



The Grandfather Mountain Highland Games Newsletter

Summer 2006

The President Speaks



We have now celebrated our 50th Anniversary with the 2006 Games, and what a celebration it was! The weather was perfect for any true

Scot, or for those who were simply searching for their Scottish roots. We thank God for the good weather and for the safety of those that traveled far and wide to attend.

I would like to extend special congratulations to our Vice President and General Manager, Frank Vance, and our Assistant General Manager, Tommy Taylor, for the superb condition of the field and the smoothly run Games. Their long hours certainly paid off. More bleacher seats were added for our attendees, which offered better views of the field events. A great deal of work went into the Celtic Grove areas, making very fitting backdrops for the Celtic music that permeated the air.

A most heartfelt thanks goes to the family of the late Hugh Morton for allowing us the use of MacRae Meadows. I cannot imagine a better place to hold the Games, and believe that part of our fame comes from the location. As any Scot will attest, MacRae Meadows feels like home.

We have moved into our new building, The Ellice & Rosa McDonald Scottish Heritage Center, in Linville. It is good to have the staff, records, supplies, etc. in the same area. The staff no longer needs to use their homes as make-shift offices. I would like to personally thank Frank, Tommy, Frances, Shelia, and their support group.

Being in the new building is a reminder to us all of the generous donations to the Games organization. I want all who donated to know that their contributions were and are appreciated. John & Pat Milner were wonderful representatives for the McDonalds, and we thank them for their kind participation. I thank our magnificent benefactors, Ellice & Rosa McDonald, for their most generous contributions to our building fund, without which we would not be in our new offices. We will not have the bronze plaques made up for the friends cairn with the names of the clans, societies, individuals, etc. until September 1, 2006. This decision was made to ensure that all those who donate receive recognition for their contributions.

You may e-mail me at highlandgames@vol.com regarding any new events you might suggest for our family-friendly Scottish games.

Ceud Mile Failte to you in 2006!

Sincerely,

Ross Morrison, Jr.

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GMHG President



"A Wee Bit of the Scottish Highlands in North Carolina!"

General Manager's Perspective



Our 50th Anniversary was a huge success, and we are all able to breath again after working such long hours. We were able to move into our new office in

early June, bringing our staff back together and making us feel much less scattered. I believe our building is the nicest in Linville, if not the entire area. We are so fortunate to have the generous friends and supporters who helped make the building possible.

I feel like we had a very successful Games, and that they were among the smoothest run that I have ever been a part of. We were all a little worried about the Games falling so early this year, but our staff managed in fine style. It is hard to believe, as we all tie up loose ends, that the 50th Anniversary is now a thing of the past.

I was most excited about having the cairn built. It is adjacent to our building, and is a beautiful memorial to all those who donated to make our building possible. I

would like to extend a special thank you to all those who have made a contribution to our building fund, and hope that your generosity will continue as we put the finishing touches on things. We were actually able to make the transition a bit sooner than expected, and have small projects that we would like to finish this summer. We were able to complete a great deal, but would like for everything to be like the aesthetically pleasing image that we all have in our mind's eye. There are several details that we would like to take care of if funding becomes available. For instance, we would like to be able to landscape properly, making the cairn a much more fitting memorial to those who have given.

I cannot put into words how much I appreciate each of you. This building is wonderful, and a dream-come-true for me. I am already looking toward 2007, and hope that I see all of you at the 52nd Grandfather Mountain Highland Games. Until then, I wish you all the best in the year to come. Sincerely,

Frank Vance

General Manager and Vice President of Operations

A New Date to Add to Your Calendar!

The **West Virginia Celtic Festival and Games** will be presented in Beckley, WV the weekend of **August 18th, 2006**. This is being held at the YMCA Sports Complex and will offer a wide variety of activities for the whole family. Athletics, piping, dancing, clans & societies, herding demonstrations, great food, merchants' village, British cars

and motorcycles, soccer demonstrations, re-enactors, artist demonstrations, children's activities, story telling and world class entertainment are all part of the fun. For more information please visit the host site for the games www.visitwv.com or call **800-VISIT-WV (800-847-4898)** DONT MISS IT, SEE YOU THERE!

Contributors to the Building Fund

As mentioned above, we greatly appreciate all donations and contributions that we have received toward our new building. There is no doubt that we desperately needed a central location to work from. Aside from this, we wanted to be able to have a building that could help illustrate just how wonderful the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games are. It is only because of your contributions that we were able to build the office that we truly wanted. We were more than ready to move in, although the actual move happened quicker than we anticipated. We still need to tie up loose ends, and work on landscaping the grounds before everything is exactly as we pictured it. We have extended the donation period to September 1, 2006 in order for those making any additional contributions to be included on our cairn. If you would like to become part of this prestigious group, visit our website at www.gmhg.org for details.

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Grandfather Mountain Highland Games & Gathering of Scottish Clans

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