

Canmore Highland Games, September 2014

Beautiful Canmore, Alberta, nestled in the Canadian Rocky Mountains was the site of the 2014 Canmore Highland Games, Labour Day Weekend.

Joining Doug and I were my sister Kathy, brother-in-law Jim and my cousin Chris and her daughters Shelby, Meaghan and Dani (aka my darling and beautiful nieces). It was great to share this experience with my close family and fellow MacAulay's. Saturday night before the Games we all gathered for supper at a local pub to reconnect and visit.

Sunday dawned a wee bit on the brisk side. But we had our tent set up and were ready to welcome visiting MacAulay's. We've made some new additions to the Clan MacAulay tent, including a poster listing many of the MacAulay spellings and some of the items we purchased while in Scotland for Bannockburn and our trip to the Isle Lewis. The Whisky Map was a huge crowd pleaser!



Our Clan MacAulay tent (with the Whisky and Clan maps) Encompassing all MacAulay's! The Uig Chessmen and books by Scottish authors. Some items from our Scotland trip.



Chris, Meaghan, Shelby and Dani in our tent

Everyone spent time at the tent (we even met some MacAulay's!) and Shelby was tasked with protecting the Mayor of Canmore's water bottle; he eventually came back for it. Always enjoyable is visiting with the other Clans along the Avenue of the Clans. Canmore had a great vendor area with many interesting items for sale; I even found a bonnet.

We also had the chance to watch some highland dancing, the heavy games and, of course, the piping. It turns out that some of us are fonder of the bagpipes than others!

The day ended with a Ceilidh. Great music, but best of all was spending time with my family Clan of MacAulay's. We managed to have a wee bit of fun, even while battling the very chill mountain air.



At the Ceilidh ... Dani, Shelby & Meaghan

Chris and Doug



The Mayor of Canmore

Meeting MacAulay's!

Alas, no Canmore for us in 2015 as it will be too soon after returning from Scotland. The Victoria Highland Games are next on our list of Scottish adventures and then, of course, the Clan Gathering in Oban, Scotland.

Doug and I always look forward to connecting and reconnecting with MacAulay's, wherever we happen to be.



Kathy and Jim at the Ceilidh

Kathy and I sharing a giggle

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