



# The Clishmaclaver

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## Clan Donnachaidh Wins “Best Tent Display” Award at Illinois Highland

By James Robertson Ward, Editor, *The Clishmaclaver*

Gus Noble, President of the Illinois Scottish Association, was on hand in the photo (center) below to present the Award Plaque to Clan hosts Gordon Wilber on the left and Patricia Wilber on the right. Good weather blessed the event and a record crowd was in attendance. A well rounded program of activities included Heavy Athletics, musical groups, dancing and band competition, and merchandise vendors.



The host city of Itasca enthusiastically changed its name for the weekend to “Aye-Taska” and the event was advertised as “the easiest way to get to Scotland without an airline ticket.” Clan Donnachaidh was among those in line at the Annual “Parade of the Tartans” carrying the Clan Flag and Banner. Thanks to all those who helped with the tent and visitor registrations!



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## Scottish Home Group Invites You to Join Their Tour to the Waukesha Games

Chicago area Clan members are invited to join a charter bus tour to the Highland Games on Saturday, Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>, leaving the Scottish Home, 2800 DesPlaines Ave., North Riverside at 10 a.m. The fee for visitors is \$15 and that includes a boxed lunch. Arrival at the Games is expected at 12 noon and the bus will leave at 4 p.m. for the return trip to North Riverside. Please make reservations with the Home, Phone 708-426-7127.

If you are already a member of the Scottish American History Forum, the sponsoring group, the tour is free. If you'd like to know more about the Games, you'll find it on this website: [www.wisconsinhighlandgames.com](http://www.wisconsinhighlandgames.com)

The three-day event is famous for the skirl of the pipes, the mighty strength of the athletes, and the leaping grace of the dancers. The location is the Waukesha Exposition Center off Interstate 94. Use Highway J Exit (Also known as Pewaukee Road)

# Minnesota Game Report

By Jon Carlson, VP—Minnesota



Sherrill & I got to the fair site early and set up the tent. It went well and we were ready to receive visitors at 9am.

Sherrill made shortbread, several varieties. Everyone loved the classic with lavender and it disappeared quickly. Someone from another Clan stopped by and asked about the technique and recipe.

Brenda Wilson from Wisconsin stopped by. She was entered in the individual bagpipe competition. It was wonderful to meet her. When she stopped in later in the day, we learned **she won the blue ribbon.**

The temperature was in the high 90's and the humidity made it feel tropical. It was like spending twelve hours in a sauna without the lake to jump in. But we got through it.

There were several local Donnachaidh's who joined the Parade of Scots carrying the Banner and marching behind the tartan flag. The Fair had both Clan Tartan and a Viking encampment this year. The presence of these Viking re-enactors spiced up the Fair. There were ten pipe and drum bands on the field. The massed bands at the closing ceremonies was wonderful.

Overall it was a good day with plenty of sunshine and a strong breeze in late afternoon.

# Centennial Park Hosts Quad Cities Games For Final Event of 2017 Season, Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>

It's "Free Admission" again at Davenport's spacious waterfront Centennial Park, with the usual Heavy Athletic performances, the Blackhawk Pipes and Drums in concert, and tasty Scottish food as well. The Clan Donnachaidh Tent will be present to welcome members and visitors with greetings and refreshment.

Plan to spend the night so that you can attend the Annual General Meeting on Sunday morning. It will be a "brunch and business" event at Thundery Bay with the convening hour of 11:00 A.M. President Bill Reid will give a report on the year 2017, and other officers will be called on for their yearly information.

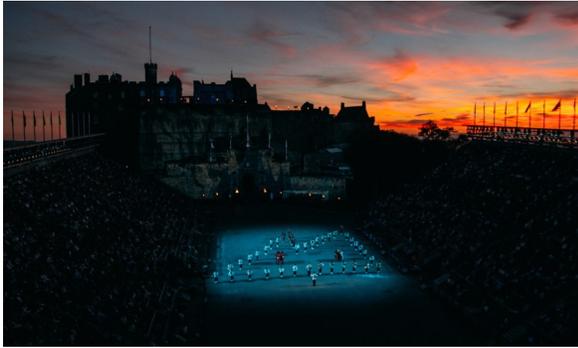
A map is included below for Centennial Park.



## Welcome to the newest members of Clan Donnachaidh Society Upper Midwest!

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|---------------|---------|---------------|----|
| Kwakenat Juli | Juli    | Wauwatosa     | WI |
| Winstrom      | Clayton | Birch Run     | MI |
| Robertson     | Hugh    | Northville    | MI |
| Roslund       | Rebecca | Alma          | MI |
| Konoski       | Paul    | Alma          | MI |
| Reid          | Roger   | North Prairie | WI |
| Hahn          | Todd    | Madison       | WI |
| Van Winkle    | Betty   | Bluffton      | IN |
| Van Winkle    | James   | Bluffton      | IN |
| Barrett       | Lindsay | Redford       | MI |
| Barrett       | Jason   | Redford       | MI |

## Photos from the Edinburgh Tattoo/ Castle website



Brooding Backdrop



The famous Massed Pipes and Drums



Best Show on Earth



Years of Tradition



Fanfare



## Presidents Message

Mid summer is trudging on and the Highland Games schedule is providing us with many opportunities to celebrate our Scottish heritage. There has been some great turnouts this year at the games and I want to thank the members in charge of the various sites, and those who helped out during the long day of putting up and taking down the tents, greeting the visitors and representing the Clan with pride.

A special note of congratulations to the founding members, Gordon and Patricia Wilber, for hosting the Best Clan Display tent this year at the Illinois games. You'll see a photo of them accepting the award elsewhere in this issue. On a personal note, our congratulations on their celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary on August 12th.



We hope as many of you as possible can attend our last game of the season at Davenport on Sept. 16th. With the "free admission" policy it is a great chance for us to reach out to potential members through their sept connection and get them as members. Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Sunday is a great chance for us to share the year's accomplishment, and look forward to 2018 plans.

I want to thank every member for their enthusiasm for supporting the Clan, our Society and making our Branch an active one in the world wide family of Clan Donnachaidh. It has been a pleasure serving as the Clan Donnachaidh Upper-Midwest branch President. It has been a great three years. However it is time for me to step aside and allow some new talent in to lead this wonderful group. We will be electing a new President at our AGM and this should be my last message here in The Clish. So let me say it has been a true pleasure and as I am stepping down I am not checking out. I will still see you all at the games and anytime we gather to enjoy our camaraderie.

Thank you all

Bill Reid, President

*William Reid*



## Happy Couple Celebrate

Congratulations to Patricia and Gordon Wilber who are celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary this month. More than 30 years of those fifty were celebrated as founding members of the Clan Donnachaidh-Upper Midwest Branch! Gordon has served many terms as President, and Patricia was the first editor of the Clishmaclaver and currently is serving her final term as Membership Secretary. Thanks for your service to the Clan and many more anniversaries.

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### Clan Donnachaidh Society Upper Midwest History

Clan Donnachaidh Society Upper Midwest (CDSUM) was established in 1986 by Gordon and Patricia Wilber along with Joanne Reid and Phillis Anderson. They initially gathered about 12 people the Wilber's town house in Hoffman Estates to begin the task creating Clan Donnachaidh Upper Midwest.

The first thing they did was man a table at the Scottish Fair in the Irish American Center in Chicago. There more people signed up. By the end of 1986 the by-laws were written and Clan Donnachaidh Society Upper Midwest was officially established!

Clan Donnachaidh Society, Pacific Northwest donated 3 dirks, which were raffled to raise funds for the newly established society. Since that time, the clan created the Clishmaclaver for all Clan members to keep up to date with Clan activities. Gordon and Patricia also began the "Taste of Scotland" at their home. This gave everyone a reason to get together, sample authentic Scottish foods, and of course, a dram or two of single malt scotch.

In February 1990, Gordon and Patricia along with Marge Hale and the rest of the CDSUM members hosted the North American Conference of Clan Donnachaidh Presidents in Chicago. Alexander Gilbert Haldane Robertson of Struan (Chief of Clan Donnachaidh) found out about the event and wished to participate, which he did. Struan also returned in February 1993 for a 5 branch tour to kick off the centenary year. Our members represented CDSUM well during the Celebration in Pitlochry Scotland.

CDSUM turned twenty five in 2011 with a celebration dinner on the Milwaukee River. The event was arranged by Russ and Jessie Read. This year we celebrated our Thirtieth anniversary with a luncheon cruise on the Illinois River at Peoria.

Since its founding, CDSUM has continued to grow. We have active members in the states of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, and Wisconsin. We currently man CDSUM tents at nine games across our territory.

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