country later, presumably because of the greenness of the countryside, which is so because Ireland receives plentiful rainfall. Today, the country is also referred to as the "Emerald Isle."

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4. The Shamrock is not the symbol of Ireland.

The shamrock is a popular Irish symbol, but it is not the symbol of Ireland. As early as the medieval period, the harp has appeared on Irish gravestones and manuscripts. However, it is certain that the harp was popular in Irish legend and culture even well before that period.

Since the medieval period, the harp has represented the nation. King Henry VIII used the harp on coins as early as 1534. Later, the harp was used on Irish flags and Irish coats of arms. The harp was also used as a symbol of the Irish people during their long struggle for freedom. Starting in 1642 the harp appeared on flags during rebellions against English rule. When Ireland became an independent country in 1921, it adopted the harp as the national symbol.



3. There are more Irish in the USA than Ireland.

Well, sort of. An estimated 34 million Americans have Irish ancestry. Some are pure-blood Irish, meaning they or their parents came from Ireland, but many more have mixed ancestry today. By contrast, there are 4.2 million people living in Ireland. This peculiarity has a lot to do with the troubled history of Ireland. During the potato famine in Ireland, millions of Irish left the country for the US. This diaspora of Irish continued throughout much of the 19th century. Great numbers of Irish immigrants filled factories, served as railroad laborers --and even joined the military, sometimes immediately upon stepping foot on American soil! During the US Civil War, entire regiments of troops were comprised exclusively of Irish immigrants. It wasn't until the economic boom of the 1990s that more Irish stayed in their native country than traveled abroad searching for better opportunities.

2. St. Patrick's Day in the US has a strong political history.

In the mid 19th century, the Irish faced discrimination much like that faced by African Americans. In a few rare instances, prejudice against the Irish was even more fierce! The Irish were culturally unique, Catholic, and because of deplorable conditions in Ireland, flooded into the US in large numbers. They were perceived as a potentially disloyal and were treated harshly. To combat this, the American Irish began to organize themselves politically. By the end of the 19th century, St. Patrick's Day was a large holiday for the Irish and an occasion for them to demonstrate their collective political and social might. While the political emphasis has faded along with the discrimination, the holiday remains ever popular as an opportunity for festivity regardless of one's cultural background.

1. St. Patrick's was a dry holiday in Ireland until 1970.

Aside from the color green, the activity most associated with St. Patrick's Day is drinking. However, Irish law, from 1903 to 1970, declared St. Patrick's Day a religious observance for the entire country meaning that all pubs were shut down for the day. That meant no beer, not even the green kind, for public celebrants. The law was overturned in 1970, when St. Patrick's was reclassified as a national holiday - allowing the taps to flow freely once again.

Bonus Fact: Your odds of finding a four-leaf clover are:
About 1 in 10,000.



WHERE WE HAVE BEEN TOLD THERE WILL BE A KENNEDY TENT MARCH - NOVEMBER 2018

March 23-25 Saltwater Highland Games
Little River, South Carolina (near Myrtle Beach)
[Honored Clan](#)

April 7th Dunedin Highland Games, Dunedin, FL

April 20-22 Loch Normon Games, Huntersville, NC

May 5 Savannah Scottish Games, Savannah, GA

May 18-20 Smoky Mountain Scottish Festival and Games
Maryville, TN

May 25-27 [AGM](#) Alma Highland Festival and Games
Alma, MI

May 26 Greenville Scottish Games, Greenville, SC

June 2 Old Orchard Beach, ME

June 9 Rhode Island Games

June 10-11 Mother Lode Games, Amador, CA

June 15-17 Pikes Peak, CO

July 13-15 Grandfather Mountain Games, Linville, NC

July 13-15 Colorado Irish Fest, Littleton, CO

August 4-5 Colorado Scottish Fest, Edgewater, CO

August 25 Quechee VT Games

September 2-3 Pleasanton Games

September 2 The Plains, VA

September 8 Middle Tennessee Highland Games

September 22 Ligonier Games, PA

October 7 Scotland, CT

October 20-22 Stone Mountain, GA

November 2-4 Scots on the Rock, Moab, UT

November 3 Charleston, SC

November 11 Clover, SC

November 17 Mount Dora Scottish Festival, FL



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