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PRESIDENT'S REPORT by Catherine Elliot Shaw



Hello all,

After the warmest December on record in these parts, winter arrived with a vengeance, not to mention snow, hail, miserably cold temperatures and, lately, freezing rain causing widespread power outages. I know that many of you have had the same experience so here's hoping that spring will be kind to us.

Thank you all for your membership renewals. If it has slipped past you, there is still time to renew and stay on the Canadian and Scottish rolls.

You can find the form on the Elliot clan website elliotclan.com, or click this link: [Membership Application](#), or just drop a cheque in the mail to me. If you would like to make payment by e-transfer, we can now accommodate that. More information on that to the right.

Remember you need to be a member in good standing to attend the Elliot Clan Gathering next year in Scotland. Margaret is already planning another wonderful time for us. I always enjoy the opportunity to see Hermitage Castle and the surrounding countryside. And it's a great opportunity to meet other Elliots from around the world. If you would like more information, please get in touch with me.

Elsewhere in this issue, you will find chapter reports with news and future events.

Wishing you a happy and safe summer!

Yours aye,

Catherine

E-TRANSFERS NOW POSSIBLE!

Would you like to pay for your Elliot Clan Canada membership or purchases using an e-transfer? We have just made the appropriate arrangements with the bank and we've already had several successful transactions. Just complete the necessities as you would normally, then email me at the_shaws@sympatico.ca with your security word or phrase and I will take care of the rest. Kudos to Bob Elliott, Ontario East/Quebec West Chapter Chair, for the suggestion!

CHAPTER REPORTS

CENTRAL ONTARIO CHAPTER

Walt Elliot (Interim Chair) reports:

We had a very successful Fergus Games the second full weekend in August last year. The weekend begins Friday evening and continues through Saturday and Sunday. The bands at the opening on Friday evening are special. Saturday is filled with activities of all sorts highlighted by a march of the clans at noon. The main feature of Sunday is a church service. If you have not visited Fergus as yet we would be happy to see you. Visit the web site for exact details of the Fergus games.

In October the usual Elliot Clan Luncheon was quite different but most enjoyable.

Our regular meeting place The Harrop House Restaurant (a former Elliott farm residence) was surrounded by construction so we moved to The Italian Meeting Hall in Milton Heights. Our hostess Edwina Doddington relocated there because of the construction. Re Max Realty is opening a new office having purchased the property. The meeting was well attended including our Canadian President Catherine Elliot Shaw of London Ontario who delivered an update on her activities.

These two annual events will be held as usual in August and probably October. You are invited to attend. For more information: Email: 42elliots@gmail.com or Phone: 905-876-3377

ONTARIO EAST AND WESTERN QUEBEC CHAPTER

Bob Elliott reports:

Our Annual Lambfest was held once again on the Saturday before Father's Day. For 2015, this was June 13, 2015. The event was held again at Bob and Eve's home in Carp and the weather was so very fine; clear skies, bright sun and pleasant temperatures.

The menu included some usual tasty items including the following: (it seems some items were last minute surprises and we forgot to write them down).

Raw Veggies & Dip Colette & John
Black Bean & Corn Salad Joan Anne & Jim
Chips, Salsa and Guacamole Eric
Ham and Haddie Pie Alan
Lamb kebobs Eve
Fresh cooked Green Beans Colette & John
Fresh Green Beans with Tomatoes Helen & Dorothy
Fruit Pie

Bob made a major investment (well, not so major, he does have Scottish roots after all) and acquired a wonderful Weber Gas BBQ upon which he worked unusual magic and didn't burn anything. Of course, there was lots of advice available to ensure the product would meet the exacting standards expected.

A special treat this year was the attendance of the family of Allan Elliott, Nancy Brennan and their children Alanna and Duncan who drove all the way from south of Montreal to bring a delightful Ham and Haddie Pie. I have included the recipe below.

The theme for the gathering was for each of us to share stories of our families' arrival in Canada. Allan's story suggested some past association with John Elliott Trent's family. Small world.



Alanna, Allan, Nancy, Duncan

Ham and Haddie Pie - courtesy of Allan Elliott

The quantities listed below are sufficient for four people.

Ingredients:

12 ounces (375g) haddock, could be smoked
4 ounces (125g or half cup) chopped bacon
8 ounces (250g) tomatoes, sliced
3 ounces (90g or half a stick) grated cheddar cheese
Small quantity butter for frying
1 small onion, chopped
2 ounces (60g or half a cup) breadcrumbs
2-3 tablespoons water

Method:

Heat the oven to 375. Grease a medium size ovenproof dish. Melt the butter in a pan and fry the onion until it is soft. Add the chopped cooked bacon and cook for another 2 to 3 minutes. Arrange half of the tomato slices in the dish and cover with the onion and bacon mixture. Put the haddock on top of this and top with the remaining tomato slices. Pour on the water and sprinkle with the breadcrumbs and cheese. Cover with a lid or kitchen foil and cook for 20 minutes at 375F (190C or Gas Mark 5). Remove the lid or foil and cook for another ten minutes until the topping has turned brown.

On December 7, six of us gathered at Casa Grecque in Aylmer for a fine lunch to celebrate the lack of snow!

The next Lambfest will take place on June 18, 2016 at 105 Sentinel Pine Way, Carp, Ontario.

ONTARIO WEST

Carole Nickels, Co-Chair reports:

The Ontario West Chapter celebrated its 25th anniversary at the Annual General Meeting held October 31, 2015 in London, Ontario. The annual general meeting has never had a theme but due to the date of the meeting our members

were given the option to wear Halloween costumes. We had some very clever and original costumes.



Ontario West members enjoying a Halloween themed Annual General Meeting

The Ontario West Chapter has five events taking place in 2016. We would like to remind members of all our chapters that they are always welcome to join us if they are visiting or holidaying in our area. Our actual dates have not been confirmed but these are the events planned.

April 2016 Elliot Spring Lunch to be held at the Mandarin Restaurant, 387 Wellington Road, London.

May 2016 Elliot Clan Fundraiser is a way to promote the Elliot Clan Society and raise money for our chapter. We rent a table at the Spring and Plant Sale at St. Anne's Anglican Church to sell gently used articles with the proceeds going to support our chapter's activities.

June 2016 Annual Golf Tournament held at the Dorchester Golf and Country Club. Jeff Elliott has been our convenor since 2010 and invites family and friends to come and play at our 7th annual tournament.

July 2016 Annual Picnic open to all members and their family. Our meal is pot luck and everyone looks forward to our famous raffle.

November 2016 Annual General Meeting
held at the Church of St. Andrew Memorial,
London. The meeting features a hot catered
meal, entertainment and raffle.

SASKATCHEWAN

Hazel Arnold reports:

It has been a great winter in Saskatchewan with temperatures rarely below -15 degrees Celsius. Snow has been a scarcity as well with only a few inches on the ground. Conditions have not been good for skidooring but are fine for ice fishing and we hear it has been good.

The deflating dollar has deflated a lot of travel plans from here.

The Elliot clan has been quiet. Therefore, I have nothing to report.

Once again, if anyone has anything to discuss or report please contact Hazel Arnold at Box 37 Tisdale Saskatchewan S0E 1T0. Telephone - 306-873-3574 or hazel.arnold@gmail.com.

Until next time, have a good spring and stay happy and healthy.

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John Peach reports:

Our attempt to organize a gathering last fall was unsuccessful, but we are ready to call everyone together when the snowbirds return this spring.

It was with regret that we learned of the death of George Gerber in Winnipeg on January 13. George grew up on a Saskatchewan farm. After studying agriculture, he served much of his career as an entomologist at the Agriculture Canada Research Station in Winnipeg. George joined our chapter with his wife, Margaret, and contributed to the conversation, story-telling and good humour of our gatherings.

NOVA SCOTIA

Tanya Elliott Hendsbee reports:



We had a lovely social gathering of Nova Scotia Elliots in September of 2015 hosted by Darlene Fudge and her husband Michel. Everyone had a wonderful time reconnecting and sharing a lovely meal. A highlight was having our oldest member in attendance Rev. Canon Russell Elliott.

For more information on his life and career check out the link below:

<http://www.kingscountynews.ca/Community/2011-08-17/article-2703361/Celebrating-seven-decades-of-Canon-Elliotts-services/1>

The Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo takes place in Halifax each year. Check website for more information.

<http://www.nstattoo.ca/>

If you are interested in social gatherings of NS Elliots, you can contact me at:

thendsbee@accesswave.ca or 902-435-6111.

Scottish Highland Games & Celtic Festivals: Canada

Spring & Summer 2016

This listing was compiled by our webmaster and is updated regularly on our website: www.cassoc.ca
 Information is provided for reference only. **Thanks to CASSOC for allowing us to use this schedule!**

Mar 4-17	CelticFest Vancouver	Vancouver, BC	www.celticfestvancouver.com
Mar 26	Winnipeg Scottish Festival	Winnipeg, MB	www.winnipegscottishfestival.com
Mar 31	MY AIN COUNTRIE: Traditional Scottish Songs of Exile and Emigration	Vancouver, BC	www.eventbrite.ca/e/my-ain-countrie-scottish-songs-of-canadian-immigration-tickets-21608232806?aff=ebrowse
Apr 2	CASSOC Tartan Day Ceilidh	Toronto, ON	www.cassoc.ca
Apr 8	St Andrew's Society Toronto Tartan Day Dinner Ceilidh Dance	Toronto, ON	www.standrews-society.ca
May 21-22	Regina Highland Games	Regina, SK	http://www.saskhighland.ca
May 21-23	Victoria Highland Games	Victoria, BC	www.victoriahighlandgames.com
May 28	Kingston Scottish Festival	Kingston, ON	www.kingstonscottishfestival.com
Jun 11	Georgetown Highland Games	Georgetown, ON	www.georgetownhighlandgames.com
Jun 11	Grande Prairie Highland Games	Grande Prairie, AB	www.gphighlandgames.com
Jun 18	Cobourg Highland Games	Cobourg, ON	www.cobourghighlandgames.ca
Jun 18	BC Highland Games	Coquitlam, BC	http://bchighlandgames.com
Jun 30-Jul 7	Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo	Halifax, NS	www.nstatattoo.ca
Jul 1	Embro Highland Games	Embro, ON	www.embrohighlandgames.ca
Jul 1-3	Kincardine Scottish Festival & Highland Games	Kincardine, ON	www.kincardinescottishfestival.ca
Jul 3-10	Antigonish Highland Games	Antigonish, NS	www.antigonishhighlandgames.ca
Jul 18	Orillia Scottish Festival	Orillia, ON	http://www.orillia.ca/en/visitorillia/festivalsandevents.asp
Jul 29-30	Glengarry Highland Games	Maxville, ON	www.glengarryhighlandgames.com
Jul 31	Montreal Scottish Festival & H G	Parc Arthur-Therrien, QC	http://montrealhighlandgames.qc.ca
Aug 12-14	Fergus Scottish Festival & Highland Games	Fergus, ON	www.fergusscottishfestival.com/
Aug 27	North Lanark Highland Games	Almonte, ON	www.almontehighlandgames.com
Sep 3-4	Canmore Highland Games	Canmore, AB	http://www.canmorehighlandgames.ca
Sep 3	Calgary Highland Games	Calgary, AB	http://www.calgaryhighlandgames.org
Sept 3-4	ScotCon 2016	Edinburgh, Scotland	http://www.scotcon.scot
Oct 7-15	Celtic Colours in Cape Breton	Sydney, NS	www.celtic-colours.com