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154th Scottish Highland Gathering & Games

Pleasanton, California
30 & 31 August 2025

The Scottish Highland Gathering and Games held every Labor Day weekend at the Alameda County Fairgrounds are the oldest and largest Scottish gathering in the western US. These games hosted the 2025 Women's Scottish Heavy Athletics World Championships and also featured the 49th annual U.S. Scottish Heavy Athletics Championships for both men and women attracting top professional competitors from all over the world.

My fiancée, Andrea Clementino and our friend, Dave Ramsey, helped greet many new visitors interested in Ramsay clan history and joining CRI. Dave and his family -- including wife Kathy and their daughters, Hailey and Jessica, and Kathy's sister Jean -- have been coming to these games for over 30 years. They've been a terrific presence and help setting up and hosting at the Clan Ramsay tent.

Clan Ramsay had very special guests this year, sisters Louisa and Juliet Ramsay from Glenisla, Perthshire, Scotland. Juliet, who just turned 16!, placed *third overall* at these games, a remarkable achievement considering the depth of international heavy event experience these women bring from all corners of the globe. Just a week before, Juliet broke the women's Scottish national record for the hammer throw of more than 31m/102ft and she won the overall trophy in Scotland's first ever World Female Heavy Events Championship held in Loch Ness at the Glenurquhart Highland Gathering and Games which were held on 25 August 2025. Way to make us Ramsay-proud, Juliet!

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Submitted by
Craig Ramsay
Northern California Commissioner
Clan Ramsay International



Semper Fidelis, Major Ramsey

Black Mountain, North Carolina
29 October 2025

Former Clan Ramsay International President and North and South Carolina Clan Ramsay Commissioner, United States Marine Major Robert “Bob” Ramsey, age 91, of Marion, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, October 29, 2025.

Bob lived a life defined by service, discipline, and dedication. A proud United States Marine, he served his country faithfully for 25 years. His years in the Corps shaped his strong character, leadership, and love for his fellow Marines. Even after retirement, Bob remained deeply proud of his service and the values it instilled in him honor, courage, and commitment.

Following his military career, Bob earned his bachelor’s degree in business from the University of North Carolina at Asheville. After retiring from the Marines in 1977, he settled in Marion, building his own home from the ground up, the kind of challenge he enjoyed. He went on to own and operate Ramsey Realty and was part-owner of Realty Group One.

A man of many interests, Bob was a longtime member of First Presbyterian Church of Marion, where he enjoyed singing in the choir. He also took joy in beekeeping and found peace tending to his vineyard and raising cattle on his farm. Later in life, Bob shared his knowledge and leadership with younger generations by teaching in the ROTC program at McDowell High School, where students affectionately called him “Major Bob.”

In 1996 Bob joined Clan Ramsay and was made Commissioner for North and South Carolina. He was elevated to President of the clan in 1997 and served in that capacity until 2000. When Clan Chief, Lord Dalhousie visited the United States and was the Guest of Honor at the Stone Mountain Highland Games, Bob was the standard bearer for the welcoming parade.

Bob was also a stickler for honoring the National Flag and National Anthem. At highland games when he saw people not standing or wearing their hats during the singing or playing of the National Anthem, Bob would call them out and ask that they please stand and remove their hat.

Bob is survived by his beloved wife, Mary Alice Ramsey; three children, Celeste Ramsey of Boise, Idaho, Greg Ramsey of Seattle, Washington, and Stuart Ramsey, of Boise, Idaho; a stepson, Jason Smith (Ngoc-Dzund) of Dublin, Ireland; his brother, Larry Ramsey of Morganton, North Carolina; four grandchildren; and four step-grandchildren.

Bob will be buried in Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia, 13th of January 2026. The ceremony will be live streamed via Mattox Photography.

Semper Fidelis, Major Ramsey — your service and spirit will never be forgotten.

Submitted by
Dick McGraw
Publisher Ramsay Report

“I’ve heard them
lilting, at our
yowe-milking,
Lasses a-lilting afore
the dawn o’ day;
Noo they are
moaning on ilka
green loaning;
“The Floo’ers o’ the
Forest are a’ wede
away”

...Jean Elliot



Bob Ramsey, Lord & Lady Dalhousie

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

France.Canada.England.New Zealand.Australia.Scotland.
Netherlands.Belgium.Luxemburg.Sweden.Norway.USA

Greetings Members of Clan Ramsay International
December 2025

I hope that you all have had as much fun as I have this year traveling to and experiencing the fellowship at the Scottish Highland Games. Each of the stories that I have heard and the heritage that we share has brought me joy.

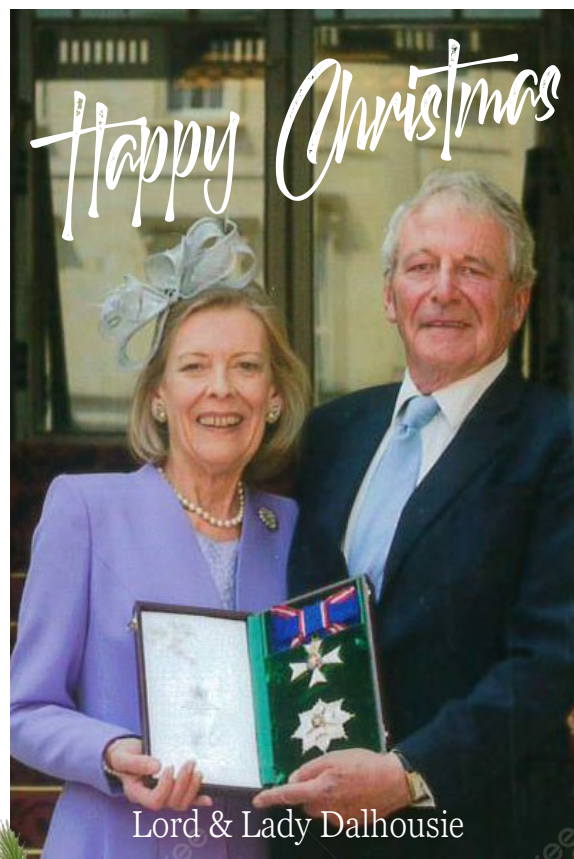
At our Annual General Meeting, held in October at the Stone Mountain games, there was discussion about a plan to include as many members as possible in the decision about where our Annual General Meeting will be held. We want to provide an opportunity for more members to attend and hopefully become involved at the local level. We all hope some of you will take that opportunity to become a commissioner or officer for Clan Ramsay. The plan is currently to hold the meeting at The Stone Mountain Games on the odd numbered years. The meeting location to be held on the even numbered years would rotate to allow for more members the opportunity to attend and participate. With that said, I want to encourage our members to submit information about their local games and the possibility of serving to help find new sites for our AGM in 2026 and beyond. Send your submissions to me at mckenny-pam@outlook.com. Our executive officers will then review the submissions and decide the location.

Wishing you the best holiday season spent with family and friends and I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Ora et Labora
Pam Ramsey McNeil
President
Clan Ramsay
International
Indiana
Commissioner



Merry Christmas



Lord & Lady Dalhousie

"I wish all members of the Clan Ramsay and our supports a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

It is humbling for me to see how many of you continue to support our association of kinship which brings together our historical ties"

Jamie Dalhousie

December 2025

The above photo was taken outside Buckingham Palace after Lord Dalhousie was made a G.C.V.O. by the King on retiring as Lord Stewart to the Royal Household. (G.V.C.O. is Knight Grand Cross of the Royal Victorian Order.) A close-up photo of the Cross.



NEWSLETTER OF CLAN RAMSAY INTERNATIONAL, INC.

Outlander

Born of the imagination of Diana Gabaldon, *Outlander* was first published in 1991. I've been a fan of the book series since then—34 years. There are now nine books, with a tenth currently being written. After being optioned unsuccessfully many times, *Outlander* finally landed on TV screens in 2014 under the leadership of Executive Producer, Ron Moore, and STARZ TV. It introduced the world several unknown actors, who are now international stars, including Sam Heughan and Caitriona Balfe. They play the lead characters, Jamie and Claire Fraser.

The stories are the captivating saga of powerful love, told through the story of a marriage that combines Scottish history beginning with the Jacobite era through the American Revolution. The story is an interesting mix of historical and romantic fiction combined with humor.

Gabaldon was a research professor with a Ph.D. in the sciences, who had always wanted to write a novel. So she decided to write one for practice, never planning to show it to anyone. She chose Scotland as the setting after watching an episode of *Dr. Who*, featuring a character she termed “a fetching man in a kilt.” According to Gabaldon, her philosophy is “I’ve always figured that if there’s something you want to do, you should start doing it, and if it’s the right thing, the universe kind of comes out to meet you. So, I started writing a novel about a man in a kilt, and the universe brought me a television show.”

That television show has now been airing for seven seasons, with the final eighth season scheduled to appear in early 2026. The popularity of that show has also generated a prequel series on STARZ entitled *Blood of My Blood*, now filming its second season. It tells the story of Jamie and Claire’s parents.

The show has also had a profound effect on Scottish tourism; something the Scottish tourist industry has termed “The Outlander Effect.” According to VisitScotland, the Scottish Tourist Board, visits to Doune Castle, used in the series are up 800%. Blackness Castle visits are up 379% with visits to Glencoe up 236%. In 2019, Diana Gabaldon received an International Contribution to Scottish Tourism award at VisitScotland’s Scottish Thistle awards ceremony for her impact on Scottish tourism. In 2022, she received the “Great Scot” award from the National Trust for Scotland Foundation USA for her influence on travel and tourism to Scotland for the past three decades.

Submitted by
Nancy M. Miller
Clan Ramsay International
Genealogist



Nancy Miller with Diana Gabaldon



Sam Heughan aka Jamie
in Ramsay Blue



Jamie and Claire

- Outlander Books
1. Outlander
 2. Dragonfly in Amber
 3. Voyager
 4. Drums of Autumn
 5. The Fiery Cross
 6. A Breath of Snow and Ashes
 7. An Echo in the Bone
 8. Written in My Own Heart's Blood
 9. Go Tell the Bees That I Am Gone

Stone Mountain Highland Games 2025

Stone Mountain, Georgia
18 & 19 October 2025

The 53rd annual Stone Mountain Highland Games was the location for the Clan Ramsay International Annual General Meeting. There was beautiful weather all weekend and plenty of time to enjoy fellowship with current members and greet those who stopped by to learn about Clan Ramsay and share stories with us.

Throughout the weekend there was an abundance of things to do and see including, traditional highland athletic competitions, music from several pipe bands that paraded the park, highland dance competitions, sheepdog herding demonstrations, falconry and an area for kid's games, food, merchandise vendors, and three stages that hosted musicians.

Saturday afternoon, we held our Annual General Meeting. There were several members in attendance. The minutes from this meeting were prepared by our new Secretary Kathy Seeley and you will find them on page 7 of this newsletter. Later that evening, we gathered at the Iron Horse Tavern for dinner and some time together.

Sunday afternoon the parade of clans was led onto the field by a pipe band. The slower pace of the day allowed for us to take the time to visit the food and merchandise vendors, the musical guests and the Scottish country dancing exhibit. As we closed up the tent that afternoon, we said our good byes until the next time we gather as family.

I want to thank those who travelled from near and far to attend the games and be a part of the AGM. I hope that you all enjoyed the games, the city and culture of Atlanta Georgia as well as the time spent together as much as I did.

Submitted by
Ora et Labora
Pam Ramsey McNeil President
Clan Ramsay International
Indiana Commissioner

Merry
Christmas

Saint Andiol 1782 Festival

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Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur, France

This June, the "Saint Andiol 1782" festival once again proved to be a privileged meeting place for those who keep the heritage of the Scottish clans alive. In the midst of this vibrant atmosphere of tradition, Clan Ramsay held a distinguished place, combining historical elegance, fraternity, and a genuine sense of sharing.

From the earliest hours, Clan Ramsay stood out through its warm welcome and the dignified display of its colours. Carefully worn tartans, proudly raised banners, and a composed, respectful bearing reminded visitors of the deep roots of a lineage whose story spans centuries without losing its radiance. Both enthusiasts and curious guests found in the clan's members attentive interlocutors, eager to pass on the spirit and living memory of their tradition.

Yet it was above all within the fraternity of clans that the day revealed its true depth. The cordial and sincere exchanges with the clans Scott, Leslie, MacMillan, Home, Lamont, MacKinnon and several others gave the festival the tone of a genuine gathering of families, united by history and strengthened by mutual respect. These moments, simple in appearance, carried a quiet significance: the rekindling and reaffirmation of bonds forged long ago and renewed with each encounter.

The event was also marked by an important moment for Clan Ramsay: the welcoming of Christophe's household into the Clan. This integration, carried out with solemnity and goodwill, was a reminder that belonging to a clan is not limited to ancient lineage, but is expressed through a living commitment to loyalty, honour, and mutual support. Surrounded by the clan, Christophe received the fraternal tribute of his new family, sealing a new page in the long history of Clan Ramsay.

Thus, the "Saint Andiol 1782" festival will be remembered as a moment when Scottish traditions and Provençal conviviality met in perfect harmony. Clan Ramsay's presence brought authenticity, warmth, and a sense of historical continuity, honouring both the past and the future.

We are so ready for 2026. Ora et Labora.

Submitted by
Laurent Jaunaux-Ramsay
Clan Ramsay International
Convenor Europe



NEWSLETTER OF CLAN RAMSAY INTERNATIONAL, INC.

Ypres, Belgium
04 October 2025

This year numerous clans and dignitaries came together at the Menin Gate to pay Homage to a Clansman.

We marched from the Ypres Hall down main street, towards Menin Gate, behind the Clan Hay Pipe Band. The Last Post was played by buglers at the gate. After, the following exhortation was given by Mary Lamb, President Clan Lamont. *"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old, age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn, at the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them."*

The clans observed the Minute of Silence in memory of the soldiers who fell on the field of honor with banners being lowered as a sign of mourning and respect.

Then each clan laid a wreath of poppies in front of the monument accompanied by the pipe band. The clan representatives were invited to remember their loved ones resting in Belgium and France. For Clan Ramsay:

Lieutenant Charles John Alexander Ramsay Age 33

Captain Stuart Ramsay Age 30

Lieutenant Alexander Ramsay Age 27

Lieutenant Neil Ramsay Age 34

2nd Lieutenant Alexander Ramsay Age 30

The Kohima Epitaph was read by Tom Hye, representative of the Earl of Erroll, High Constable of Scotland: *"When you go home, tell them of us and say, for your tomorrow, we gave our today."* Followed by the playing of, "The Reveille" by buglers.

The clans headed back towards Grote Markt Ypres where the Honor Ceremony was held at the Pub "Les Halles" where representatives of each clan offered a toast to the King and clan leaders.

Lunch was taken at the "Flanders Field Museum Restaurant" on the market square in Ypres, a "vol au vent" with Belgian fries washed down with good beer and wine.



Submitted by
Christian Jamin Ramsay
Commissioner North Europe
Clan Ramsay International

08 November 2025

Our traditional "Tribute to a Brave" commemorating the soldiers who fell during the Battle of Waterloo was held at Hougoumont Castle farm. The sound of bagpipes led the procession of the represented clans to the Hougoumont monument where a speech was presented by Commander Christian Georges Jamin, on surgery during the Napoleonic Wars.

Madame Dorothee Roels, convenor of Clan Hay, presented the exhortation: "After the Battle, Field Marshall Arthur Wellesley, 1st Duke of Wellington's Remarks: I have sustained in my old friends and companions and my poor soldiers. Believe me, nothing except a battle lost can be half so melancholy as a battle won, we will remember them." All participants responded in unison: "We remember them."

Each clan was invited to honor their dead by placing a wreath of poppies at the memorial. A minute of silence was observed followed by the Hay Pipe Band with "Flowers of the Forrest" and "Highland Cathedral".

The sunshine and moderate temperature were ideal for the ceremony. We headed to the "Bivouac de l'Empereur" for an aperitif. The lounge welcomed us with a large and beautiful fireplace.

The evening, marked by a traditional Scottish menu, began with a dinner of haggis, neeps and tatties, and various whiskeys. After the starter of Orkney salmon, wild boar stew and tarte tatin. The culmination was indeed the Quaich ceremony, marking Armen's membership into the clan by his taking the official oath of allegiance to Lord Dalhousie.

Patrick Glowick presented the Quaich to Armen and members, then drank the remaining portion, turned the cup upside down and then pronounced: *"Everything is sealed in our hearts for eternity!"*

The evening continued with a lottery organized by our ladies. The celebration ended late in the evening when bagpipes played the traditional "Auld Lang Syne" as a closing gesture with everyone forming a circle and holding hands. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts to all clan members, guests, and the Hay Pipe Band for this wonderful evening.



Clan Ramsay International 2025 Annual Meeting

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Date: October 18, 2025

Time: 2:00pm - 3:00pm

Location: Stone Mountain Highland Games,
Stone Mountain, GA

Participants: Pam McNeil, President
Mike Ramsey, Vice President
David Ramsey, Treasurer
Kathy Seeley, Assistant Treasurer and
Secretary

Recorder: Kathy Seeley

The Clan Ramsay International Organization annual meeting was called to order Saturday, October 18, 2025 at 2:00 pm EDT during the Stone Mountain Highland Games in Stone Mountain, Georgia.

Agenda:

- Presentation of 2024 annual meeting minutes
- Presentation by Mike Ramsey Discuss DNA Project
- Discussion of budget
- New business
- Choosing location for 2026 annual meeting
- New officer appointments for 2026

Meeting Notes

Presentation of 2024 annual meeting minutes

-Discussion: Minutes were read by Pam McNeil to attendees

-Decisions Made: Motion made to accept notes into record, seconded by attendees

2. Presentation of DNA project

-Discussion: Two kits were available for distribution at Stone Mountain games. Four kits a year will be distributed. Contact Mike Ramsey if there is someone you want to recommend for testing. Discussion of search for most effective DNA testing company in addition to FamilyTree. Also considering 23xMe and Ancestry

-Decisions Made: Research will continue. Please contact David Ramsey, John Ramsey, or Mike Ramsey with questions.

3. Discussion of budget

-Discussion: Annual budget presented to attendees. The clan is operating in a budget deficit but is still well funded. Deficit is likely to continue due to decline in membership and the cost of games attended. There were two requests for scholarships, when David responded with additional questions there was no response, so no scholarships were awarded in 2025. Discussion continued about reducing costs going forward. John Ramsey proposed waiving membership fees for officers. Membership applications are 1,220 applications, about 64 people pay regularly. Carl Bailey volunteered to donate some of his clan regalia for fund-

raising purposes. Another suggestion is to open our newsletter up for ads placed by clan members.

-Action: Motion was made to approve the treasury report. Motion is seconded and report is added to record.

4. New business

-Discussion: Mike Ramsey made suggestion the Clan consider a family membership plan in order to bring in new members. The goal is to bring people into the Clan at a young age so they will continue their membership into adulthood Should fees only be charged for adults with children being free until they reach adulthood?

\$60 per family per year? \$100 per family per year? Gift membership? Referral membership?

-Decisions Made: Discussion will continue on the membership topic. We invite suggestions from the clan, please contact any of the officers with suggestions.

Action: Motion made to continue discussion. Motion seconded.

5. Annual meeting location

-Discussion: Mike Ramsey proposes the committee consider a way to formalize the choice of location for annual meetings. Should members be able to vote on location?

-Decisions Made: For now, the current process will continue, but clan officers will remain open to suggestions to new locations. Research will continue.

-Action: Motion made to continue discussion. Motion seconded.

5. New executive committee members

-Discussion: An executive committee will review nominations for new committee members. Members serve 3 year terms.

-Decisions Made: Nominating committee: John Ramsey, Carl Bailey, and Dick McGraw

-Action: Motion made and seconded.

Respectfully
Submitted
Kathy Seeley
Recorder



Receives Award

It is with immense gratitude that I share the news of receiving a prestigious award from Radio Amateurs of Canada (RAC) in September 2025. As a passionate amateur radio operator, I've long admired RAC's dedication to fostering global connections through the airwaves, a mission that resonates deeply.

This honor recognizes not just my personal logs of QSOs across provinces and beyond, but the countless hours spent bridging distances, from emergency nets to casual chats with fellow hams under the stars. Receiving the beautifully engraved plaque felt like a warm handshake from the Great White North, affirming that our shared frequencies transcend borders.

I'm thrilled RAC invites photos of recipients for The Canadian Amateur. Attached is mine, beaming beside the award—may it inspire others to chase those rare contacts.

Slàinte to all in the hobby!



Submitted by
Stephen Williams
Clan Ramsay International
Colorado State Commissioner

61st Annual Colorado Highland Games

Sedalia, Colorado
27 & 28 September 2025

These games began in 1963, and for many years were held in Highlands Ranch, Colorado and a variety of locations in recent years. With new ideas and leadership at the St. Andrew Society of Colorado, has returned to the original name of the "Colorado Highland Games".

The Colorado Highland Games, for the past three years, has found a home in Sedalia, CO at the spacious and easily accessible grounds of the Denver Polo Club and will continue for, at least, the next five years with a new lease agreement just finalized.

With a curated selection of the very best food and merchandise vendors in the Western US, along with well-known musical artists, both regional and international, the very popular antique car displays, the Parade of Dogs of the British Isles, a solid selection of whiskys in presentation, and the overall "vibe and feel" of the field, I believe THIS festival will become THE premier games in Colorado. The accessibility and affordability of this festival was also demonstrated by the larger-than-expected number of attendees, with many young families, enjoying the weekend.

Of course, the WUSPBA-sanctioned Piping and Drumming competitions were very well attended and in the Highland Athletics world, our very own Drew Olvey received his appointment as Colorado State Athletic Director for Clan Ramsay in recognition of his stellar accomplishments during this year's competition season. You can read more about Drew on page 11 of this newsletter.

Speaking of appointments, as the Colorado Branch of Clan Ramsay has steadily grown, I decided to honor and appoint Matthew Ramsey as Deputy Colorado State Commissioner, Tim Hale as Herald and Historian, Michele Williams as Chatelaine and Historian, and Megan Ramsey as Social Media Manager. Also, in recognition of his many years of service, Wayne Ramsey Premo was presented with an appointment to Colorado State Commissioner Emeritus and Genealogist. These great people continue to be the core of our Colorado presence and we're all ready to expand into Wyoming and New Mexico for the 2026 Season.

The growing number of young people among the Clans in Colorado has been truly a renewal of faith in the future of preservation of our Scottish Heritage and Arts. An example is that of Matthew Ramsey, the younger. He had expressed to his parents an interest in learning the Highland Pipes and, at the age of 9, this was the time to begin. The Colorado Branch of Clan Ramsay provided Matthew with his very first practice chanter and lesson book, along with a hands-on session of beginning technique.

Honestly, pages could be written about how incredible this weekend was, with a true spirit of fun and kinship clearly felt by all. Instead of reading about it, come experience this event in-person and consider making a late-September trip to the Denver metropolitan area in 2026 for the Colorado Highland Games. We can't wait to see you!

Submitted
Yours Aye,
Stephen Williams
Clan Ramsay International
Colorado State Commissioner



Matthew Ramsey

Salado Scottish Gathering

Salado, Texas
7, 8, & 9 November 2025

The 64th Annual Scottish Gathering and Highland Games, was held in Salado TX this year as every year, the weekend before Veteran's Day. This event is presented by the Salado Museum, in old downtown Salado.

Moved to a new venue this year, closer to the actual downtown and near all the local restaurants and activities, the festival was better attended than any of the previous years I have attended.

The only negative to the increase in attendance was that the food vendors were caught off guard and had to scramble to meet demand. That's a good thing if you have seen festivals that can't support the vendors.

The weather Saturday was spectacular for November in Texas. Sunny and mild temperatures brought out the crowds to the games, the pipe band competition, the Highland dance contests, and the Clan Village. There were about 1/3 more clans present this gathering over previous years, and the Clan Ramsay tent benefitted from the increased traffic with more visitors than ever before. There are many more Ramsay/Ramsey surname families in the Central Texas region than I imagined.

Sunday threatened to bring colder temperatures and likely high winds and rain, but in the end, the weather held up for us and the festival ended without any hardship.

Salado is the oldest Scottish festival in Texas, and I highly recommend visiting next year if you are within driving distance. Salado is between Killeen/Temple and Austin, and easy to get to from anywhere in Central Texas.

We'll be back next year, and if you can join us, be sure and wear some Ramsay tartan and march with us in the Clan parade on Saturday.



Visitors to the Ramsay Tent: The Bunker Family

Submitted by
Mike Ramsey
Vice President
Clan Ramsay International
Texas Commissioner

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Mid-Tennessee Games

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Sanders Ferry Park
Hendersonville, Tennessee
6 & 7 September 2025

On the weekend of September 6 and 7 we came together for the Middle Tennessee Highland Games and Celtic Festival. Despite the rain on Saturday there was a great turnout for the games.

On Sunday when the weather was nice our very own Annick Hooberry, representing Clan Ramsay, won the haggis toss setting a record for the Mid Tennessee games allowing her the opportunity to judge the Most Bonnie Knees Contest.

A great time was had by all, and we can't wait until next year.

Submitted
Laurie Karr
Clan Ramsay International
Middle Tennessee Commissioner



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NEWSLETTER OF CLAN RAMSAY INTERNATIONAL, INC.

"The paradox of DNA:

you are similar to everyone who has ever lived,
but there has never been, nor ever will be, anyone exactly
like you."

DNA test results update from last quarter:

Tom Ramsey of Georgia added the Family Finder autosomal DNA test to his account at Family Tree DNA. He found a match in Mike Ramsey from Australia, and Mike submitted his own Y-DNA test. They have confirmed genetically what they already had discussed; they share a Great Grandfather. Two continents apart, but the same family.

I have been concentrating on finding living Ramsay/Ramsey males in Scotland and Canada, as many of our members have records of ancestors coming from those countries into the US.

David Thomas Ramsay, who lives in Lanarkshire Scotland, is one I was able to persuade to test, and he is now known to be among the common R haplogroup. While he does not have a large number of matches at the 37 marker level, we anticipate learning more about his line as more test results come in.

One of the Canadians who was found to match several current members, is Robert Leonard Ramsay of Manitoba. Robert first appeared as an autosomal match to John Clifford Ramsay and Donald W Ramsay.

Interestingly, with Y-DNA, John is J haplogroup and Don is E haplogroup. This would indicate that Robert's autosomal match must be through a wife or daughter of a male Ramsay/Ramsey, of a different paternal line than either John or Don. Robert has submitted his own Y-DNA sample, and we should have more clarity on his relationship to the other two soon.

Robert's cousin Linda Masinda has fairly extensive documentation of their line from Scotland to Canada and to Texas. What makes Robert's Y-DNA even more interesting, is that their family tree indicates common descendants to several Ramsay families in Texas, who are tested to be of a completely different E haplogroup than John. When Robert's Y-DNA results come in, we will learn quite a bit.

I have also discovered another multiple kit match in autosomal DNA with a person named Kelly Ramsay. She matches not only my own DNA, but that of Don, John, and David.

These matches are very perplexing and I will be contacting Kelly to see what we can figure out. More on these questions next quarter.

If you are a living male Ramsay/Ramsey, or a female member with a living brother/father/cousin who is in your direct Ramsay or Ramsey paternal line, we give away a free Y-DNA sample kit each quarter to the best candidate who appears to help the most other members



with their genealogical research. Send your suggestions for candidates to snsnike@prodigy.net.

If you have not joined the Ramsay/Ramsey DNA group on Facebook, here is the link.

[Ramsay-Ramsey DNA | Facebook](#)

Not specifically DNA related, but my wife Sharon Palkowetz set up a Discord server for Clan Ramsay. If you are interested in discussion boards about any Ramsay related subject, click to join.

<https://discord.gg/4Pk2chqb>

There is a DNA channel, as well as others related to festivals, and just general subjects.

We are also planning to create a channel where members can buy/sell/trade items such as kilts or other related items.

Merry Christmas



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**Submitted by
Mike Ramsey
Vice President
Clan Ramsay International
Texas Commissioner**

2026 SCHEDULE

**Central Florida Scottish
Highland Games**
January 17th & 18th 2026
Central Winds Park
Winter Springs, Florida
www.flascot.com
David F. Ramsey

Sherman Celtic Festival
March 21st & 22nd, 2026
Pecan Grove Park-West
Sherman, Texas
www.shermancelticfest.com
Mike Ramsey

**Fargo-Moorhead Celtic
Festival**
March 2026
Hjemkomst Center
Moorhead, Minnesota
www.cityofmoorhead.com
Lois Becker

Drew Olvey Competes



Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
8 & 9 November 2025

We recently had the opportunity to meet our daughter and her husband, Drew Olvey, in Oklahoma City for the Heart of America Scottish Athletes Invitational games which were held as part of the Oklahoma City Highland Games at the Oklahoma City Fairgrounds.

Drew has been active in the games for two seasons now and has gone from Class C to Class A amateur in that short time. To be invited to this event was a big deal for him. The Class A competition was stiff to say the least with class champions going against all other competitors. I'm proud to say that he placed 5th in a very strong field.

Drew competes in Colorado and surrounding states with the Rocky Mountain Scottish Athletes wearing the Ramsey blue. He has also recently been appointed as the Clan Ramsey Colorado athletic director.

Stephen Williams, Colorado Commissioner for Clan Ramsey International is quoted, "Drew Olvey is an athletic bada— and a genuinely good guy to boot! He's the Aquatic Director for the YMCA of the Pikes Peak Region and we "appointed" him Colorado State Highland Athletic Director for Clan Ramsay (in Colorado). Ceremonial, but we wanted to recognize his accomplishments!"

Submitted by
Larry Ramsey

*Happy
Christmas*



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