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Calling All Cumming Pacific Regional Annual General Meeting

The Games at Pleasanton will offer more than the usual fun and excitement. The Annual General Meeting for the Pacific Region will also be held there. So if you can make it to one game this year it'd be great to see you all at this one. Bill Cummings, our Pacific Region Commissioner will have 2 tents set up with many chairs for all those that'd like to attend.

Meetings will be held both Game days right after the Clan March which takes place 12:00 noon – 12:30 game time both days. Our tent spaces are 13 & 14 again this year which will give us electricity we hope as the fans really came in handy last year with the heat. But perhaps this year we'll have some good ol' fog. By having a meeting each day the hope is that more Clan Members will be able to attend one or both of the meetings and find out what is happening here in the Pacific Region.

So pull up a chair and grab a drink we'll be looking for you at the games.



Scotland & Lochs

In Scotland, 'loch' is used to describe any enclosed large expanse of water and is derived from the Gaelic word 'lochan' which means a small lake or pool.

Scotland has over 950 square kilometers of fresh water lakes. The largest loch by area is the Loch Lomond which is about 72 square kilometers in size while the largest loch by volume is Loch Ness.

Legend has it that a great big sea monster lives in the depth of Loch Ness.

New at Your (Cumming) Website

<http://www.clancumming.us>

Links

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Genealogy

Isaac Cummings
Family Association

Yes there are some new and exciting things happening at your Clan Cumming Webpage. With new links to Festivals & Games across the United States and the New Members Area people are meeting and getting to know each other via the internet.

The member's area has a New Discussion Board that is really popular. So if you're a paid up member of the Clan please sign into the member's area with a screen name and a password then join us with anything you'd like to discuss about you or your family or the Clan.

New things we're talking about now is the possibility of a new pamphlet to give newly signed up members at the games concerning the history of the Comyn's. So voice your opinions or just voice whatever you have on your mind.

We'd love to meet you there. The Festivals & Games link will bring you information concerning events were there will be a Clan Tent so be sure to check this out as we'd love to see everyone at a local or not so local Games.

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Monterey Scottish Highland Games 2008

Ah 4th of July weekend fun. With two days of Scottish entertainment, sunshine, & great people the 5th & 6th hometown Games was one we didn't want to miss this year. With our new banner topping our Clan Tent we enjoyed meeting and greeting several of our Sept bothers and sisters



With 2 Russell's and 2 McCheaney's signing the tent sign-in sheet we were pleased.

Everyone we spoke to voiced gratitude in seeing a Clan Cumming tent once again at the games as they said it'd been several years since they'd last seen our presence. But we assured them that they'd be seeing us many more times here on the central coast and for many more years to come.

Our next door neighbors, Clan MacLeod was voted the Best Clan Tent and we were honored to be their



neighbors. They helped us when our tent malfunctioned due to structure failure. Lucky there was an Orchard's near by so a new tent went up for Sunday. So with another Games under our belt we looked forward to the next weekend in Oakland at Dunsmuir House.



Clan HOPE

(This Months Featured Clan)

Origin of Clan Hope

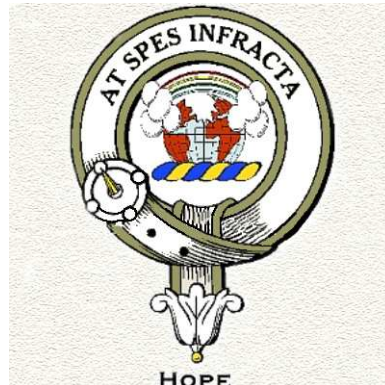
The Clan Hope was a borders family. The name is of native Scots origin, coming from the family name "Hop" or "Hoip". Those names are found on the "Ragman Roll" signing an oath of fealty to King Edward I of England in 1296. The Middle English word "hop" means a small valley.

The ancestral line is traced to John de Hope, who traveled from France with Magdalen, the first wife of King James V of Scotland. John settled in Edinburgh and was commissioner for Edinburgh to the first General Assembly of the Church of Scotland in 1560.

John de Hope's grandson, Sir Thomas Hope, was Lord Advocate, having been appointed by King Charles I.

THE CLAN HOPE BADGE

(My Hope is Unbroken)



(Origins)

His contribution to the Scottish legal profession was great – his works are still referred to today. He was one of the drafters of the National Covenant.

His oldest son succeeded to the Baronetcy and took the title "Lord Craighall."

(Origins)

He was an advisor to the exiled King Charles II in dealing with Cromwell.

The younger son of Sir Thomas Hope, Sir James Hope, founded the Hopetoun branch of the family, settling in West Lothian.

Sir Thomas' grandson, Charles, was a young member of parliament for Linlithgow. He rose to the Privy Council and was made a peer, Earle of Hopetoun, in 1703.

Hopetoun House is the seat of Clan Hope. The present Marquess of Linlithgow and his family still live in the mansion. It is now run by a charitable trust and is open to visitors. Much of the original character of the house has been maintained. It is set in 100 acres of parkland, which are also open to visitors.

Oakland Games 2008



Dunsmuir House

What a great weekend at a great venue for the Games. Setting up on Friday night went smoothly and the we were very impressed as we drove the grounds of Dunsmuir House.

The next morning we were welcomed with open arms by the Clan Campbell and offered a free Celtic Breakfast sponsored by the Campbell Clan and supplied by The Ministry of Food.

Clan Campbell was the Honored Clan at this years gathering.

The weather was warm but not uncomfortable with a breeze rustling the Bamboo behind our tent we enjoyed the constant crowd that went by.

The Games was well attended and the mood this year was one of high hopes and good cheer, as previous years had grown a somewhat different feeling about this particular event. We were very pleased with all that we saw and participated in and plan on making this one of our regular events to attend.

Though there were only about 15 Clans and Societies represented this year, I feel

that once word gets out these games will be a popular July undertaking.

The Entertainment booked this year was excellent from the Pipe Bands to the Stage shows (our friends Molly's Revenge was there) and the Living History Areas' were most excellent to behold.



We had Debra Henningsen and her daughter Megan sign in on our rooster and they took information home with them. They were both a part of the living History area at the Games and were glad to see the Clan Cumming Tent attending as Debra's mothers name was Cummings. We look forward to seeing them again next year. So another fun Games come and gone, we shout, "Courage."

Scottish Humor

Angus's long-suffering wife was fed up with her husband's unfortunate fondness of a not-so-wee dram. Most evenings he would roll home from the pub considerably the worse for wear. His wife resolved to cure him.

Late one All Hollows' Eve, she put a bed sheet over her head, hid behind the bushes at the front door of their croft, and waited for her wayward hubby to come home. Eventually Angus staggered up the path.

His wife, in disguise, jumped out from behind the bushes, and cried out, "Angus! I'm the Devil! And I've come to warn ye....."

"The Devil you say?" Angus interrupted. "Then ye must come in and have a dram wi' me, kinsman. I do believe I'm married to your sister!"

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Future Games 2008

Event/Location	Date
Caledonian Club of San Francisco Pleasanton, CA	Aug 30 th -31 st , 2008
Tulsa Scottish Games Tulsa, OK	Sep 12 th -14 th , 2008
Fresno Scottish Games Fresno, CA	Sep 13 th , 2008
Loch Lomond Highland Games Felton, CA	Oct 4 th , 2008
Ventura Highland Games Ventura, CA	Oct 10 th -12 th , 2008
Bedford Celtic Heritage Festival Bedford, TX	Oct 11 th -12 th , 2008
Salado Scottish Clan Gathering and Highland Games Salado, TX	Nov 7 th -9 th , 2008