

Ramsay Report

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2018 Smoky Mountain Games Site of AGM

Maryville, Tennessee
Saturday, May 19th

Excerpts from Clan Ramsay Convener Dr. Carl Bailey's opening remarks at the Smokey Mountain Highland Games in Maryville, Tennessee.

"On behalf of myself, Clan Ramsay, and our Chief, The Rt. Honorable James Hubert Ramsay, The 17th Earl of Dalhousie, I would like to thank the Smokey Mountain Highland festival and Games for selecting Clan Ramsay as the Honored Clan. The Ramsay family was among the early settlers in this area which makes it special."

"This morning I have been interviewed by a number of TV Stations and newspapers. All of the reporters asked two questions. What makes the Scottish heritage so timeless, and why do you do this? I have never thought of this before. After trying to answer the questions, I feel the reason is the same. Scotland is unique in many things. We have our dances, our foods, and our love of the tartans with all of their color. We still celebrate the ancient athletic events. Who else tries to flip a log, throw a bag over a bar with a pitchfork, and throw stones and heavy weights around? We have the bagpipes that thrill the Scotsman."

"That is the reason that I do this, and is the reason that our traditions are timeless. The volunteers in the Maryville area and Maryville College have spent a lot of hours helping make this possible. The Highland Games give the Clans a venue to meet. Thanks for all of your work. To the Clans Good to see you again. To the visitors, Welcome. If your interest is based on the outlander, you will see many of the things in the shows. Have a good time. Now it is my Honor to announce to the field that the 2018 Maryville Smokey Mountain Highland Festival and Games is OPEN."



Dr. Carl Bailey, Clan Ramsay Convener, addressing the crowd at opening of the Smoky Mountain Highland Games in Maryville,



Carl and his clan-sized Quach



*"Dare
to be
honest
and
fear no
labor."*

.....

*Robert
Burns*



Clan Ramsay At Loch Norman

Huntersville, North Carolina

The Loch Norman Games were a great success (no rain!) beautiful weather and Clan Ramsay had many visitors and some who joined. Among those who joined was John and Kate Williams from Rock Hill, SC.

President John Ramsay along with President Elect Dick McGraw and his wife Bobbie. Also present was Clan membership chairman and treasurer David Ramsey along with his wife Sue who has recovered nicely from a scary medical issue last year. Long distant travelers Rhonda Ramsey Shackelford a commissioner of the Midwest and her husband Lee from Missouri attended. At times the Ramsay tent was overflowing with people and extended out the back. Sunday church services were held in the Davidson Burial Grounds with the Ramsay tartan displayed in the Kirkin o the Tartans. Looking forward to next year for another great time.

Submitted by Robert "Bob" Ramsey



Pictured MaryAlice Ramsey, Bob Ramsey, John Williams, Kate Williams, and Ronda Ramsey Shackelford

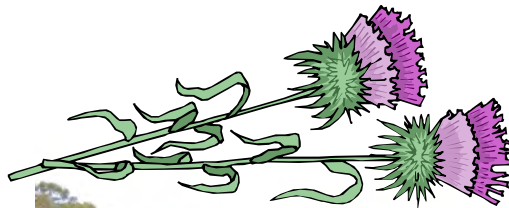


Photo by Dick McGraw

What, another trophy? Clan Member Patrick McGraw with his wrestling trophy won at the 2018 Loch Norman games.



MaryAlice Ramsey and Emma Carpenter assist young travelers with their Loch Norman passports.



Ronda Ramsey Shackelford and Emma Carpenter lead Clan Ramsay during Sunday's Parade of Tartans.



David Ramsey



Photo by Dick McGraw

Clan Ramsay President's Letter

“What makes the Scottish heritage so timeless, and why do you do this?”

If you read the front page of this edition of *Ramsay Report* you may have noticed that all the news paper and TV reporters at the Smokey Mountain Scottish Festival & Games who interviewed Clan Ramsay Founder and Convener, **Dr. Carl Bailey** asked this question.

At my daughter Elizabeth's wedding in April, some of the guests were quite taken with all the Ramsay men in kilts, especially the grandchildren. The pipe band Pi-obadh na Triantan and Duke Chapel Organist playing Highland Cathedral during the processional brought tears of joy to many eyes. Why indeed, I wondered? Is it the kilts and the fun of wondering what may or may not be under the kilt? Is it the skirl of bagpipes and beat of the drums? Is it the many variations of scotch whiskey and the taste of haggis? (Not sure about the haggis.) Is it the dancing, singing, the poetry of Robert Burns and Alan Ramsay, the artwork of his son Allan Ramsay? What about the athletic events which evolved from making games out of doing hard agricultural labor? Or, is it the family heritage and tradition?

The short answer is ALL the above!

From an early age I was aware that my ancestors were **Ulster Scots** who came to this country around 1730. Did my ancestors wear kilts? **No**. Modern kilts were not around until 1822. Did they play bag pipes? **Doubtful**. Did they make and consume whisky and haggis? **Not likely**, since they were busy setting up homesteads. Did they dance, sing songs and recite poetry from their past, toss lags over streams and heave sacks of grain up into the barn loft? **Possibly**.

Did they marry, have children, and over the past 250 years grow into a large family in North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, and Tennessee? **Absolutely!**

Clan Ramsay exposed me to ALL the above and more.

I have learned that if you walk into a bar wearing a kilt, some lassie may buy you a drink! I have learned that if you keep 20 – 30 brands of scotch in your liquor cabinet, house guests are eager to get educated about the many variations. It goes without saying that tasting is part of the education. I have learned that pouring scotch over the haggis improved the experience. I have learned to sing some of Robert Burn's love songs and have admired the work of both Alan Ramsay's. But most important of all, I have connected with much of my extended family



Clan President John E. Ramsay

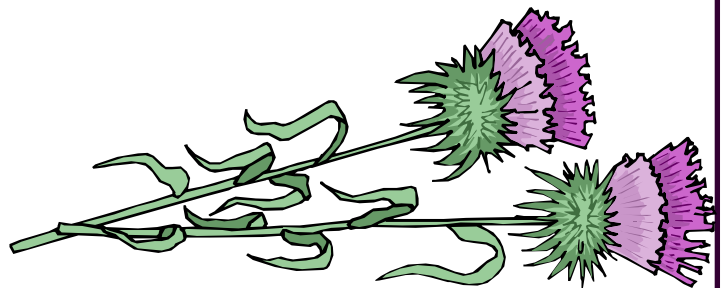
and gotten to know many of you.

Thanks to **Clan Ramsay**, I now know “cousins” not only in North Carolina, but also in South Carolina, Virginia and Tennessee. Two weeks ago, at the Smokey Mountain Games I met Tim Ramsay, a **FOURTH** cousin of mine currently living in Indiana.

Aubigny-sur-Nère, France - here we come!

Several us will be traveling to France in July to meet many of our **Clan Ramsay-France** members and their families. **James Hubert Ramsay, 17th Earl of Dalhousie** will be joining the family reunion. It will be an exciting event. I trust there will be adequate scotch to share, French wine, and perhaps a haggis prepared by our caber tossing Chef and **Clan Ramsay-France** member **Philippe Dubin**. What a special time it will be. You can look forward to a complete report in our next edition of *Ramsay Report*.

Ora et Labora
John Ramsay



Clan Members to Travel to France for the French Scottish Festival at Aubigny sur Nere

At least a dozen Clan Ramsay members from the U.S. plan to travel to France to participate in the annual French Scottish Festival July 14 at Aubigny sur Nère, France. Thanks to the efforts of our French Clan Commissioner, Laurent Jaunaux, James Hubert Ramsay, the 17th Earl of Dalhousie, will attend the festivities.

Why a Scottish celebration in France? "According to an article on the WWW, It all goes back to 1419 during the Hundred Years War. The French dauphin, later to become Charles VII, was struggling against the English in nearby Bourges and appealed to Scotland for assistance."

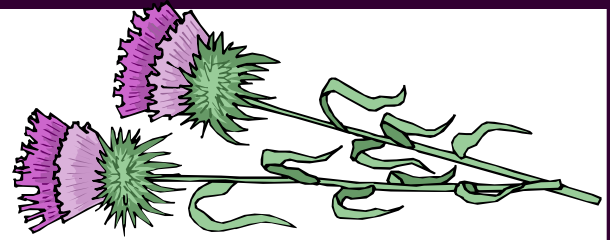
"Always willing to do battle against the Sassenachs, an army of some ten thousand Scots made its way to Bourge and eventually the war swung in favour of the French. As the war had drained his finances, the dauphin handed over the town of Aubigny to the leader of the Scots, John Stuart of Darnley, as payment for his assistance.

"The Stuart family were highly influential in Aubigny and its surrounding area for many years until the line eventually died out and the whole affair became forgotten in history. However, in 1931 the Scottish connection was brought to the surface once again in the shape of a festival and has been celebrated since then.

"The town's hotel is named the Cutty Sark and there is an Aubigny tartan, worn regularly by many of the male inhabitants of the town, several of whom play in the town's pipe band."



Saltire fluttering in the wind in front of the Aubigny Hôtel de Ville-Stuart Castle
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Kirking of the Tartan



The annual Kirking of the Tartan was attended by C.G. and Nancy Miller, Sunday, April 29th, at Historic Christ Church located in Weems, Virginia.

The event was co-sponsored by the Saint Andrew's Society of Williamsburg, Virginia.

For more information on Historic Christ Church visit their website at :

<https://christchurch1735.org>

Clan Chief In Attendance at Queen's Garden Party



Her Majesty the Queen, Queen Elizabeth II and the Duke of Edinburgh host a garden party at the Palace of Holyroodhouse in Edinburgh, July 12, 2017. With our own Clan Ramsay Chief pictured behind and to the Queen's right.

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John Williams



Kate Williams

42nd Annual Savannah Scottish Games

Savannah, Georgia

The 42nd Annual **Savannah Scottish Games** was held on Saturday, May 5th, 2018 and in attendance where Clan Ramsay members John and Kate Williams. John and Kate are both very excited about finding Clan Ramsay and enjoying getting to know everyone.

A Celtic cultural celebration for the entire family. The Savannah event includes fun for the entire family with music, dancing and athletic competition, children's activities, shopping, and of course food vendors.

The 2019 event will be held on May 6th, on the grounds of the Bethesda Academy. Perhaps we will see a Clan Ramsay presence.

Savannah
SCOTTISH GAMES



The Making of A "Queen"

On May the 19th 2018 the world watched as Prince Harry married Meghan Markel at St. George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, Windsor, United Kingdom. On that same day Clan Ramsay International gathered in Maryville Tennessee as honored clan for their AGM 2018.

They also had their own Royal Event!! The coronation of HRH Dorothy Bailey!!

Since the 1970's Dr. Carl Bailey and his wife Dot Bailey have worked tirelessly to establish and maintain Clan Ramsay in North America. They convened tents, did the necessary paperwork to make the clan official, hosted dinners for the clan and many, many other things to further the cause of Ramsay heritage.

Dot had always joked that she wanted to be queen and we made that happen Saturday May 19th 2018.

After the general business meeting, Dr. Bailey was presented a large Quaich (the cup of friendship) and walnut stand with inscription to honor his many years of devotion and service to Clan Ramsay.

Members of the clan had conspired to keep the presentation for Carl and coronation of Dot a secret until the last moment to make it a complete surprise.

After Dr. Bailey's presentation, David F. Ramsey, Treasurer and Membership Chairman, walked Dot to her royal kneeling bench (a soft topped cooler) and had her kneel for her coronation. Sue Anne Scott Ramsey, the royal crown and robe bearer carried the purple robe with ermine (fake) collar and sparkling tiara upon the royal satin pillow. David crowned Her Royal Highness and placed the royal robe upon her shoulders. Ronda Ramsey Shackelford presented her with her royal bouquet and gave the significance of the flowers in her bouquet.

Her Royal Highness Dot Bailey finally became the queen of Clan Ramsay!! LONG LIVE OUR QUEEN!!!!

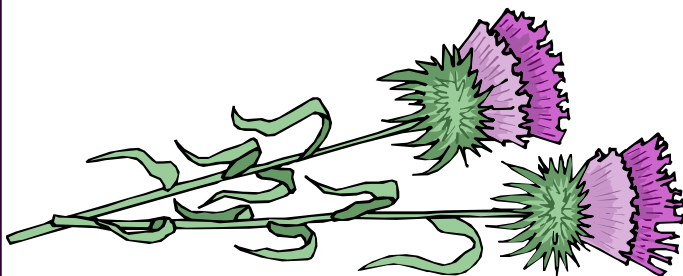


Queen Emeritus, Dot Bailey, having received her crown and ermine-trimmed robe, is presented with flowers by Arkansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and Kansas Commissioner Ronda Ramsey Shackelford. David Ramsey, Clan Treasurer and Membership Chairman, assisted in the crowning.

The entire weekend was a true success from the gala on Thursday night, dodging rain and wind, stifling heat during setup on Friday, the event filled day on Saturday, Sunday, the clan march, with Clan Ramsay leading the clans until our parting on Sunday afternoon. Many Ramsay/Ramseys attended and new and old got know each other and a great time was had by all.

Another successful AGM is now past and we look forward to the Franco Scottish Festival in July in Aubiny Sur Nere France and meeting our European Ramsay cousins as well as upcoming games here in the states.

Ora et Labora
Ronda Ramsey Shackelford
Commissioner



We Ask for Words Both Kind and Loving.....



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The Family of the Bride

From left to right: Ford Ramsay, Angus Ramsay, Margot Ramsay, holding Georgia Ramsay, Carter Ramsay (family); David Scott Coccarelli, Elizabeth Ramsay Coccarelli, Sue Ramsay, and John Ramsay

Elizabeth and David were married in the
Duke University Chapel, Durham, North Carolina
12:00 Noon on April 28th 2018.

The father of the bride is recovering nicely

Best Wishes



The Earls of Dalhousie Who Were Members of the Most Ancient & Most Noble Order of the Thistle

Editor's note: In 2017, Dennis Hurt and his Lady Susan, avid participants in the Colorado Scottish/Celtic Festivals, traveled to the United Kingdom. While visiting Edinburgh, they decided to visit St. Giles High Kirk located on The Royal Mile, in Old Town Edinburgh. St. Giles is the principal place of worship of the Church of Scotland in Edinburgh.

Dennis and Wayne Premo, Clan Ramsay Colorado Commissioner, submitted a splendid article about St. Giles High Kirk and some interesting Ramsay family history associated with it. We simply don't have enough space in the newsletter to print the entire article but have provided a summary here along with some websites you can visit to get more information about the kirk. We also have put the entire article on the clan website and encourage you to read it there.



St. Giles High Kirk

One of the most important parts of the Kirk is the Thistle Chapel, which was dedicated in 1911 to the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle. The order of the Thistle was founded in 1687 and is Scotland's foremost Order of Chivalry. (See Wikipedia and <https://www.stgilescathedral.org.uk/st-giles-becomes-a-collegiate-church/> and <https://www.britannica.com/topic/The-Most-Ancient-and-Most-Noble-Order-of-the-Thistle>).



Thistle Chapel

Four Ramsay Earls of Dalhousie have been members of the Order of the Thistle. The first member to the Order from the Ramsay Clan was James Andrew Broun-Ramsay (1812 - 1860), 10th Earl of Dalhousie. At the time he was honored by inclusion into the Order of the Thistle (1848) he had just become Governor-General of India and Governor of Bengal. He had previously been vice-President of the Board of Trade (1843) and then their President (1845).



James Andrew Broun Ramsay



Fox Maule-Ramsay

The second member to the Order of the Thistle from Clan Ramsay was the 10th Earl's successor, Fox Maule-Ramsay (1801 - 1874), the 2nd Baron Panmure and later the 11th Earl of Dalhousie. He was a British politician and entered the House of Commons as member for Perthshire in 1835. He was then Under-Secretary of State for the Home Department (1835 - 1841) and later Secretary of War from 1846 to 1852. That was the same time with his cousin the 10th Earl of Dalhousie's rule in India. It was in 1853 that Fox Maule-Ramsay was included into the Order of the Thistle - five years later than Cousin James.

The next Ramsay member to the Order of the Thistle was John William Maule Ramsay (1847 - 1887, 40 years), 13th Earl of Dalhousie, and son of Admiral George Ramsay, 12th Earl of Dalhousie. He was a Scottish Naval commander (1861 - 1879), and politician. He was elected to Parliament for Liverpool in 1880 after succeeding his father to earldom. After taking his seat in the House of Lords, he was appointed a "Lord-in-Waiting" in September of 1880 by William Gladstone and served there until 1885. He was honored as a member of the Order of the Thistle in 1881. He served briefly as Secretary for Scotland under the short-lived William Gladstone administration of 1886.

The fourth Ramsay member to the Order of the Thistle was Simon Ramsay, 16th Earl of Dalhousie (1914 - 1999) who was honored to the Order of the Thistle in 1971. He

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was styled as the Honorable Simon Ramsay (1928 – 1950) but best known as a British landowner, Scottish Unionist Party politician, and colonial governor. Educated at Eton and Christ Church, Oxford, he served in the Black Watch during WWII, gaining the rank of Major, and was awarded the Military Cross for bravery during the Allied invasion of Sicily. In 1945 he was elected to the Parliament for Forfarshire and served there until 1950. He inherited the Dalhousie earldom in 1950 when his older brother John Gilbert Ramsay, the 15th Earl, died without marrying. He was appointed Governor-General of the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland in 1957 and served until 1963 when the federation broke up. He was a Lieutenant of the Royal Company of Archers, the monarch's bodyguard in Scotland and was created a Knight of the Order of the Thistle by Queen Elizabeth II in 1971.

Among his other accolades, he served as Lord Chamberlain to Queen Elizabeth and the Queen Mother (1965 – 1992), Lord-Lieutenant of Angus (1967 – 1989), and Chancellor of the University of Dundee (1977 – 1992). Simon died in 1999, leaving the earldom to his eldest son, our present Clan Chief, James Hubert Ramsay, third child of Simon Ramsay.



John William Maule Ramsay



Simon Ramsey

Read the entire article and see the photos submitted by Dennis and Wayne on the Clan Ramsay website:
www.clanramsay.org.



Dennis Hurt, Lady Susan and Robbie



2019 AGM To Be Held In Scotland

Maryville, Tennessee

At the annual meeting at the Smoky Mountain Highland Games May 19, there was considerable discussion and enthusiasm for holding the 2019 annual meeting in Scotland. The clan has never held an annual meeting, or any formal meeting of the clan, outside the United States.

The location most talked about for the annual meeting is the Braemar Gathering held in Braemar, Scotland the first weekend in September.

While there have been gatherings of one sort or another at Braemar for more than nine hundred years, the Braemar Gathering has been run in its present form since 1832.

The town of Braemar is only about nine miles from Balmoral Castle where the queen usually spends some of her summer days. The Gathering has been attended regularly by the reigning Monarch and members of the Royal Family. During much of that time large crowds have come each year to acclaim their Monarch as Chieftain of the Braemar Gathering.

The Braemar Gathering is somewhat different than America's highland games in that there are no clan tents. There is lots of heavy athletics, solo piping competition, mass bands presentations but no band competition, and lots of foot races, tug of war games, children's games and, indeed, some whiskey tasting.

The foot races at The Gathering are the worlds oldest, having been organised on a regular basis since 1832. Click on this site to get information on this year's Braemar Games:

<https://www.braemargathering.org>.



Braemar Gathering Venue

Clan Ramsay International

Annual General Meeting
Smokey Mountain Games
May 19, 2018

The AGM was opened at the Smokey Mountain Highland Games, Maryville College Campus, Maryville, Tennessee by President John Ramsay at 2pm in the Clan Ramsay tent. This is the 43rd anniversary of Clan Ramsay.

Recognition of officers by President John Ramsay. The members in attendance approved the minutes and treasurers reports from our last AGM on October 21, 2017, at the Stone Mountain Games. President John Ramsay reports that we have 993 members in Clan Ramsay. Six new members signed up at the Stone Mountain Games. President John Ramsay reminded those present that we are the honored Clan at the Smokey Mtn. Games in Maryville, Tennessee. We will be 1st in the Parade of Tartans on Sunday afternoon. Everyone is encouraged to show-up and be part of the parade.

Our French Commissioner, Laurent Jaunaux Ramsey, has added many new members to our Clan numbers and several members of Clan Ramsay will be traveling to France to attend a Highland Games there with Laurent.

We were glad to share our clan space with the Doug Ramsey family from Charleston, South Carolina. The family arrived on Saturday and we enjoyed seeing them again. Dot Bailey provided the Bar-B-Que for all in attendance and she had cake for our Convener, Dr. Carl Bailey. Many shared goodies at the tent and we had no one leave hungry.

Dick McGraw & Mona Ramsey were recognized for all they do to get the Ramsay Report out to our members. President Ramsay reminded all Games Commissioners to submit a games report to the Ramsay Report so that everyone can see all that Clan Ramsay does and which games they may wish to attend in the future.

David Ramsey passed out copies of the Treasurers Report. We have \$12,415.00 in our Clan Account and 178 paid U.S. members. Some of our money is invested in a Schwab Account. David Ramsey reported that the account has increased \$500 dollars. The newsletter by email saves about \$3,000 dollars.

Please share your email address with Membership Chairman David Ramsey so that we can send you the Ramsay Report instead of using the U.S. mail. A motion was made to approve the treasurers report. Motion carried. The treasurers report and the minutes from this AGM will be printed in the Ramsay Report.

A reminder that the date of the Charleston S.C. Games was reported by Doug Ramsey. The new date is; Nov. 3rd at Boone Hall Plantation, Mt. Pleasant, S.C. Glen Ramsey was nominated as Clan Ramsay Commissioner for the Charleston Highland Games. He accepted the nomination.

President John Ramsay would like to recognize Laurent Jaunaux Ramsey's new title. He is now the French Convener for Clan Ramsay. He has been responsible for many new members to Clan Ramsay and was instrumental in our international name change last year.

President John Ramsay announced that our next Annual General Meeting, (AGM) will be held the 1st weekend of September, 2019 at Braemar, Scotland. All who can are encouraged to attend. Queen Elizabeth often attends these games.

A special gift was presented to Dr. Carl Bailey as Convener of Clan Ramsay which he began, November 7, 1978. He was given a large Quaich with a beautiful wooden base made by Dr. Lee Shackleford. Mrs. Dorothy Bailey was presented a crown, robe and a bouquet of flowers as Queen of Clan Ramsay. She has been with Dr. Bailey through the 43 years and we are very grateful that she attends and that she bakes amazing cakes, brownies and other goodies that she shares with Clan Ramsay. All Hail Queen Dot.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully,
Mary Alice Ramsey,
Secretary



2018 Games Information



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**32nd Annual Chicago Scots
Scottish Festival & Highland Games**
June 15th & 16th, 2018
Hamilton Lakes
Itasca, IL
www.chicagoscotts.org

**63nd Grandfather Mountain
Highland Games 2018**
July 12th-15th
MacRae Meadows
Grandfather Mountain Linville, NC
www.gmhg.org

**Rencontres Franco-Ecossaises
French-Scottish Fairs**
July 13th-15th, 2018
Aubigny-sur-Nère, France
www.aubigny.net/Les-Fetes-Franco-Ecossaises

Elizabeth Celtic Festival
July 21st & 22nd, 2018
Casey Jones Park
Elizabeth, Colorado

**55th Colorado Scottish Festival
Rocky Mountain Highland Games**
August 4th-5th, 2018
Edgewater CO
www.scottishgames.org

2018 Virginia Scottish Games
September 1st & 2nd
5089 Tavern Road
The Plains, VA
www.vascottishgames.org

**153rd Pleasanton Scottish
Highland Games**
September 1st & 2nd, 2018
Alameda County Fairgrounds
Pleasanton, CA
www.thescottishgames.com

**27th Annual Columbus
Scottish Festival**
September 8th & 9th 2018
Bartholomew County Fairgrounds
Columbus, IN
www.scottishfestival.org

60th Annual Ligonier Games
September 22nd 2018
Idlewild Park/Route 30 Ligonier, PA
www.ligonierhighlandgames.org

**Scotland County
Highland Games**
October 6th, 2018
On the Grounds of the North Carolina
Rural Heritage Center
Laurinburg, North Carolina

**9th Indianapolis Scottish
Highland Games & Festival**
October 13th, 2018
German Park 8600 South Meridran Street
Indianapolis, Indiana
www.indyscotgamesandfest.com

**Stone Mountain
46th Scottish Festival**
October 19th-21st, 2018
Stone Mountain Park
Stone Mountain, GA
www.smhg.org

From Continental Europe

Clan Ramsay Europe...
We are happy to announce that
Arild Gundersen has been appointed
Commissioner
for the Nordic countries
(Norway, Finland and Sweden).
Arild lives in Norway where there
are many descendants of
the Ramsays.
Congratulations Arild !



What's Happening On the Clan Ramsay Website

www.clanramsay.org

is always being improved

Having trouble getting up into your family tree?

Here's a Step-ladder!

A search feature is now available on the Clan Ramsay genealogy data page. You can search by name, birth year, death year, place, spouse name, father's name, or mother's name. Just click on the new search button on the Clan Ramsay genealogy data page and give it a try!

Clan Contacts has been organized so that you can see where we are in need of commissioners.

Keep checking the Upcoming Events page – events are always being added and update. Check it often to see what events are near you where the Clan Ramsay will be represented. Let me know if you have any events to add.

If you have any suggestions for or problems with the web site, please contact Webmaster, Alice Ramsay, clanramswb@gmail.com.

Peace be with you. Alice J. Ramsay/Webmaster



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