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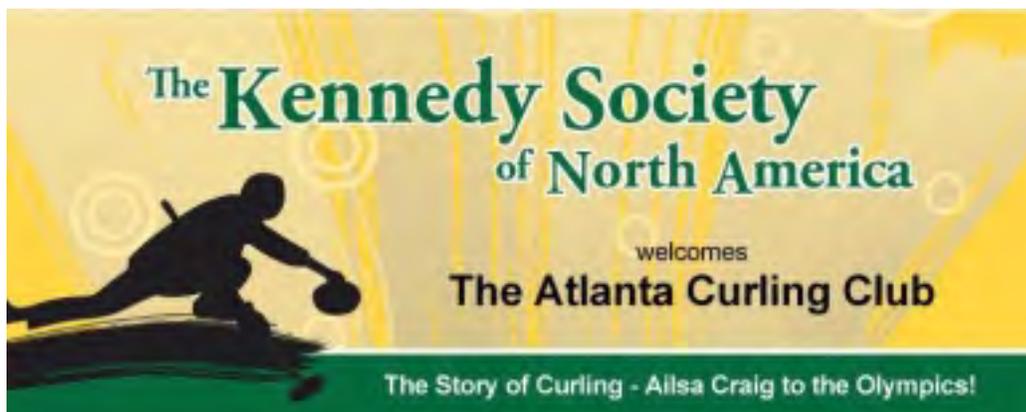
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It is with utmost pleasure that we announce that through the combined efforts of the Kennedy Society and the Atlanta Curling Club, the Kennedy Society of North America will feature an exhibit at the Stone Mountain Games entitled "From Ailsa Craig to the Olympics – the Story of Curling".

Plan to join us for this informative experience as we reveal the story of our beloved Ailsa Craig and its rare granite which is the unique ingredient in the Olympic curling stones. Then join the Atlanta curling club as two curlers exhibit their uniforms, equipment, and share the story of curling in Atlanta.

The Atlanta Curling Club, the first club ever to curl in Georgia, will have information about the history of curling and its roots in Scotland. Many of the curling stones in use around the world were mined at Ailsa Craig in Kennedy country.

Additionally, the club's table will have information about the Olympic sport of curling, a curling stone, brooms and other curling equipment, and even tabletop curling games to help teach curling strategy.

Editor's Note: On pages 8 and 9, please see the story of Ailsa Craig, and be sure to include the Stone Mountain Games and the Kennedy Society Annual Meeting in your fall schedule of "don't miss" weekends.

Also, on pages 6 and 7, there is a special 2 page tribute to our precious Kennedy Kids.



Lord Charles Sends His Greetings

I am very much looking forward to visiting The Stone Mountain Games and seeing as many of you as possible as last year I was legless and could not make it. You will all be glad to hear I am now walking everywhere unaided. However, I might need assistance when going up hills and off roading.

Lady Rosemary, whom a lot of you meet last year, is very well and sends her fondest regards. She is expecting her 1st son so we may be wetting his head when I am in the states because the baby is due the same weekend as Stone Mountain.

Lady Alicia has just finished her 2 year assignment in China and is heading to New York to take up a new one. (See *Lady Alicia's note elsewhere in the Gazette.*) When she is settled, her address and contact details will be sent to Chris and Sue. I hope that you will look after Lady Alicia as you did with Lady Rosemary last year during her visit to the states, and as you have welcomed me over the many years that I have been to see you. You will be able to meet her at Highland games in 2013.

And Remember...You can take my leg, but NEVER touch my Stella. See you all next month. UP THE COAST TO BALLANTRE, OVER THE ANCIENT KINGDOM OF CARRICK, BEWARE A WILD AND MIGHT KENNEDY IS COMING. SO COME AND JOIN THE PARTY!!



Important Words from our Chief

This is the last Gazette before the AGM at Stone Mountain and there are several important items that need to be addressed. First of all there are some bylaws changes that are proposed. They basically decrease the term of President and Vice President to four years with election continuing to be held every year. Also with this issue is the slate of officers for this coming year. Officers must be elected yearly. I do not want to ever feel that these are slam dunk positions; this is an open society and everyone has the right and opportunity of not only expressing themselves but serving through nomination and election. I believe that there is an ever increasing pool of very capable individuals who could fill the elected offices of this organization; I have been very impressed by the dedication and quality of so many members that we meet as we travel to the various regions and games. Except for the four elected offices, all positions within the Society for Board of Governors and Committee Chairs are recommended by the President and ratified by the current Board. Please read the proposed bylaws, examine your slate of officers and express your opinion by voting. If you are not going to be at the AGM please send in your proxy that is included within this gazette to any of the Board of Governors members.

One of my commitments to you as President was to visit every Region at least once during my tenure. We will fulfill that promise with two years to spare as Sue and I are going to the Pleasanton, California games in early September. We sincerely hope that if it is not too far you have the opportunity to come and visit. We are so spread out and I do not feel as connected as I would like. I am continually amazed at and energized by the number of loyal Society members who are too far to make games; you have my heart-felt thanks and sincere admiration. I have three major dreams for the Kennedy Society. They are: to have a scholarship fund so large that we can offer significant support to deserving applicants; that we have the funds to initially support all members who wish to sponsor a game; and finally, that we become so big that someday everyone will be close enough to attend an event and meet "your relatives." It is an absolute delight to have the opportunity to meet those of you that I have. It is important that you let us know what is on your mind; I want us to do all that we can to make this your Society.



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THE STONE MOUNTAIN GAMES AND ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE HERE BEFORE YOU KNOW IT!

Date: Oct 19, 20, and 21, 2012

Where: Stone Mountain, Georgia

What: Stone Mountain Games with Lord Charles in attendance.

And

**Special Exhibit at the Kennedy Tent with the Atlanta Curling Club
The Story of Curling**

“From Ailsa Craig to the Olympics”

What Else: Annual Meeting – Sat Oct 20 - time to be announced

Please send in your proxy if you are unable to attend

(Proxy can be found on page 4 in this Newsletter)

**IMPORTANT ITEMS: BY-LAW REVISIONS AND INFORMATION ABOUT
UPCOMING 2014 TRIP TO SCOTLAND**

And What Else – Annual Meeting Dinner (Dress: gentleman – kilts and ladies – sashes)

- 6:30 pm at the Norcross Station Café (770-409-9889)

40 S Peachtree Street Norcross, GA 30071

about 10 minutes from Hilton Atlanta Northeast Hotel – the Host Hotel)

**** We will order dinner from the menu so all choices are available to you. We will be dining on the enclosed porch and we will have the porch to ourselves. ****

***IMPORTANT –We will need a count of people attending the dinner by October 13, 2012.**

Please email or call Sue with your reservation: 770-844-9916 or kenn6633@bellsouth.net.

Official Notice from the Nominating Committee

As per KSNA By-Laws, the following names are submitted for following offices for the 2012-2013 term.

President: Chris Kennedy of GA

Vice-President William (Bill) Kennedy of OH

Secretary Sue Kennedy of GA

Treasurer Glenn Kennedy of NC

The names are submitted as per KSNA By-Laws as a formal nomination. The election of offices will be conducted at The Stone Mountain Highland Games on Saturday October 20th. The exact time will be announced by the AGM planners.

Regular Members may submit names to be nominated at the AGM. Nominee must have agreed prior to the nomination to stand for election. If a nominated party is not physically present during the nomination/election process both the nomination and agreement must be submitted in written form 30 days prior to the AGM. Both Nominator and Nominee must be KSNA Members in Good Standing.

Proxy Voting is allowed by simply “writing on paper YOUR FULL NAME and ADDRESS declaring that you’re voting by PROXY and that the BEARER of the Proxy has the legal right to cast your Vote.” Proxy Votes will be counted after the HAND COUNT and added to the H.C.

Respectfully Submitted:

2012-2013 Nominating Committee

Joel Cassell, KSNA Member

Michael Kennedy, Chieftain West Coast

Nomon R. Kennedy, CFCR



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CLIP AND MAIL or Email by October 13, 2012



PROXY VOTE ASSIGNMENT

I _____, wish to assign voting responsibility to
_____ for the Kennedy Society of North America's Annual
Meeting to be held in Stone Mountain GA at the Stone Mountain Highland Games on October 20, 2012.

Member assigning proxy vote assignment: _____

Date: _____

Proxy Vote Assignment can be assigned to Chief of Society, Vice Chief of the Society, a member of the Board of Governors, Regional Chieftain, or any member in good standing who is entitled to vote. **Please E-Mail or print proxy** and send to one of the following by October 13, 2012.

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REVISIONS FOR THE BYLAWS OF THE KENNEDY SOCIETY OF NORTH AMERICA

At the Board of Governors meeting held on April 21 at Loch Norman, I asked that the term of President be reduced from 5 to 4 years, and that there be a possible staggering of terms for BOG positions so that these terms do not match the President and Vice President terms. The rationale for the staggering of terms is so that the individuals serving on the Board, and their gained knowledge and experience, do not all change at the same time, thus leaving the officers beginning "new" each 4 year term. Since this recommendation was affirmed, I am submitting to you the following bylaws changes for consideration. These revisions would be presented for vote at the Annual Meeting at the Stone Mountain Games. If you have questions or comments I will need to hear from you before the Annual Meeting.

*Note: The revisions pertaining to the length of terms of office for the President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer will not commence until the Annual Meeting to be held in May of 2014 at the Greenville Games. Thus allowing for the current officers to fulfill their 5 year pledge of commitment.

Section 3: Membership

3. d.Current: If records are sketchy or the applicant cannot substantiate....

Proposed: 3.d. Deleted

Section 4: Officers and Duties

1.d.Current: All past Presidents may remain members of the Board of Governors for three years after retirement if they so desire.

Proposed: The immediate Past President may remain a member of the Board of Governors for four years after retirement if he/she so desires.

1.f.Current: The Hereditary Chief of Kennedy may choose to bestow honorary clan titles on Kennedy Society officers as follows:

Chief, for the President

Deputy Chief, for the Vice President

Proposed: Chief First Class Retired, for the Retired President

2.a....All elected officers may succeed themselves for no more than seven years, with the exception of the President who cannot hold the office more than five consecutive years.

Proposed: ...with the exception of the President and Vice President who cannot hold the respective office for more than four consecutive years. The Vice President automatically succeeds the President. Candidates for officers shall be proposed by the Nominating Committee. (See Section Seven: Committees). **It is advised that the terms of the officers and other key BOG positions be staggered so that continuity may be preserved.**

5. a Duties of the Vice President of the Society:

It shall be the duty of the Vice President of the Society to act as the presiding officer in the absence of the President of the Society and to succeed in his or her place in the case of long-term incapacity, resignation, or death. He or she will remain in this capacity; until a successor is chosen by popular vote at the next annual membership meeting.

Proposed ... He or she will remain in this capacity and a new Vice President will be chosen by popular vote at the next annual membership meeting. Any time served less than three months will not be considered as a term and therefore not count toward the 4 year span.

Submitted by Chris Kennedy



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A TRIBUTE TO THE KENNEDY KIDS

They attend the games- with parents in tow
Their faces bright with an enthusiastic glow
Who are these kids with smiles so ready?
Who are these kids with resolve so steady?

They're Kennedy kids of every age
From infants to teens – of every stage
At first they come because they must
In strollers with bottles and diapers and such

But soon one sees their kilts and sashes
They are running kilted miles and doing hundred
yard dashes
In clan parades you'll see them with their flags
held high
With tartan displayed – reaching for the sky.

They begin to “get it” this Kennedy Story
They sense the struggles and also the glory
They know their roots run long and deep
They know the importance of the stories we keep.

So the next time you see one of our kids at the tent
Take a moment to let them know their time is well spent.
Family values and heritage are important for sure
And we trust our Kennedy kids will see they endure.



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Source for this photo of Ailsa Craig is Maybole Photo Galleries. Maybole is just up the road from Girvan, the harbor to sail to Ailsa Craig.

Ailsa Craig – A brief History

Known as “Paddy’s Milestone” Ailsa Craig is a volcanic plug of a prehistoric volcano but a legend says that before man giants populated the world. “Two giants fell out and began to throw rocks at one another. One of the rocks fell short of the mainland of Scotland and became the island of Ailsa Craig.

The earliest mention of Ailsa Craig is in an Irish legend when it was said to have been held by the famous Irish King Brian Boru around 1000AD. However it is likely that some earlier visitors to Ailsa Craig were the Vikings around 800AD.

The island from early times belonged to the Barony of Knockgarron (Now Knockgerran) in the Parish of Dailly and that is why today Ailsa Craig although an island is still part of the Parish of Dailly. The Barony was part of and within the domain of the Earls of Carrick who resided at Turnberry Castle. Robert Bruce was born there and became Earl of Carrick as did his brother Edward when Robert became King of Scots... There can be little doubt that King Robert and his brothers would visit Ailsa Craig as both children and grown men.

There are legends that at one time pirates captured the island and attacked merchant ships in the Firth of Clyde but this has never been proved.



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In 1404 King Robert III of Scotland gave lands to the monks of Crossraguel Abbey including the island of Ailsa Craig and the monks built a small chapel there. The island was of great importance to the Abbey as the monks collected gull and gannet eggs and also the gannets themselves which were then considered a great delicacy. Rabbits and goats were numerous and used as other sources of food and milk. The island has a large cave known as "The Swine Cave" which suggests that the monks also bred pigs on the island.

A well known Girvan fisherman who was nicknamed "The Geisha" used to tell a tale of how from his fishing boat "The Amethyst" he had seen a great sea monster coming in and out of the swine cave.

Famous people such as Daniel Defoe (Wrote Robinson Crusoe) John Keats and William Wordsworth (Poets) all wrote poems about or remarked on Ailsa Craig.

At the reformation in 1548 Quintin Kennedy the Abbott of Crossraguel Abbey signed a charter handing over the island to his kinsman Gilbert Kennedy 3rd Earl of Cassillis and as a result the island today is still owned by the Marquess of Ailsa Charles Kennedy 19th Earl of Cassillis.

There were great fears that the Spanish Armada would try to capture Ailsa Craig and in 1597 Hew Barclay of Ladyland Kilbirnie in Ayrshire seized and fortified the island for the Spanish. However a church minister the Reverend Andrew Knox a distant relative of John Knox attacked the island and threw Barclay and his men off, Barclay himself being drowned during the fighting... Nobody is certain when the small castle on the island was built or who built it but it was most likely one of the Earls of Carrick. After the Spanish incident the earl of Cassillis put the castle into a proper state of defence.

Ailsa Craig is of course famous worldwide for its granite stone from which the best curling stones in the world are made to this day.

In 1883 a lighthouse was built on the island. This was before the time of radio communication and the light keepers used carrier pigeons to relay messages to the mainland. If they required medical assistance or a serious incident occurred they would light a large beacon fire on the top of the Craig. Around 2007 there were plans to site video cameras on the Craig relaying pictures of its famous seabird sanctuary to a site on the mainland but to date this has not happened. Currently the bird sanctuary is under the protection of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) and is a safe haven for Gannets, Gulls, Guillemots, Puffins and other birds.

Source: Girvan 2012



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The Stork Has Landed New Additions to the Kennedy Clan



We're all awaiting Lady Rosemary and Nikko's child, but in the meantime we have two new additions to the Kennedy family.

Peter and Michele McTeague of Haliburton, Ontario are pleased to announce that a new Kennedy has arrived...Harper Isabelle Phillips was born on August 14, 2012. She weighed 8 lbs 6 oz. She was welcomed by father and mother, Tyler and Jolene (nee Kennedy) and big sister Kennedy Anne Phillips. Congratulations to all!

Robin MacGregor Sayers was born in Kamloops, BC, on May 30, 2012. His mother, Alison, is the daughter of KSNA members Robert and Karen Kennedy of Marlborough, MA. Robin and his big brother Henry (age 3) have the distinction of being first cousins to Jacob Henderson, of Stow, MA, this year's recipient of the Lady Mary Burns Kennedy Scholarship, and to Jacob's sister Rhiannon. Robin's birth announcement was submitted by **Karen Morey Kennedy**.

My father kindly suggested I get in touch with some brief information about my move to NY to help give more context around a welcome note that is included in this edition of the Gazette. Thank you in advance for this mention, it's extremely kind of you to make me feel so welcome. I am fortunate enough to be part of a global advertising agency who are happy to send me to some of the most interesting parts of the world to run ad campaigns. I've just finished a 2 year stint in China where I honed my sketchy mandarin skills and launched a few western brands into the Asian market. Having had a roller coaster adventure in the East, it's time for me to cut my teeth in one of the most demanding and challenging environments in advertising - America. I've just transferred to our New York office and it's a very exciting time. I hope I can join you at many of the games in the coming years and see as much of this incredible country as possible.

Lady Alicia



NEW HIGHLAND GAME FOR KENNEDY TENT



On Nov. 2 - 3, 2012, there will be a new Highland Game in North Carolina. Just a little north of Statesville, NC. It will be the Allison Woods Celtic Highland Games and the location will be Allison Woods. The Honored Clan will be Clan McAllister. The planned entertainment is Maidens IV, Thistledown Tinkers and Stirling Bridge. There will be a torchlight ceremony on Friday night. To learn more and for directions, please visit their website at <http://www.allisonwoodsfoundation.com/> and click on Celtic Highland Games. If you have ever been part of The Boy Scouts, any re-enactment group, or enjoyed Chili Cook-offs, you may already be familiar with Allison Woods. It was settled by 5 brothers from Scotland and is now in its 6th generation of Allison. We hope you can come out for this inaugural Highland Game.

Submitted by Lynn Grant (Editor's note: Paul and I will also be at this Highland Game with our Heelan' Hound sales tent and to join Sue, Chris and Lynn at the Kennedy tent as time allows.)



2012 SAVANNAH GAMES HELD

Someone asked me recently which is our favorite game? Well, this question is like asking a mother which child is her favorite? There is no answer because each game is unique in its own right. However, I can tell you



without a doubt in my mind that I love the setting of the Savannah Games. Having the clan tents nestled in the middle of the live oak trees, dripping with Spanish moss, is a beautiful sight to behold.

It was a warm day (when isn't it warm in Savannah?) but we had great time as we greeted old friends and new. Kennedy members, Scott and Angie Kennedy and their three darling boys – Will, Drew, and Ryan – and Irene and David Phelps joined us at the tent for the day. We also welcomed new members Jason and Michelle Kennedy and daughter Katie from Merritt Island, Florida. We had a great time and hope more Kennedy Society members will join us next year.

Sue Kennedy



Bethabara Celtic Festival and Highland Games

Saturday, May 12, 2012, was a beautiful day for the 12th Annual Bethabara Celtic Festival and Highland Games in Winston-Salem, NC. The Games are held at the Historic Bethabara Park and

the admission was free to the public. Even though this is a smaller game venue, there was plenty to see and do. Pipe bands, vendors, food, music, dancing, heavy athletics, and of course the Parade of Tartans. One of the first people we spoke with was Sir Robert Bell. One of our own members, Tom Dillon was taking part in the Scottish Dancing. Ann &



Paul Key were present also with the Heelan Hound sales tent. We enjoyed talking with all our visitors and will hopefully be seeing some of them as members in the near future. If you have not visited the Bethabara Games, add it to your games list for next year. And hopefully we will see you at our tent there!!

Lynn Grant & Curtis Burrow



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**SMOKY MOUNTAIN
GAMES
May 18-20 2012**



The Smoky Mountain

Games brochure stated that there would be "More Music! More Clans! More Food! and More Fun!" They were right! The games were held on the Maryville College Campus in Maryville, TN. It's a pretty setting where from the games field one can see the Smoky Mountains in the distance.



Jason and Ashley Woods from Lake City, TN, and Danny and Antonette Whitson from Oakridge, TN.

The 2013 Annual Meeting will be held at the Smoky Mountain Games so mark your calendars for the 3rd weekend in May to be with us in Maryville!

Sue Kennedy

Nomon and Nancy Kennedy were joined by Chris and Sue Kennedy, Lynn Grant, Curtis Burrow, and Paul and Ann Key. This game is well organized and the volunteers are to be complimented for their organization skills. We had lots of visitors dropping by the tent and we signed up three new members. We are pleased to welcome Robert and Karen Kennedy from Alcoa, TN,





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GALLABRAE

presented by The Greenville Scottish Games

Editor's Note: The Greenville Scottish Games in their eighth year and are now under the organizational umbrella called GALLABRAE, which is a mash-up of two Gaelic terms, meaning "bold and daring" plus "beautiful highlands". The Saturday Scottish Games kept spinning off so many other events that Greenville realized it was time for a re-branding to more accurately encompass what they have become. The Highland Games are only one of the events held in Greenville, SC during Memorial Day weekend.

GREENVILLE SCOTTISH GAMES May 23-25 2012 Greenville South Carolina



Want to do something fun on Memorial Day Weekend? Come on out for the Greenville Scottish Games. It is a one day game held on the campus of Furman University.

The games begin with a parade on Friday night where the town's people turn out in droves! The fun continues with "Downtown Alive" where the bands to be featured at the games entertain all the folks in the downtown area. These events

happen on Friday night and we haven't even gotten to the games on Saturday yet!

The Kennedy tent, under the able direction of Gene and Linda Kennedy and assisted by Dave and Amy Carrick, was the place to be on Clan Row. The Kennedy Society welcomed old members, entertained visitors, and signed up 4 new members.

We are pleased to welcome the following new folks to the Kennedy Society of North America: Aaron Creech of Taylors, SC; Syble Creech of Greenville, SC; Daniel Kennedy of Simpsonville, S.C.; and Lauren Kennedy of Brooklyn, New York.



Sue Kennedy





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Glasgow Highland Games

**GLASGOW HIGHLAND GAMES
JUNE 1- JUNE 3
GLASGOW, KENTUCKY**

Glasgow, Kentucky, having been settled by Scottish settlers, is rich in the traditions of their Celtic roots. Everywhere one looks you can see the evidence of Glasgow's Scottish roots. Besides the name of the town, "Glasgow" an obvious legacy, one sees streets, subdivisions, businesses, and schools all bearing Scottish names.

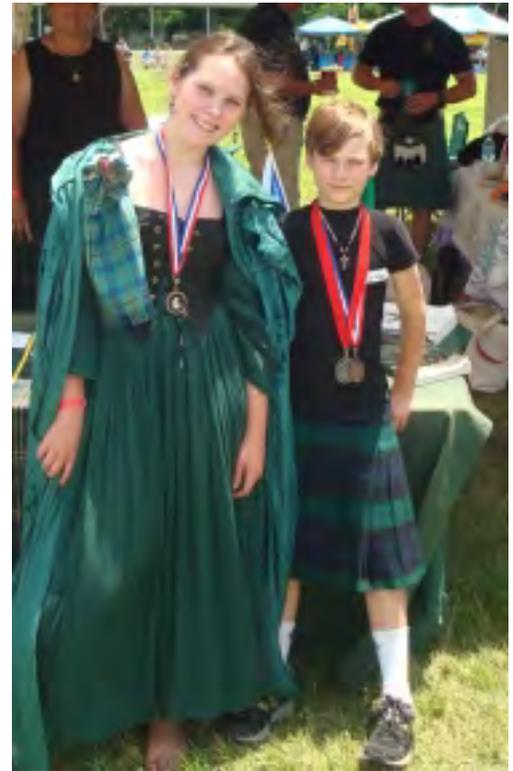
So it is a natural progression for Glasgow, Kentucky to offer an exceptional Scottish highland games and festival.

Hosting the Kennedy tent were Joel and Bethany Cassell with their able assistants, their children, Lauren age 13 and Colman age 10. Kennedy Society members who joined the Cassells for the weekend were Dee and Jeanette Wickard from Wilkinson, Indiana, the Eatherly family from Galatia, Illinois, and Chris and Sue Kennedy from Gainesville, Georgia. Returning after an absence, we were particularly delighted to welcome back John and Denise Canady from Georgetown, Indiana.

We would also like to welcome new Kennedy Society members: the Holbert-family from Sonora, Kentucky and Thomas Kennedy from Nicholasville, Kentucky,

Other highlights of the weekend included Lauren placing 3rd in the Haggis toss and Coleman placing 1st in his age group and 2nd overall for all ages in the Kilted mile.

Sue Kennedy



W. Marshall Schmidt of Princeton, NJ, sent this comment in with his Kennedy Society membership renewal. "I was the 77th president of the St. Andrews Society of Pennsylvania from 1991-1993. One of my dinner speakers was Lord Ailsa. I honored Clan Kennedy with the dinner in his honor. Don Kennedy was Clan president at the time and spoke briefly at our dinner."



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2012 Grandfather Mountain Highland Games

When asked to sum up, with one word, the Kennedy's participation at the GNHG this year, one stands out above all WET. As we ascended the mountain Thursday afternoon for the calling, the presence of true Scottish weather added a sense of "home" to the events. As the runners for the bear literally trudged through ankle deep water on their way to the top, so did those arriving to hear the arrival of each clan. As in the past few years, Mike Frady was the voice of the Kennedy's for the calling. Amid a steady drizzle, and fog that only allowed a visibility of maybe 25 feet, it was definitely made known that "the wild and mighty Kennedy's" were there.

Unfortunately, the rains persisted through the day on Friday, and an early end to the day's events was called around 2 o'clock that afternoon. But Saturday turned out to be a much better day. Starting out with fog and light drizzle, the clouds began to break and rays of sun shone through. This allowed the crowds to return and enjoy the games.

Sunday was probably the best day of all. Starting out with sunny skies and mild temps, all events from the Kirkin to the Parade of Tartans went extremely well. Young Harrison, son of Suzanne Kennedy, was given the honor of carrying the Kennedy Tartan during parade. But knowing the old man in the mountain, he had one last punch to throw, so at almost precisely high noon, the bottom once again fell out, thankfully it was but a brief downpour, but none the less, there was a party at the Kennedy tent.

Although the overall numbers for GM were down as a result of weather, a good time was had by all. Most of the visitors to the tent this year were familiar faces. There were a couple of exceptions, one being our newest member, David Saintsing from High-Point, NC. Another notable individual was Robert "Bobby" Kennedy of Scotland and his friend Clina Pollni from Chile (they currently reside in Raleigh, NC). Although he did not join the KSNA, I'm sure, that with a little prodding, he will make a grand addition to the Kennedy Clan.

Despite the weather and the low attendance numbers, along with the absence of some familiar faces, the KSNA tent at the 2012 Grandfather

Mountain games was an overall success. From the countless mini-reunions on Thursday and Friday to the eerie sounds of the Ghost Piper on Sunday night, Grandfather 2012 will stay in our memories along with all the others as another memorable time. Thanks goes out to those who stopped by and to those who helped with the operation of the tent, without their presence, it would have been rough to say the least. We look forward to seeing those of you who can make it, at Stone Mountain, GA. In the words of a famous, and fun loving, KSNA

member; "Up the Kennedys!" Submitted jointly by Sherry & Mike Frady, S.E. Regional Chieftains, KSNA





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The 65th Glengarry Games Maxville, Ontario August 4, 2012

Chris and I left Georgia in 90 degree heat. We just knew Canada would be cooler. Low and behold we brought the hot weather right along with us. It was 92 degrees on Saturday and boy did we know it! However we had a great day in spite of the heat. Glenn and Lynda Kennedy from Raleigh, NC were traveling with us and together we manned the Kennedy tent.



Many people came by to say hello to us so we were made to feel very welcome. Several people asked after John Kennedy, our retired Canadian Chieftain. We signed up two new members: Mike Clouthier from Ottawa, Ontario and Hugh Charles Kennedy from Oshawa, Ontario.



The Glengarry Games are home of the North American Pipe Band Championships, so it was quite a site to see all the bands performing. All in all there was a lot of interest at the tent and by the end of the day the four of us were exhausted, but we were very glad to have participated in our first Glengarry Games.



Sue Kennedy



FERGUS GAMES AUGUST 11, 2012

August 11 found Chris and Sue Kennedy and Glenn and Lynda Kennedy at the Fergus Highland Games held in Fergus, Ontario. Attendance was light at the games due to the threatening rain

storms in the area. We did not sign up any new members, although we did have some visitors to the tent during the day. Nor were any of the Kennedy members in the area able to join us due to individual circumstances. We sorely missed visiting with the Thomsons, McTeagues, and Jean Kennedy Campbell this year as we had such a delightful time last year. Our parade group (picture at right) was small but enthusiastic.

Sue Kennedy





Colorado Scottish Festival at Highlands Ranch

It's rather unusual for your newsletter editor, who is normally tied up in the Heelan' Hound sales tent, to be submitting a games article. However, we wanted you to know about our experiences at Highlands Ranch, Colorado. Paul and I included this Denver suburb Scottish festival in our summer sales tour of eight games out west.

The festival site was beautiful, but also difficult to set up in because no vehicles were allowed on the immaculately groomed green grass and everything had to be golf-carted onto the field. I thought that it was interesting that there was a parade of tartans on both Saturday and Sunday.

There was a good representation in clan row, unfortunately not a Kennedy tent. We had come to the games attired in our Kennedy kilts, expecting to see Randy Peterson, our Mountain Chieftain. We had not been told that he was unable to be at Highlands Ranch due to the necessity of training new store management.



However, one very charming Kennedy society member, Mary Kennedy, was present and represented the society very proudly in her capacity as doggie massage expert. These games have a huge Celtic dog exhibit, with canines representing every breed in the British Isles. Mary brought her border collies, Cody and Skye Kennedy, dressed in their finest Scottish kilts and tams (which I had made for them.)

She gave doggie massages to several of the exhibited dogs present. Have you ever seen the smile on the face of a dog who just received a full body massage? Talk about relaxed.

We were visited at our tent by several Kennedy members, one of whom greeted me with the question, "you're Ann Blackmore Key, aren't you? I know who you are because you're the newsletter editor." Nice to be infamous, huh? The games had warm weather, and the threat of thunderstorms held off until the conclusion of the games on Sunday.

Although the two little dogs pictured below in their wagon, complete with tartan coats, Glengarries and bagpipes are NOT wearing Heelan' Hound coats, I could not help but appreciate the effort that went into their Scottish attire. I did make the little MacGregor tartan outfit worn by the wee Yorkie. Her human mom had literally stolen the coat off the back of one of our plush toy dogs. She bought the outfit at a specially negotiated price and promptly dressed her pup for the parade of tartans. Yes, dogs had a premier

place in the parade both days. We enjoyed the games, and it didn't hurt that we had good sales. Sadly, we won't be able to return next year. This summer's trip was our last western tour.



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Editor's Note: Since I had the chance to watch Mary as she did canine massage to the dogs in the Celtic Dogs of the British Isles exhibit, I asked her to submit a short article so that those Kennedys who have dogs might read about the benefits for their dogs.

Canine Massage

By Mary Kennedy Certified Canine Massage Provider

Canine massage is useful for relaxation, improving range of motion, muscle tone and flexibility, reducing inflammation, increasing circulation, and detoxifying metabolic waste from the system.

Athletes, such as herding and agility dogs, greatly benefit from massage to keep them limber enough to avoid injury. For dogs competing in confirmation, massage may be advantageous before competition, in order to relax and loosen gait stiffness.

Aside from the physical aspects of massage, the therapeutic touch can enhance connection between animal and human and give a sense of well being. It has been used to create positive behaviors, simply through establishing trust.

Therapeutic Benefits:

- Improves muscle tone
- Helps increase range of motion
- Maintains joint flexibility
- Reduces inflammation to relieve pain
- Increases circulation
- Detoxifies metabolic waste from tissues
- Relaxes emotionally and physically

Mary Kennedy is a Certified Canine Massage Provider, with a practice in Lafayette, Colorado. Mary has over thirty years of experience in the holistic health field, and consults people on the "total picture" of their animals' health. In addition to exercises, stretches and massage, Mary discusses diet, supplements, and lifestyle to achieve optimal health.





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DID YOU KNOW THAT CALIFORNIA HAS A KENNEDY GOLD MINE?

While on our western tour this summer, all our time was NOT spent in the Heelan' Hound sales tent. We had a chance travel through 21 states and to visit 22 national parks,



historic monuments, national recreation areas, state historic monuments and state parks and visit old friends. After we left Yosemite National Park, we headed through the center of California en-route to the Newport, OR Celtic Festival. As we continued along California Highway 49, named for the 49ers who came to the region in search of their fortune, we noticed a sign for tours of the Kennedy Mine, seen in the distance. The mine is famous for being one of the deepest gold mines in the world (at 5912 feet), demonstrates how gold changed an entire way of life in California. Although gold was known to be present and was mined by the Spanish and Mexicans, the California Gold Rush did not begin until after James Marshall's discovery of gold at Sutter's Mill in 1848. Between 1848 and 1858, California exploded from being a largely unpopulated agrarian state into a vital, fast growing and exciting part of the United States. Prospected in 1860, reorganized in 1886 and continuously run until 1942, the Kennedy Gold Mine produced approximately \$34,280,000 in gold according to the CA Dept. of Conservation. One of the tallest head frames in existence today can be seen at the Kennedy Mine. The mine also had one of the largest stamp mills in the Mother Lode, moving tailings by means of huge wooden wheels, some of which are still standing. On the Kennedy Gold Mine surface tour, visitors see the mine office building where gold flakes were melted into large bricks to ship by Wells Fargo to San Francisco. This is also where ore samples were processed to see if a particular underground area was worthy of further investigation. Visitors can see the stamp and gold recovery mill, tailing wheels, a steam boiler and the huge steel head frame whose pulleys guided the miners into the bowels of the earth.

An Excerpt from the Wheelin' Hound Journals by Ann Blackmore Key



THE LITTLE RED FIRE HYDRANT

Located on the beach next to the visitor center at Redwoods National Park, amid some lovely wildflowers, was a bit of Kennedy trivia we almost missed. This fire hydrant bears the words Kennedy Valve Company, Elmira, New York. I snapped a photo and headed to my laptop for a "google search" and more information. I found that this little red fire hydrant was manufactured by a company that has been in business since 1877. It was started by Daniel Kennedy at a shop on Gold Street in Lower Manhattan. In 1890, to provide larger manufacturing facilities, it moved to Coxsackie, New York, In 1907 it moved again to a more modern plant in Elmira, NY. In 1920 it added a brass foundry. During WWII, the plant manufactured 8 million valves for the Victory Fleet. The company has changed ownership 4 times, but still operates under the trade name Kennedy Valve. It employs over 400 people and has sales in excess of \$125 million. This little red fire hydrant has a proud Kennedy heritage!

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eBenefits is a joint VA/DOD website that provides Veterans and Service Members with safe, secure access to many self-service features, including applying online for VA benefits such as VA Compensation and Pension and Veterans Group Life Insurance. Go to www.va.gov for more info.

If you have any questions on Veterans Benefits please feel free to contact me at 919-702-2443 or email me, **Mike Frady**, at celticcherokee@nc.rr.com

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