



Clan Chisholm Society

Nova Scotia Branch

SUMMER NEWSLETTER!!

June 1991

Clan Chisholm Day-- 1991

Date: July 9, 1991, a Tuesday-- Antigonish, Nova Scotia.

1. Ceremony at the Cairn at 4 P. M. St. Ninian St.
A short service of remembrance and celebration of the lives and work of our Chisholm pioneers.
Participating are Ed. Rogers, Rod Chisholm, Father Greg. MacKinnon, Art Chisholm.
2. Clan Hour - 5:30 P. M. at the Claymore Motel.
Come, meet your clanspeoplen renew old friendships. Cash bar.
3. Clan Dinner -- 6:30 P. M. also at the Claymore.
Special meal, special speaker, special Chisholm music.
Choose your meal and reserve it in advance-- lobster, salmon, roast beef choose one at \$20.00 per person, tax included, and reserve by phoning Bo at 863-3490 or Rod at 863-3759.

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A report by a police officer included " When I arrived at the building, there were approximately two women in the hallway."

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ANNUAL MEETING 1991 was held on June 9 in Antigonish.
Officers elected for 1991 are the same as those elected last year:

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| Rod Chisholm-President | Art LeBrun- Treasurer |
| Stan Chisholm-Vice President | Angus Chisholm- Membership |
| Archie Chisholm -Vice President | Art Chisholm- Newsletter & Historian |
| J. Ronald Chisholm -Vice President | J. Ronald Chisholm- Genealogist |
| Nancy Chisholm- Secretary | Liz. Chisholm- Past President |

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Addresses:

1. Clan Society and Pres. Rod: Box 1263, Antigonish, B2G 2L6
2. Angus and Art: Great Village, N. S. B0M 1L0
3. J. Ronald: 24 Fairview St. Antigonish B2G 1R3

The Newsletter:

In recent issues I've asked for contributions, indeed the Society appointed reporters for the several regions of the Province. The response was not overwhelming but one letter was received, reproduced in this issue, and it is an appeal for help in doing a complete genealogy for Nova Scotia Chisholms.

Financial: Treasurer Art LeBrun reports an opening balance on July 10, 1990 of \$1535, expenditures of \$2468, receipts of \$3016 and a balance of \$2083 on May 31,1991. Most of the increase was generated by the annual lottery.

Commenting on the financial report, only \$690 was generated through annual memberships-- we send out some 250 newsletters so that only a few over one quarter respond. We don't know if they appreciate our news or if the newsletter is garbaged (recycled, hopefully).

I direct the following to those who did not respond:

1. Costs are increasing both for postage and printing, GST is payable!
2. Your name is on the list as having, at some time in the past, been interested enough to have joined Clan Chisholm Society, why not continue?
3. This is an ideal year to renew your interest; it is the fourth International Gathering in Nova Scotia- a time to renew and maintain your connections with your Scots heritage. Plan to attend The Clan Day or at least respond to this newsletter. Otherwise, we will have to drop your name.
4. Membership fees are low at \$10 per person or family unit-no GST!
5. Send the enclosed form back to Angus, advise of address changes and of others who are interested.

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The older couple in the Village had a terrific family fight. It happened on a Friday. They didn't speak Friday night, Saturday morning, afternoon or evening. Sunday morning was no different, but after lunch, the old chap shyly asked if she wanted to go for a drive. On the way, they passed a mule in a pasture beside the road. He looked over and asked "Relative of yours?" She nodded and added, "Yes, by marriage!"

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1991 INTERNATIONAL GATHERING OF THE CLANS

Thirty-eight Clans make up the Federation of Scottish Clans and one might expect that the Federation would be the organizer and chief sponsor of the Gathering, because most of the advertised events of the Gathering are the annual events put on each year by the Clans. In fact the Gathering is sponsored by the Scottish Societies Association of Nova Scotia and happens, as you know, every four years.

The opening of the Gathering is a part of the N. S. Tattoo and will be July 4, not on the opening night of the Tattoo which runs from July 1 to July 7. This has upset many Clans as the early information was that the opening would be July 1. Princess Anne will be the Royal person doing the honours this year.

The organizers of the Tattoo, which is preented by the Province and Maritime Command of the Armed Forces, are sponsoring a parade on July 1, starting from th Citadel at 1 P. M. ending at the Waterffront. Participating are Tattoo partiipants and members of the Armed Forces who served in the Persian Gulf. Clans and Clanspeople are invited to march at the rear of the Parade.

The Federation of Scottish Clans is proposing a dinner for the Clans on July 1 at 6. P. M. at the World Trade and Convention Center Adjacent to the Tattoo site. Cost \$20.00 per person, no other details.

Special for this year-- the Federation is sponsoring an event when the Clans can gather by themselves. August 16, 17 & 18. See the note on this page reproduced from the "Clansman". We urge you to participate.

One of the highlights is the carrying of the Gaelic Cross from the opening night of the Tattoo to this event by clanspeople.

The final event of the Gathering and one sponsored by SSANS is the Closing-- August 29 to September 1 in Sydney and we regret that no detailed information has come our way.

Clans to Gather in Trenton

This year for the International Gathering of the Clans, the Federation of Scottish Clans in Nova Scotia will summon its member clans to gather at the Steeltown Centennial Park in Trenton, N.S, August 16-18.

The gathering which is part of the Hector Festival in Pictou will be a family-oriented event with maximum participation expected from the youth of our clans.

The official opening will in the morning of August 17, and we hope to have at least 100 pipers and drummers in a massed band to parade the assembled Clans onto the grounds.

There will be an area for official clan tents. Each clan is encouraged to suggest and/or promote anything that would add to the enjoyment of the event.

Clan Donald Society of Nova Scotia is having barbecue on the Saturday afternoon, next to the park. They will also have a service on Sunday at the Pictou Rotary, the first anniversary of the dedication of the Clan Donald Monument. All are invited to attend.

The entire park has been reserved for the use of the Federation and registered member clans. Facilities at the park include: full canteen services, modern fully-enclosed playground, mini-golf, pedal boats, stocked lakes for fishing, wildlife and waterfowl to watch and feed, walking/running trails, paved outdoor basketball court, horse shoe beds, archery range. For more information contact Charles MacIsaac, P.O. Box 106 Judique, N.S..

LATE NEWS SPECIAL

The special speaker at our Clan Dinner will be W. E. (Bill) MacLennan, President of the Scottish Societies Association of Nova Scotia. In this capacity he is President of the 1991 International Gathering of the Clans.

No doubt, Bill will speak to us about 1991 Scots happenings and we look forward to learning how SSANS is involved in all of the annual events sponsored by the Clans and the special events of SSANS.

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Came across a quiz which was a bit different, answers later .

How many birthdays does the average man have?

How far can a dog run into the woods?

Divide 30 by 1/2 and add 10. Answer?

How many animals of each species did Moses take aboard the Ark?

How many letters of the alphabet can be written upside down?

Copy of letter from Kevin L. Chisholm of Sydney slightly shortened.
Should expand newsletter to an updated Geneological Study, leading to a book, tracing the roots of all N. S. Chisholms.

He suggests there is a fundamental interest in knowing the roots and background of Chisholms one meets and that there is considerable information available, most of which has not been updated since the 1920s.

1. He suggests that other Geneologies do not put enough weight on progeny through the female lines.
2. Someone competent in Genetics should be involved to determine if a Geneology could usefully capture Genetic information and if it could be of possible benefit in the case of transplants.
3. Computers could materially assist the work of putting the information in order.
4. If a computer progra is used, it should have graphics capability.

FINANCING:

1. Call for an expression of interest in having a complete Chisholm Geneology.
2. If an interest is found, set up a committee.
3. Develop a package to be used a solicitation of funds. Sources could include grants, corporate donations, personal gifts, fund raisers, sales of intermediate and final results.

Timing

Must be done now as potential contributors are getting on in years and as the years pass, the job will be more difficult.

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Quiz answers:

- 1 the others are anniversaries.
- Half way, then he starts running out.
- 70
- None, Noah was the guy
- All of them!

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Rod sent me a lengthy article by Barry Shears, perhaps the best bagpiper in Nova Scotia. I'll quote a bit from the article but it would take several newsletters to reproduce it all, too bad, Barry has some interesting expressions and thoughts.

He says in part while writing about the bagpipe: "If someone can't play it well, they have no reservations about playing it in public.. .. throw a kilt on them, push them out into the public eye, let the public take pictures.... So what we see in the last while are more pipers dressed up in kilts, playing poorly tuned instruments. The pipers you've talked about, the Cape Breton pipers, how oftendid they play in kilts... for the most part they didn't have a kilt. The kilt of today bears little resemblance to the traditional dress of the Highlander.

Editor's note: Now you know why I don't play the pipes in public!