



The Clansmen Rugby Club

Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

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We've Come a Long Way Baby!

From Humble Beginnings



1968 - The Clansmen's first club picture.



1997 - The club picture from the 30th anniversary dinner. The club voted to include a women's division at the AGM later that year. Free copies of this B&W photo are available to anyone who wants one. Contact Davie Graham. There is a 40th anniversary picture out there somewhere....

A Legend of His Own Making



Bert Radford, the WOB (Wee Objectional Bastard), has had the affrontery to have himself aggrandized! He discovered a Scottish institution that will sell you your own wee bit of Scotland, a square foot in fact. No' enough to retire and build on, however it does entitle you to call yourself "Laird."

Bert can be remembered, if ye want to go to the trouble, for scoring the very first try that the Clan ever got, in 1968, in our very first game! He retired shortly after that and started on his extensive memoirs. He wants to be played by Brad Pitt when the movie offers come in, Aye Right!

He is also famous for his reply to the Club Captain's urgings to "Warm up" when Bert retorted... "I warm up, or I play...take yer pick."

*"Oh whaur haè ye been Lord Radford ma son
Oh whaur haè ye been, ma handsome young man
I haè been tae the wildwood, mother, mak ma bed soon
For I'm weary wi huntin', and fain wad lie doon"*

Note; substitute the word "Wildwood" with "The Edmonton Irish Sports and Social Club", and for "Huntin" sub "Intensive gargling"... drunken sot.

Herewith Lord Radford The Bard (That's strange, we usually refer to Bert as The Barred!) delivering the toast to The Haggis at The Druid Pub on Robbie Burn's Day 2015. Looks more like Mr Macawber.



Where are They Now?

Here lies a wee list of Clan Alumni and, if available, there last known whereabouts.

There are plenty more not listed. Who else can we dig up? Let them know to get their contact information to David Walker (see the back page for his email), the more the merrier!

Clint "Stimpy" Bannert

Dawn Bucilla, Cold Lake AB

Joe Davis

John Dippie, Bay of Plenty NZ

Stacey Flasha

Igor Hunka, Denver CO

Michael Ingoldsby

Dave "Too Tall" Jones, San Diego CA

Helmut Lee

Stacey Kucharchuk

Phil Markovich, Calgary AB

Jim Martin, Calgary AB

Roger Marsh, Sheffield UK

Rob McTavish

Craig Pinnegar, CA

Pierre Pomerleau

Jared Probe

Joe Rekab, Vancouver BC

John Robinson, Phillipines

Micah Seon-King

Jock Taylor

Cam Weatherby



The first goal posts, tree trunks, being erected at the current Clan Clubhouse. L to R: Dale Lowrie, A.N.Other, Dave "Wolfman" McDonald, and Rob McDonald



2015 - The Clanman's full 1st division group.



The Sitrep (Situation Report) from Pomeroy's Pub in NZ. The reply to our enquiries regarding the new earthquake was "Shaken not Stirred".



Pomeroy's Highly Irregulars, a sub unit of the LRDG (The Long Range Drinking Group) on parade for D. Graham's 80th. Captain Pomeroy is on the extreme right of the line, (getting a bit pudgy there Pomeroy?).

Organ Transplant...Again?



We have received a message from Brother **Tim McGrath** of Glenstal Abbey in Limerick, that he is recovering from a serious illness. He was in a coma for a few weeks and still has not recovered the full use of his drinking arm...complain, complain.

He did ask if we could return his gall bladder to him! You might remember that when he was over here on a university course in 1992, and coaching our juniors, he had to have emergency surgery to have it removed. He subsequently presented it to the Clan in the form of a trophy.

Tim also came over with the Glenstall Abbey-Royal High School (Belfast) combined team twice, and the team played, and was billeted with our Clan juniors, hence the familiarity with the Club.

The photograph shows Tim presenting the “Gall Bladder Trophy” to Sluggo (**Rick Suggitt**) who was the Clan coach at that time. So, whoever has the trophy please arrange for the gall bladder to be extracted and sent back to Ireland. Complain, complain, complain.



The Harcourt Shield is awarded by the Edmonton Rugby Union each year, based on **regular season** standings, to recognize the efforts of clubs that run two or more senior rugby teams and offer a junior rugby program.

The Clan has received the award an amazing **22 times** since it began in 1979 (that's 36 years for those mathematically challenged). Notably the entire decade known as the eighties and the last four years running (2012-2015).

Did You Know?

Who played the grizzly bear in *The Revenant*?

Glen Ennis, past Canadian Rugby International from BC.

Sad News

Roger Cowper, stalwart of the Druids Rugby Club and the Edmonton Rugby Union, passed away on Saturday, Feb. 20th, after a long bout with cancer. Roger got to play against his homeland, England, in 1967 when he played for Alberta. Alberta lost 21-3 but that was the lowest score of them all after England had beaten the Provinces in their tour for Canada's Centennial. Roger was a great opponent and a good friend...I would like to pay him the finest compliment I know... he was a Rugby Man. A Celebration of Life is planned for April 24 at Ellerslie. Harold Burden of The Clan will perform the piping duties

The Stupendous List of Alumni & Accomplices

Are you on it yet?

*New additions since the last newsletter are in green.

Garry Achtemichuk
David Adamson
Ward Affleck (Clgy)
Drew Allan (BC)
Ron Allen
Ian Andexser (BC)
Deb Ashmore
Bill Aylesworth (BC)
Mike Baker
Danny Baugh (UK)
Ian Yarpie Barron (Clgy)
Danny Belair
Tricia Benne (ON)
Craig Bentham (UK)
Vince Bergin
Ian Biggar (UK)
Travis Bilou
Steve Blink
Peter Blood
Billy Bowd (Red Deer)
Russ Brown (ON)
David Burke (ON)
Suzanne Byron (BC)
Shawn Caithness
John Calderwood (BC)
Dale Carton
Simon Cheng
Gunnar Christensen (Clgy)
PJ Clooney
Greg Conroy
Mike Cooper
Carey Craig
Glen DeLancey
Jayne Dewar (UK)
Stan Dilworth
Rory Dixon
Ted Dyck
Peter Eligh (BC)

Ieuan Evans
Wayne Evans (US)
Merle Famineau (Uruguay)
Ted Fitch (Clgy)
Mike Fleming (BC)
Doug Francis (BC)
Wayne Gallop
Keith Garrard
Pat Gibons (BC)
John Gillie
Taffy Gittings (UK)
Davie Graham
Jimmy Hamilton (US)
Chico Harris (NS)
Lee Heighway
Jim Hilsenteger (Clgy)
Ken Hilsenteger
Brian Hodgson
Kevin Holt
Ron Horton
Gerry Hunt
Peter Jamieson
Andy Johnston (BC)
Mike Kaine
Peter Kerswell
Rob Kallir
Des Kissane (AUS)
Jay Kmech
Dick Koch (BC)
Rod Kurylo
Peter Laird
Paddy Lamb
Kevin Lavelle (BC)
Archie Lees
Ken Livingstone (Red Deer)
Dana Lowrie
Dale Lowrie
Kim Lucas

Mike Lynagh
Mike Lynch
Sean Mager
Leon Marciak
Ken Mark
Jim Martin (Clgy)
Rob Marshall
Allan McAuley
John McClelland
Heather McDonald
Kym McDonald
Jen McDonald
Rob McDonald
Bruce McFarlane
Rolly McGinn (UK)
Tim McGrath (Ireland)
Trent McHardy
Mike McLetchie (Clgy)
Bob McMillan (ON)
Jim McPartlan
Phil Morgan (Clgy)
Vince Moroney
Tom Morton (UK)
John Nelson (NZ)
Andrew Ness (US)
Santiago Olmos
John Phelan (ON)
Steve Pomeroy (NZ)
Richard Powell (Clgy)
Tina Prescott (Carstairs)
April Prescott
Llewellyn Purnell (Red Deer)
Don Quinn
Jo Reinbold
Gary Richards (AU)
Steve Rivers (ON)
Barry Robson
Nate Ross
Richard Ross
John Rowe
Peter Rowe (Clgy)
Phil Scott
Judy Seddon
Greg Shanks (NT)



A fruitful beginning to 2009.

Bonz Smith
Frank Smith
Ron Stengler (BC)
Duane Stephenson (BC)
Greg Strong (Clgy)
Jeremy Sturgess
Dave Sutherland (ON)
Stan Tripp
Todd Van Vliet
Tim Van Vliet (Clgy)
Larry Wall
David Walker
Sam Walsh (AUS)
Mick Walton
Nanette Warman (BC)
Neil Waugh
Kirby White
John Williams (BC)

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