

# Ramsay Report



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## Clan Chief and Mrs. Attend Stone Mtn.

“Please call us Marilyn and Jamie.”

By Carl Bailey, Clan Convener

James H. Ramsay, the 17th Earl of Dalhousie and his wife Marilyn visited the Atlanta Stone Mountain Highland Games the weekend of Oct.18-21, 2002.

They have attended highland games in Scotland but even though they lived in New York for a couple of years, this was their first trip to an American highland games.

This also was their first occasion to meet members of the Clan Ramsay of North America.

The weekend was very active with almost constant events taking place. Shortly after arrival we made a visit to the Stone Mountain Park to see the field and the Ramsay tent being set up.

On Friday night, Lord and Lady Dalhousie attended the reception at the Marriott Hotel for Honored Guests of the games. The event also was attended by Carl and Dot Bailey, David and Sue Ramsey, C.G. and Nancy Miller, Bob and Mary Alice Ramsey, and Rohan Ramsay.

The Saturday games were well attended and many of our members were able to meet Lord and Lady Dalhousie. Food and spirits were plentiful, thanks to planning by Sue Ramsey and Judy Ramsey. Everyone enjoyed visiting the tents of other clans and the vendors.

Lord and Lady Dalhousie also were recognized during

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The Chief of Clan Ramsay, the Right Honorable James Hubert Ramsay and his wife, the Right Honorable Marilyn Davina Ramsay.

## Earl and Lady visit Atlanta Games

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the opening ceremonies. Saturday evening we had an informal drop-in at the hotel. Clan members brought gifts representing the States where the members lived. I would like to thank Glenn Brecheen for his generosity at this event. After the drop-in, we went to a local restaurant for dinner.

The highlight of The Sunday games was the Parade of Tartans. Bob Ramsey served as the Chiefs Standard Bearer.

Lord and Lady Dalhousie led the Clan on the field and then went to the reviewing stand. I feel that the Ramsay group was the best looking, most organized, group on the field.

Sunday night Lord and Lady Dalhousie, Carl and Dot Bailey, and David and Sue Ramsey had dinner together.

Monday morning we all said our good-bys and departed for our respective homes.

My impression is that Lord and Lady Dalhousie enjoyed the weekend and the games. Lord Dalhousie was impressed by the organization of the games and the size of the games.

Everyone is looking forward to the 2004 games.

I would like for the members to know that Lord and Lady Ramsay are delightful people. If you meet them, you will like them. If we could pick our Chief, we could not make a better selection.

I encourage all members to make plans to be in Atlanta in October 2004 for the Stone Mountain Highland Games when the Earl of Dalhousie will be the official host of the games.

# Stone Mtn. Games

By Ramona Ramsey

There was a fine chill in the air for the first day of the Stone Mountain Scottish Games.

The paved trails meandered through the tall Southern Yellow Pines to the Clan Ramsay tent situated at the backside of the grounds adjoining the Clan Scot tent.

Everyone was very excited awaiting the arrival of Lord and Lady Dalhousie. Hopes were high for a good showing of our members to greet our visitors from Scotland and we were not disappointed. It was wonderful to see Shirley Brown, Tennessee Commissioner, along with her group, Rowan Ramsay, who had traveled from the Pacific Northwest, Glenn Brecheen and his wonderful children who were all in kilts, the Hutchinson Family and many more.

The Lord and Lady arrived and we were all pleased to find them both warm and friendly and relieved when they insisted that we call them Jamie and Marilyn. It was with ease to immediately feel comfortable with them.

Many photographs were taken and stories exchanged as we all found new friends in our honored guests. Dr. Carl and Dot Bailey along with Bob and Mary Alice Ramsey guided Jamie and Marilyn through the Clan tents and vendors.

During the opening ceremonies The Right Honorable the Earl of Dalhousie and The Right Honorable the Countess of Dalhousie were introduced as honored guests and sat on the viewing platform as 600 pipers and drummers formed in a mass band on the parade grounds.

The opening ceremonies were followed by a bit of shopping in the vendor stalls and then everyone returned to the Clan tent for a wonderful lunch of chili beans prepared by Sue and David Ramsay. By mid-afternoon everyone was ready for a rest so it was back to the hotel for relaxation before an impromptu reception later that evening. Various gifts were presented to Jamie and Marilyn before many headed out for an evening meal at a local restaurant.