



The Nessie



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From the editor... Greetings fellow Frasers!

It is with a mixture of excitement and trepidation that I take over the editorship of The Nessy from Donald Fraser, who has done a fantastic job in that position for many years. I'm enthusiastic about assuming these duties, and hope to get an issue out quarterly. This will only be possible with help from you; please send/call/email ideas/items/photos to me. I look forward to working with everyone to make this newsletter one of the best among the clans!

Jim Oliver (contact info on p. 10)

The Scottish Referendum

Four million voters were asked a simple question: "Should Scotland be an independent country?" A Yes vote at the end of a hard-fought campaign would bring an end to the Union of the United Kingdom that has stood for 307 years. If Scotland voted for independence, the United Kingdom (England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland) would lose a third of its territory and 8% of its citizens. Population-wise, that's the equivalent of Texas seceding from the USA. Results were heard in the early morning of Friday 19 September. As it happened, as I'm sure all of you know, opponents of independence won 55 percent of the vote while separatists won 45 percent with all 3.6 million votes - a record 85 percent turnout - counted. First Minister Alex Salmond said "Scotland has by a majority decided not, at this stage, to become an independent country. I accept that verdict of the people and I call on all of Scotland to follow suit in accepting the democratic verdict of the people of Scotland". The same day, he stated he would step down as leader of the pro-independence Scottish National Party (SNP) and not seek reelection in November.



Highlights of the Loch Ness and Grandfather Mt Games

by Kimbrell Frazier

The NC Highland Games at Loch Norman and Grandfather Mountain were great fun this year. There was a good turnout of both new and faithful, long-time members. Everyone was happy to have nice weather both week-ends. Thursday night was particularly fun at Grandfather this year; we shared a wonderful picnic dinner of champagne, assorted cheeses, homemade shepherd's pie, smoked salmon, and much more.

Eric Frasure was a star again, taking 1st at Grandfather in the clachneart (45' 8 1/2"), both the 28 and 56 lb throws, the 22 lb hammer, the 56 lb toss for height (16'), and came in 2nd in the caber toss! He holds the World's Record in the 20 lb. sheaf toss, as well as the professional record in the 22 lb. and 28 lb hammer throw!! We are all so proud of him! Young members, **Max and Oliver Stamey**, were winners in children's highland wrestling at both games. Max won a pewter plate for 1st place in children's wrestling at GMHG, and **Kimbrell Frazier** took 2nd place in the women's axe throw at LNHG.

Conveners, **John & Kimbrell Frazier** would like to thank our members for pitching in and helping whenever needed. We have a tradition of sharing in the responsibilities so that everyone can have a good time and no one person has to carry the whole load. If you have not attended these NC games, you are missing a wonderful time of fellowship while celebrating Scottish heritage.

See p. 3 for a few photos . . .

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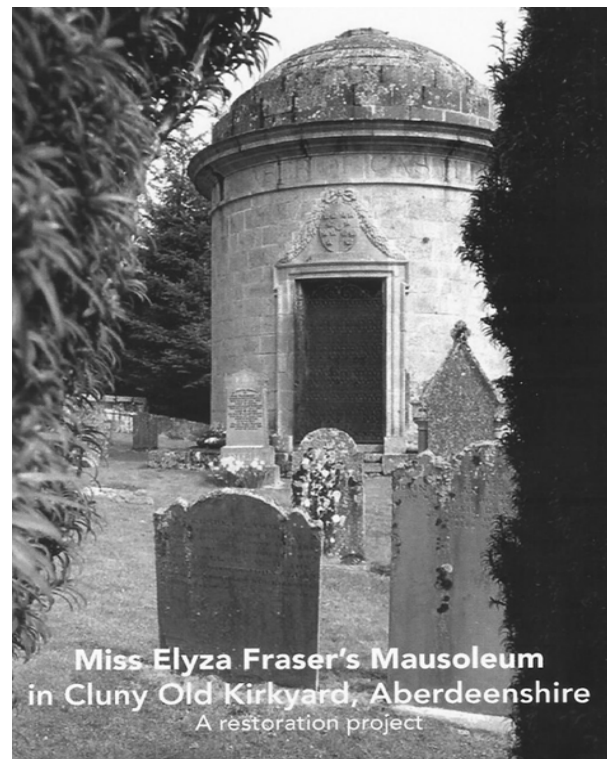
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Miss Elyza Fraser's Mausoleum in Cluny Old Kirkyard, Aberdeenshire: A Restoration Project

"The Friends of Miss Elyza's Mausoleum has been set up with the aim of consolidating, repairing and interpreting the Mausoleum at Cluny Churchyard. Miss Elyza Fraser inherited Castle Fraser in 1792 and immersed herself in the challenge of managing the castle, the farmland, the wider estate, and the gardens. The Mausoleum was designed for her by renowned architect James Byres of Tonley, and is no ordinary building, but is a small masterpiece. A rare example of his work it is one of the most refined Vanvitellian classicism, deceptive in scale and reminiscent of the monumental sepulchers of Rome. We would be interested to hear from anyone who can shed light on the ownership of the history of the Mausoleum. The Friends, with the help of the North East Scotland Preservation Trust and Aberdeenshire Council have undertaken limited emergency repairs and research into ownership of this A-listed building, are now seeking interested parties to help fund the on-going procurement process and works".

For more information, including a full color brochure describing the Mausoleum, Miss Elyza Fraser's life, James Tonley, and the Project Team, contact: info@nespt.org.

Thanks to **Gary Fraser** for this story.



Miss Elyza Fraser's Mausoleum
in Cluny Old Kirkyard, Aberdeenshire
A restoration project



Grandfather Games—ready for the Parade of Tartans. L-R: John Frazier, **Gary Fraser**, **Ian and Barbara Fraser**, **Margaret Fraser Clark**, **Kathy Fraser**, **Max Stamey**, **Kimbrell Frazier**.



Max Stamey and brother **Oliver** in Fraser Red tartans along with **Eric Frasure**. Max took 1st place in his wrestling in his age group, and Oliver took 2nd in his! Looks like more Frasers are following in Eric's footsteps!



Norman Games—some incredibly handsome Frasers. L-R: **Jim Oliver**, **Gary Fraser**, **Blake Fraser**, **Ian Fraser**

Great Meadows, Virginia Games

Gary Fraser writes: the Virginia Highland Games take place on Labor Day weekend and are becoming one of our favorites. They are held at Great Meadows, a beautiful equestrian and steeplechase field in Northern Virginia. **Eric Frasure**, our treasured athlete, competes in these games also and joined us at our tent Saturday morning, along with three of his competitors, two of them being "Wounded Warriors".

Pictured, along with members of Clan Fraser, is Eric (center) along with fellow athletes in front of the Fraser Clan tent.



Some Clan History—ours is not straightforward; more on the other “half” next time!

Many Highland clans were founded in the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries, among these was the Clan Fraser of Lovat. The rapidity of its growth is notable, and is largely due to the good fortune and intelligence of its chiefs, who did not come to the Highlands as conquerors, or refugees, but as the legal heirs to former rulers in an established society. They were careful to maintain good relations with the Crown, and to extend their territory by legal methods. The boundaries of this soon became the clan "country", and underwent a number of alterations in the course of time, nor was the whole of the land in it exclusively and invariably possessed by Frasers. The chiefs too sometimes owned lands beyond the clan country. The extent of these in East and Central Inverness-shire remained fairly constant from 1422 until 1746.

The first name of Fraser, and the early spellings vary greatly, it undoubtedly came from France, though precisely when is not known. One story is that the progenitor of the Frasers was a Frenchman named Julius de Berry who in 916, regaled the King of France with dishes of ripe strawberries. In consequence, he received a royal command to change his name to Fraise, and to adopt three stalked strawberries for his family arms. Whatever their origin, or the precise spelling of their name, Frasers appear as landholders in England during the 12th and 13th Centuries. In Scotland, the first recorded is one Simon Fraser, who in 1160 gave a large tract of land to the monks of Kelso. This family seems to have spread quickly through Tweeddale and the Lothians, and then through Stirling, Angus and later, to Inverness-shire. One of them, Sir Simon Fraser was a prominent adherent of William Wallace and Robert The Bruce. He was captured by the English in June 1306 at Methven, taken to London, and there executed. A second Sir Simon Fraser fought in the Scottish army at Bannockburn in 1314, to be slain with two of his brothers. His elder brother Sir Alexander Fraser, was an intimate friend of Robert The Bruce, and 2 years later married The Bruce's sister, Lady Mary.

It has been claimed that yet a third Sir Simon Fraser, who died in 1287 was the progenitor of Lord Lovat's family, and that, having married a Bisset heiress, received a charter of their lands in the present Inverness-shire in 1254. The first authentic document connecting a Fraser with the lands of Lovat and the Aird is dated 12th September 1367, where one Hugh Fraser is styled " Dominus de Loveth et portioarius de le Ard". From his time the pedigree of the House of Lovat is proved and Gaelic was used as the second tongue.

The Lovat "country" is divided into two parts by the River Ness and the great Glen of Albyn. The word "Lovat" is supposed to mean " a swampy plain". Many early Lords of Lovat are buried near Beaulieu at the ruins of an old Priory founded in 1230 by John Bisset and Beaufort Castle, inhabited by the Lovat chiefs since 1511 stands nearby. It is almost on the same site as the Castle Downie burned by the Hanoverian soldiers in 1746 and which superseded earlier strongholds, one of which was destroyed by an English army in the War of Independence. Just west of the present castle is the Field of Downie. Here the Fraser clan mustered in 1745, and here, as recently as 23rd June 1951, at their chief's invitation, 700 Lovat clansmen paraded, together with past and present members of the Lovat Scouts regiment, raised by Lord Lovat in 1900.

The political history of a clan prior to 1746 is really a military history. The people of the Fraser of Lovat served Scotland well in the days of Wallace and The Bruce, but by 1513 it was as a clan that they were present in the Scottish army at Flodden. The 78th Regiment (Fraser's Highlanders), they fought valiantly against the French in North America, and were largely responsible for General Wolfe's victory at Quebec in 1759. It is said that Wolfe, mortally wounded at the moment of victory, died in the arms of a Fraser Highlander. The regiment was disbanded in 1763, but a number of them were, at their own request, discharged in Canada, and given grants of land there. It is good to remember that Frasers are among the earliest British settlers in that great country.

In 1900 the 14th Lord Lovat, in the true spirit of the earlier chiefs raised a regiment named the Lovat Scouts, which distinguished itself in South Africa, and which as a Territorial Army unit has since fought in two world wars, and is still in the British Order of Battle. The son of its founder, the fifteenth Lord Lovat, served in the Scots Guards and The Lovat Scouts, and was best known as an outstanding Commando Leader in the 2nd World War in which he won D.S.O and M.C.

John's Notes*

The **Frazer** (1946-1951) was the flagship line of upper-medium priced American luxury automobiles built by the Kaiser-Frazer Corporation of Willow Run Ypsilanti, Michigan, and was, with Crosley, the first American car with new envelope body and fresh postwar styling.^[1]

Named for longtime American automobile executive Joseph W. Frazer who was now president and general manager of Kaiser-Frazer, the Frazer was styled by Howard "Dutch" Darrin with some input from other K-F stylists. The new Frazer won the Fashion Academy of New York Gold Medal for design achievement. Production began on May 29, 1946 and the Frazer made its public debut June 29, 1946. There was one basic four-door sedan body shell that was shared with the similar but lower-priced (by \$200 to \$600) Kaiser. The Frazer used the Continental Red Seal 226 CID "Supersonic" L-head six powerplant which reached 115 hp (86 kW) by the end of Frazer production at the conclusion of the 1951 model year. The luxury line Frazer Manhattan Series F47C was introduced on March 23, 1947 at a \$500 premium over the original Frazer Series F-47, which continued



1947 Frazer 4-door sedan

on as the Standard. By 1948, Frazer sales totaled about 1.5% of all American cars built. The dramatically-restyled 1951 Frazer models included a four-door convertible, a hardtop sedan, and the Frazer Vagabond, a unique hatchback sedan. The final Frazers were introduced in March 1950 and were an immediate hit with the public. Over 50,000 orders were placed, but at that point Joseph W. Frazer had left the company and K-F management decided to concentrate only on Kaiser production after building 10,214 of the 1951 Frazer. A trivial, but to car buffs significant, aspect of the Frazer was that its four doors had push-button openers. This feature was shared at the time only by such cars as the Lincoln and, in an earlier day, the Cord. Both Henry Kaiser and Joseph Frazer were convinced by evidence that the existing automobile manufacturers centered around Detroit had combined to shut off the supplies of materials and parts necessary to the success of the new automotive company.

*Written by **John Frazier**. Please pass ideas to John at john@frazierpottery.com

We have two "clans within our clan" (Clan Fraser and Clan Fraser of Lovat), both with separate clan chiefs and both with recognition by the Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs.



Crest badge: Clan Fraser of Lovat. Badge of the Scottish clan of the Highlands

Gaelic Name: Friseal

Origin of Name: French fraisse (Strawberry)

Motto: Je suis prest (I am ready)

Badge: A buck's head erased Proper

Lands: Highlands, Inverness-shire

Pipe Music: Lovat's March

Clan Chief: The Rt. Hon. The Lord Lovat



Crest badge: Fraser Clan. Badge of the Scottish clan of the Lowlands.

Gaelic Name: Friseal

Origin of Name: French fraisse (Strawberry)

Motto: All my hope is in God

Badge: Yew

Lands: East Lothian, Aberdeenshire

Clan Chief: The Rt. Hon. The Lady Saltoun

Fraser Bands—Each issue we'll try to highlight one of the famous Fraser Marching Bands around the country. This issue . . .

The 78th Fraser Highlanders Pipe Band (<http://www.78thfrasers.net/>)

From the beginning, the 78th Fraser Highlanders Pipe Band has played music that has included repertoire considered outside the pipe band norm. In fact, the 78th has thrived on the continuing musical challenges placed before them. Led by P/M Doug MacRae, a desire to nurture new ideas, to risk unconventional arrangements, and enthusiasm to play good tunes well, either in concert or in competition, has always been the Frasers binding tie. Since the band formed in 1982, it has played a major role in changing the perception of what, artistically can and cannot be done in pipe bands. Drawing upon sources from the full breadth of music in the Celtic idiom, the 78th has evolved pipe band performances to a level of artistry previously unimagined.

Although the band has been widely successful at the highest level of pipe band competition, it is in concerts where its music can shine most brightly. The 78th Frasers have played to packed halls around the world, including Northern Ireland; Edinburgh, Scotland; Saint John, New Brunswick; Ottawa, Ontario; Vancouver, British Columbia; Motherwell, Scotland; Miami, Florida; Chicago, Illinois; Vail, Colorado; New Brunswick, New Jersey; Cleveland, Ohio; Richmond, Virginia, Glasgow, Scotland and Toronto, Ontario.

Competitively, the 78th Fraser Highlanders have been uncommonly successful. The band has won the North American Pipe Band Championship at Maxville, Ontario and the Canadian Pipe Band Championship at Cambridge, Ontario, an unprecedented 12 times each. Over the many times it has traveled to and competed in the premier Grade One at the World Pipe Band Championships in Scotland, the 78th have been in the prize list 12 times, and in 1987 the 78th became the first non-Scottish band to win the coveted award. In 2007 the band finished 4th overall at the World Championships in Glasgow and the Drum Section under Drew Duthart and the Bass Section under Johnny Rowe and Lauren Bonnett won the 2007 World Drumming and Bass Drum Championships.

The Name

The 78th Regiment, Second Highland Battalion of Foot, commonly called Frasers Highlanders was raised in Scotland in 1757, specifically for service in North America. It played a daring and romantic role in the major battles of the Seven Years War, a war which ultimately determined Canada's future. Although the regiment was disbanded in Quebec in 1763, it was the only Scottish regiment ever to be disbanded on foreign soil. The men of the 78th were first among the many thousands of red-coated settlers who remained in Canada. Since that time, their family trees have flourished placing their descendants throughout the country and the continent.



Learn some Gaelic! I'll include a few words/phrases in each issue of The Nessie—impress your family and friends!

Failte ("fal chuh"): Welcome

Maduinn mahath ("matin va"): Good morning

Tapagh leibh ("tapur leave"): Thank you

Se ur beathe ("shay ur bay ur"): You are welcome

Tha un T-acras orm ("ha un tak rus uh rum"): I am hungry!

Some Upcoming Games With Fraser Representation

Oct. – Scotland County Highland Games (Laurinburg, NC). Oct. 4. <http://www.schgnc.org/>

Stone Mountain Scottish Festival & Highland Games (Atlanta, Ga.). Oct. 17-19. <http://www.smhg.org/>

Dec. – Alexandria Scottish Christmas Walk (Alexandria, Va.). Dec. 5-6. <http://www.campagnacenter.org/events/scottish-christmas-walk-weekend>

Septs of the Clan Fraser

Clan Septs and Dependents comprise those who were descended from the Chief through the female line and consequently bore a different surname; and those who sought and obtained the protection of the Clan and became dependents. Anyone who has an ancestor bearing a Sept name, or the Clan name itself, has the privilege of wearing or displaying the crest badge and the tartan of the clan.

Abernethy, Bissett, Bisset, Brewster, Cowie, Fraser, Frasier, Frazer, Frazier, Freser, Frew, Frisale, Frisell, Frezel, Friscal, Frizelle, Gilruth, Gelruth, Grewar, Guar, MacGuar, MacGruer, MacGruer, MacKim, MacKimmie, MacIlrick, MacImnney, MacKim, MacKimmie, MacShimes, MacSimon, MacTavish, Oliver, Olifer, Sim, Syme, Sims, Simson, Siomon, Syme, Symon, Simonds, Symons, Simson, Simpson, Symson, Twaddle, Tweeddale, Tweedale, Tweedie, Twaddell and Tweedie.

. . . . And many variations of the above spellings!

You can find more on our septs at: <http://www.fraserchief.co.uk/history.html>

The Fraser Castles — there are a number around Scotland, from the lowlands to the highlands. We'll try to highlight the various homes of our Clan in each issue of The Nessie.

Kinnaird Castle, also known as Fraserburgh Castle and Kinnairdshead Castle, was begun in March 1570. The builder was Sir Alexander Fraser, 8th laird of Philorth, (c.1536–1623), who also transformed the fishing village of Faithlie into the burgh of Fraserburgh in the 1590s. However, the building of the castle led to such expense that he was forced to sell Philorth Castle, the family home. Alexander, 10th of Philorth, fought for the king at the Battle of Worcester (1651). Despite being badly wounded, he survived to live into his eighties. In 1669 he inherited the title of Lord Saltoun, and in later years he had apartments at Kinnaird Castle. The last people to reside in the castle were Henrietta Fraser (1698-1751), daughter of the 12th Lord Saltoun, and her husband John Gordon of Kinellar (1684-1764). In 1787 it was leased to the Trustees of the Northern lights, who turned it into Kinnaird Head Lighthouse. Designed by Thomas Smith, the lamp was first lit on 1 December. The structure was rebuilt in the 1820s, and superseded by a new lighthouse in 1991. It now houses the Museum of Scottish Lighthouses, which incorporates the original lighthouse and a modern building housing collections of lenses and other artifacts from many lighthouses across Scotland.

The lighthouse is just north of Aberdeen.



I've been, and the museum and castle are a wonderful visit!

Jim

Clan Fraser Society of North America

2015 Dues Renewal Notice!!

If you have not renewed annual CFSNA dues, let this serve as a friendly reminder!

Dues are \$20 annually, per family.

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We will only use the information to notify you of Clan Fraser events. It will not be shared!

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Fun Scottish/Fraser Tidbits

Outlander series - *Outlander* series of historical novels by bestselling author Diana Gabaldon. The books, which have sold more than 25 million copies, have been adapted into a drama for the Starz cable channel. They tell the story of time traveler Claire Beauchamp and her Highland lover, Jamie Fraser. Just a description of the tall, red-haired Scotsman can make women swoon.

There are 8.5 million Americans who claim a Scots or Scots-Irish ancestry.

The Declaration of Arbroath, the Scottish declaration of independence written by Scots to the Pope in 1320, was the model for the American Declaration of Independence. Almost half the signers of America's Declaration were of Scottish descent, as were the governors in nine of the original 13 states.

The answer to what's worn under a man's kilt? "There is nothing 'worn' beneath the kilt. It's all in perfect working order."

Be sure to check out some of the various Fraser Clan websites:

http://www.cfsna.com/	"Clan Fraser Society of North America"
http://www.clanfraser.org/	"Clan Fraser of Lovat - The Highland Frasers"
http://www.thefraser.com/	"Dedicated to all Frasers of Lovat and Scotland"
http://fraserclan.net/	"Clan Fraser Society of Scotland and The United Kingdom"
http://www.fraserclan-cal.net/	"Clan Fraser Association for California"
http://www.greatscottishclans.com/clans/fraser.php	"The Great Scottish Clans"
http://www.frasercheif.co.uk	"Website of Lady Saltoun"

Why Do the Frasers Have Two chiefs?

(reprinted from October 2012 Nessie)

The Frasers of Philorth, Lords Saltoun, being the senior line, are Chiefs of the name of Fraser, although a lowland family. Lord Lovat is Chief of the very numerous Highland Clan Fraser of Lovat, based in Inverness-shire.

Some people are confused as to the relative positions of Lady Saltoun and Lord Lovat. It is not easy. Lady Saltoun is Chief of the name of Fraser. That means she is head of the senior line of Frasers. People who are of Fraser blood are her kin.

But Lord Lovat, who is descended from a younger brother of Sir Alexander, the Chamberlain, is Chief of Clan Fraser of Lovat, and many of the names associated with Clan Fraser, (see above) probably owe their allegiance in the first instance to him, rather than to her, particularly if they are descended from Boll o' meal Frasers, that is people of other names who took the name of Fraser in return for land and food given them by Lord Lovat.

But they and their descendants must, in many cases, have married people who were Frasers by blood. Once they were living in Fraser country, they could scarcely have helped doing so, at a time when people living 15 miles away were considered foreigners, because you did not marry into another Clan unless it was improbable that there would ever be war between your clans.

So there is no way of being sure in a great many cases whether Frasers are of the blood or not, but it is probable that many have a genuine Fraser descent, however indirectly.

Distinguished Frasers

Many people distinguished in public life and the armed forces have been Frasers. Among them were Simon Fraser, the explorer, who discovered the Fraser river; General Simon Fraser of Saratoga fame; Admiral of the Fleet the Lord Fraser of Northcape; the Rt. Hon. Peter Fraser, Prime Minister of New Zealand 1940-1949; the first Lord Strathalmond, Chm. B.P.; Hugh Fraser, Lord Fraser of Allander, who founded the House of Fraser, and at one time owned Harrods; the late Lord Fraser of Kilmorack, Chm. Conservative Party; Professor Sir James Fraser, Professor of Surgery at the University of Southampton; the Very Reverend John Annand Fraser, at one time Moderator of the Church of Scotland; and still living: Lord Fraser of Carmyllie, Lord Advocate, 1989-92; Sir Charles Fraser, Pursebearer to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland; General Sir David Fraser, retired, author of many biographies and novelist; Marion, Lady Fraser, Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland; Sir Simon Fraser (knighted 1918) whose grandson the Rt. Hon. Malcolm Fraser, was Liberal Prime Minister of Australia 1975-1983; and Lt. Ian Fraser, VC, Royal Navy Reserve.

Also World War II famed commando Brigadier Simon Christopher Joseph Fraser, 15th Lord Lovat and 4th Baron Lovat, and the 25th Chief of the Clan Fraser.

Many Frasers settled in the United States or Canada after the war against the French in Quebec. Many others emigrated to those countries and to Australia and New Zealand. There are Frasers in many countries throughout the world.

In America James Earle Fraser designed the Buffalo nickel, the Navy Cross and the iconic "End of the Trail" sculpture.



Lady Flora Saltoun, Chief of the name of Fraser and Lord Simon Lovat, Chief of the Lovat Frasers. From a photo not long after Lovat inherited the title.

NE Florida Games Report, February 2014

Jim Williams reports that the NE Florida Highland Games were kicked off on Friday evening with the Sponsors' reception. Norman, Chris, Barbara and Jim Williams were joined at our table by Mr. and Mrs. Herman Ibach, long-term sponsors of the games. The Hilltop has a new chef and they prepared a whole pig as well as the largest piece of roast beef that Jim has ever seen (and Jim has seen and feasted on more than a few).

The weather forecast was for rain and clouds, but soon the weather once again defied the forecast and was very pleasant, Sunny, but not hot, clearing nicely. The Fraser tent had a steady stream of Frasers throughout the day. Lyle and Jan Sim soon joined us, Robert and Cathy Johnson came from Crescent Beach, Doug Ikemann from Atlanta, Gary Fraser (CFSNA Vice Chairman) attended along with his guest Maria (her first Scottish games), and from Gainesville, Robert Reeves and his family. Jim's friend from work, Rosemary Kelly and her husband, Terry, came by. Barbara and Jim's neighbors Mark and Naida Harris were with us, Doran Fraser came with two friends from south-west Florida, and Barbara made pulled pork sandwiches and chicken and pasta Alfredo which was delicious!

Saturday evening's event was a ceilidh at Lyle and Jan Sim's house at Hickory Creek Nursery, co-sponsored by Norman and Chris Williams. Lyle's neighbor Ray did the barbeque and it was excellent as always. Jim's college friend from the 70's, John Snow, provided music for the evening, playing songs most of the group remembered, as well as a few country music tunes for Norman to sing along with. A good time was had by all!

Sunday began with the traditional William's brunch at Palmer Terrace. Libations included mimosas and Bloody Marys. Barbara and her friend Margie Patterson laid out an enormous spread on the Jim's grandmother's dining room table. Margie's granddaughter Brianna came with her to help, making sure everyone was well fed. She also sang a delightful song for the group.

Bill Stewart and his wife Linda joined us, with Bill playing his bagpipes for the Frasers. Jim on 15 minutes' notice addressed the Haggis; while not near the level of Blake Fraser or Steven Quillin, the group enjoyed the address.

Robert and Cathy Johnson came on their Harley Davidson that has over 130,000 miles on it. At the conclusion of the brunch, Jim and Barbara collapsed into their recliners, hardly moving for the rest of the day. Everyone had a great time! Several of our regular Fraser's were greatly missed. Frank and Susan Davis were unable to come as Frank had had cataract surgery. Donald and Julie were busy with family care. Dave and Ginny Lovett were unable to come as Dave had a fall Thursday, producing a slight concussion. We wish they will all be able to come next year!

New Members:

Allen Jones Wood (Raleigh NC)
Gordon and Renee Fraser (Fletcher NC)
Bill Simpson (Denver NC)
Randall Crider (Statesville NC)
Jon Applebaugh (Lake Worth FL)
Michael Fraser (Annapolis MD),
Pat Lachney (Aberdeen NC)
Annie Simpson (Reston VA)

Mark W. Fraser (Chapel Hill, NC)
Bruce & Rickie Simpson
Kimberly Ann Larson
Peter Oistad (Arlington, VA)
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Jason & Alison Fraser (Washington, DC)
Andy Fraser (Spotsylvania, VA)
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