



The Clan MacAulay Canada Gathering Inverary Resort Baddeck Cape Breton, Nova Scotia

August 16th to 18th saw MacAulays (of all spellings) gather from across North America. We were warmly welcomed by hosts Scott & Terry MacAulay and Matt & Tiffany MacAulay at Inverary Resort in beautiful Baddeck, Cape Breton.

We had a lot of activities over the three days but the main attraction was the chance to meet friends from past Gatherings and connect with new MacAulays from both Canada and the United States. There was *lots* of laughter, friendship and visiting. And we're very excited to welcome 15 new members to the Clan MacAulay Association.



After a leisurely Thursday morning breakfast Chieftain and High Commissioner of the Canadas Bud MacAulay Lush, First Lady Tena and with the assistance of Susan, Shari and Neil & Debra it was time to set up the Clan MacAulay tent near Lakeside Landing. Our display included the Chieftain's sword, historical information on the MacAulays of Ardencaple, Isle of Lewis, Northern Ireland, Ullapool & Loch Broom and the MacAulay MacGregor connection as well as books and places of MacAulay interest.

After registration Thursday night saw the welcome meal at Lakeside Landing followed by our MacAulay Gatherers being split into teams for a rousing game of Scotland trivia. Merriment ensued and friendships formed! Congratulations to Zaedra and her very knowledgeable winning team!



After breakfast at Glasgow House our International Heritage Secretary Lucas McCaw joined us via the internet for a very interesting and informative discussion on DNA and its uses in genealogy. The Highland Village in Iona is a Village that starts in Scotland in the early 1700's through to the 1930's on Cape Breton Island. The Gaelic College included lessons in kilts, Scots Gaelic, weaving and great entertainment during our very Scottish lunch of lasagna!

And then ... the MacAulay Heavyish Games ... recorded for posterity by our fantastic photographer Maggie. We had such great participation that we only had time for three of the events! Special thanks to Bud & Tena for creating the haggis and the hammer (no worries, it was made of nerf) and Neil for creating our caber (okay, it was PVC pipe, but it worked!). We started with, of course, haggis hurling served up with a giant heap of laughter. Next up was hammer for distance followed by the caber toss, which went really well until our host Scott

tossed the caber and broke it! So watch for the MacAulay Heavyish Games in Aviemore. If you need another reason to have a grand



laugh at a Gathering, this will be it. We may nix the caber as the Scots would likely boot us out of the country if we used PVC pipe as a caber.



We just had time for a wee dram before getting dressed in our tartans and kilts for the formal event. Commissioner for Central Canada Doug Doughty emceed and started the event with greetings from Chief Hector and our host Scott MacAulay. Grace was beautifully presented by Charlotte MacAulay-Barrett. After being blown away by the talented Forrester Dancers accompanied by the musical duo of "The Michael C's" comprised of Michael Cavanaugh and Mike Campbell, Bud took centre stage as he beautifully inducted Commissioner for Atlantic Canada Matt MacAulay and Commissioner for Central Canada Doug Doughty. Bud then announced the winners



of the MacAulay Heavyish Games. Congratulations to everyone who was game to give it a try and to our champions!

Haggis Hurling

Women's Division	Men's Division
1. Barbara	1. Daniel
2. Katieka	2. Campbell
3. Becky M	3. Doug D

Hammer Throw

Women's Division	Men's Division
1. Katieka	1. Campbell
2. Geru	2. Daniel
3. Shari	3. James

Caber Toss (achieved score of 12)

Girls	Women	Men
Becky M	Katherine	Bill
Katieka	Sharon	Campbell
		Doug M
		John
		Keith
		Marty
		Scott



After breakfast Saturday Neil and Ruthe led an intrepid group of hikers up to Uisge Ban Falls before joining the rest of the Gatherers to visit the impressive Alexander Graham Bell Museum. A sail on Bras d'Or Lake (or Loch Bras d'Or as Bud has renamed it!) was scheduled for the afternoon but alas it poured ... and I mean poured ... rain. So a lengthy lunch was followed by much-needed naps to get ready for our final evening ... the Cape Breton Kitchen Party (ceilidh) at Scott and Terry's home, complete with a roasted pig, fabulous food and even a MacAulay cake! It was an incredible amount of fun being with everyone for one last night. Can't say enough about how welcoming Scott & Terry and Matt (now Commissioner for Atlantic Canada) & Tiffany were to everyone. A special thank you to Neil for his lovely toast to our hosts! And Scott is a master recruiter, gathering 15 new members for the Clan MacAulay Association. It was a great kitchen party with fabulous music and lots of singing and visiting.

So that's it from the Clan MacAulay Canada Gathering in Cape Breton. It was wonderful seeing old friends and making new friends from across Canada and the United States. See you next year in Aviemore!

To see all of the great pics from the Cape Breton Gathering please click [here](#). Photo credits: The Incredible Maggie B!



Submitted by Joan McAulay, Commissioner, Western Canada and Doug Doughty, Commissioner, Central Canada

