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Here is the BIG news for this year:

The QUARTERMASTER/NORTHWEST REGION COMMISSIONER & IS TO MAKE THE "BIG RIDE"

The American Lung Association of Washington (state) is hosting a "Big Ride Across America" bicycle trek this summer between June 26 and August 12, 2006. The ride will start from Seattle, Washington and terminate in the nation's Capitol, Washington, D.C., some 3300 miles. James Kleparek, Clan Little Society NA Quartermaster & Commissioner for the Northwest Region, has volunteered his time and riding talents to help raise money toward the many Lung Association projects.

"You might be wondering why I am sacrificing much of my free time and all of my summer vacation to do this journey," says James. "Why would I want to ride on a rock hard bicycle seat across two mountain ranges in the stifling summer heat, sleep in a tent wait in line for the porta potty, and eat oatmeal for breakfast every morning? One reason is in honor and memory of my father who died of emphysema and my sister who died of lung cancer. But also it's about the millions of people who are currently suffering from asthma, chronic bronchitis, and other debilitating lung diseases."

James will be among more than 40 participants from across the nation, each of whom will have raised at least \$5500 for the American Lung Association of Washington. "I have set a personal fund-raising goal of \$8000 by May 1" says James.

If you would like to take part in helping support the American Lung Association programs please consider contributing via the following web page site: www.bigride.org and click on "Across America." Click on "Sponsor a Big Rider 2006" and then click on James Kleparek from the list of participants, you can contribute any amount you feel comfortable with and it is entirely tax deductible. If you do not feel comfortable contributing over the Internet then you can make a

check payable to ALA and send it to the address below. You will get a receipt either way. This is a member whose effort deserves our support!

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DREW LITTLE AT SEA



The Hawaiian Chieftain under sale

In the last Reiver we reported on Drew Little's season aboard the Schooner Adventuress. Since then he and others flew to the East coast where they picked up the Tall Ship, Hawaiian Chieftain,

and are sailing it South down the East Coast, through the Panama Canal and up the West Coast to join the Tall Ship Lady Washington, another ship in the fleet of Grays Harbor Historical Seaport Authority.



Passing through the Panama Canal

DREW LITTLE AT SEA, CONTINUED

After three months they are now in Southern California and have joined the Lady Washington. The two ships will continue up the West coast together calling at various ports, conducting education classes at each port of call. They will arrive at their home port of Grays Harbor Washington in June 2006.



Lady Washington in Sacramento California



Victoria Poling a crew-member and Education Director, stands by the gangway of the Lady Washington, to welcome us aboard.

MORE ABOUT OTHER LITTLES AT SEA

The following two articles were provided by our Genealogist, Pat Maddox:

George Little was born 10 April 1754 in Marshfield, Mass., George Little was appointed first lieutenant of the Massachusetts ship Protector in 1779, and was aboard in 1781 when she fought a running battle with the British ship Thames. In a later engagement he was captured, imprisoned, but later escaped. He was given command of Massachusetts ship Winthrop which captured two British privateers, armed brig Meriam, and a number of other vessels. Commissioned captain, USN, 4 March 1799, Little was given command of frigate Boston. He culminated a brilliant fighting career during the quasi-war with France by capturing Le Berceau and seven

other ships. Little died at Weymouth, Mass. 22 July 1809.

The warship Little (DD-79) The keel was laid down by Fore River Shipbuilding Corp., Quincy, Mass., 18 June 1917; launched 11 November 1917; sponsored by Mrs. Samuel W. Wakeman; and commissioned 6 April 1918, Comdr. Joseph K. Taussig in command. The warship Little departed Norfolk 5 May 1918 for convoy escort duty with Patrol Force, Coast of France, and operated from Brest until she sailed for home 26 December. During this period she escorted President Woodrow Wilson's party to the Continent to attend the Paris Peace Conference. The ship continued in service operating along the Atlantic coast until returning to Philadelphia and decommissioning 5 July 1922. (3 months after Dr. Johnnie and Ross A. Little were born)

The warship Little was converted to a high-speed transport, and re-designated ADP-4, 2 August 1940, and re-commissioned 4 November 1940, Lt. Comdr. K. Earl in command. She sailed for the Caribbean in February 1941 for maneuvers with the Atlantic Fleet, and then steamed to San Diego where she arrived 9 March for amphibious training. The ship returned to the east coast in late summer, and arrived Norfolk 1 December for dry-docking repairs and alterations. She then sailed many miles and participated in many battles in the Pacific.

The warship Little while on patrol near Salvo Island was sunk by Japanese warships along with 3 other ships on September 5 1942. Fleet Adm. Chester W. Nimitz paid sincere tribute to these gallant ships: "With little means, the ships performed duties vital to the success of the campaign." The warship Little received two battle stars for World War II service.

MILWAUKEE COMMISSIONER REPORTS

I just wanted you to know how much fun it was having a tent at our Highland Games! We learned a lot. For my first year doing this I had only 4 people sign my guest book and who wanted further information but didn't want to join just yet. Some had the name Little in their family from Great Grandma's and Grandpa's. I did have someone ask if they had to be a Little in Blood to become a member? One was Italian and the other person was German Descent but neither one of them are Scottish but they want to be part of something. They both said they have done some research on other clans and some won't let anyone in that doesn't have the name in their family. And they are doing research on other clans to see what clans are all about. What is our Clan's policy on membership? **Answer:** *Clan Little Society NA is open to ANYONE who has an interest in Scottish Lore.*

**MILWAUKEE COMMISSIONER REPORTS
CONTINUED**

The last day when ESPN was there and I hope all of you got to see the clips from that, as our tent was shown and you could see our tent the whole time that the anchor was talking; we were the tent behind his left shoulder. I can't even express how much fun that whole weekend was. Aye! Laurie & Troy Brooks, Wisconsin



A FRIENDLY REMINDER

Clan Little Society North America
Membership Renewal
Due June 15, 2006
PAY EARLY to AVOID THE RUSH

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____

State & Zip Code: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Home: _____

Work: _____

Email: _____

Membership Renewal \$ 20.00 []

Lifetime Membership \$300.00 []

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Make check payable to: **Clan Little Society NA**

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PLEASE include comments and **news items & photos!**

WAR GAMES BECOME ATHLETIC EVENTS

Oral tradition holds that some version of the Highland Games has been in existence since the dawn of Christianity. In those days the Gatherings were essentially "war games" designed to select the best warriors in each clan.

The 11th century saw the first organized Highland Games in Scotland that were designated as a sporting event. It was during the reign of King Malcolm III, called Canmore, (1058-93) that a fairly flat meadowland, the Braes O'Mar along the River Dee near the castle of Kindachit, was used for a royal contest to find the swiftest runners in the kingdom -fast enough stamina to carry Malcolm's message across the land.

Highland Games were held annually throughout Scotland until the battle of Culloden in 1746. After Bonnie Prince Charles Stuart's defeat by the English, the Act of Proscription banned the "playing of the bagpipe, the wearing of the kilt, the gathering together of the people, and the carrying of arms " under penalty of deportation or death. This effectively wiped out a good part of the Highland culture.

In the latter part of the 18th century (after lifting of the Proscription), Highland Societies began forming and in 1781 the first Society Gathering was held at Falkirk. The success of the Gathering led to the Gatherings and Games as we know them today. In 1819 the St. Eilian's Society conducted a full-scale Games. By the end of the 1820s Games were held all over Scotland, being almost identical to those held today. Modern Games began, again at Braemar in 1917. This sporting event has evolved into the structured Games we know.

In the United States, the first Highland Games were organized by the Highland Society of New York in the mid-1800s. At least four Caledonian Societies were sponsoring Games in this country before the Civil War.

CABER TOSS The Caber used in our games is from 15 to 19 feet and weigh from 90 to 135 pounds. To toss the Caber the competitor is assisted in setting it upright with the tapered end resting on the ground. The Caber tosser then lifts it up, balances it in a vertical position with his hands underneath and the Caber resting against his shoulder. Keeping it balanced, he runs as far as he wants to build up speed, and momentum. When he stops

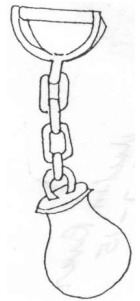


Caber Toss

to heave, imagine that he is at the bottom of a clock at 6 o'clock. Using strength, balance, timing, speed, and the force of the Caber, the tosser tries to throw it end over end so that the tapered end he had in his hands will land straight ahead at the 12 o'clock position for a perfect score. If the Caber falls off to the right or left, points are deducted. The Caber must fall between 9 o'clock and 3 o'clock positions to earn any points at all. Three attempts are allowed and the best toss decides the winner. In the event of a tie the judges may give the tied competitors an extra throw or they may use their second best throws to break the tie. For those competitors who fail to turn the Caber, a side judge is used to gauge how close they come to turning it and this will be used to determine their finishing position. This is particularly important to earning points in the overall competition.

28 Ib. and 56 Ib. WEIGHT FOR DISTANCE

The weights are of metal with a chain and ring handle attached. Total weight is 28 lbs. or 56lbs. and the overall length in both implements is 18". The weight is thrown one handed from behind the same trig (mark) used in *Putting the Stone* but with a 9'-0 run up allowed. Any style may be used but the most efficient is to spin like a discus thrower. Touching the top of the trig or any part of the ground beyond the trig. shall be a foul throw, whether the weight has been thrown or not. The competitor must be standing after throwing the weight. Number of throws and measurements same as for stone putts.



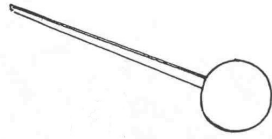
PUTTING THE STONE .

Putting the Stone is derived from the ancient clan ritual. Each chieftain's "stone of strength" was situated at the entrance gate of his castle. Before entry was granted, every visiting clansman was obliged to test his strength by throwing it to a distance. This may have been to insure the guests could defend the castle if besieged. This event is similar to the Regular Style except that a 26 lb. stone is used and no run up is allowed. The number of attempts, measurements and fouls are all exactly the same as the Regular Style.



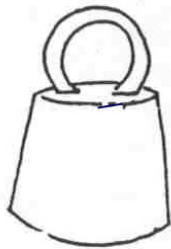
SCOTTISH HAMMER

The Hammer Head is round and made of metal and the handle is made of cane. The overall length is 50" and it is either 16 lb (Light Hammer) or 22 lbs. (Heavy Hammer). The hammer is thrown from a standing position with the thrower facing away from the throwing area. He usually takes the hammer three times around his head making sure his feet are firmly planted on the ground as under the Scottish rules, his feet must not move until after he releases the hammer. Number of throws, measurements and foul rules the same as the weights for distance.



56 lb. WEIGHT FOR HEIGHT

The weight for height is a block or ball weight to which a ring handle is attached. It has a total weight of 56 lb. and the objective is to throw it up and over a bar similar to that used in a pole vault. The competitor is only allowed to use one hand. The starting height of the competition is the lowest height requested by the competitors. A competitor may pass until the bar reaches the height he wants to enter the competition. Once he starts to throw he must compete each time the bar is raised. Each competitor is allowed 3 attempts to clear the bar at each height. If the weight touches the bar on its way over but does not dislodge the bar, then this is considered a successful throw. If two or more competitors fail at the same height then the one with fewer misses at the previous height is considered the better finisher. All measurements are made from the ground to the top of the bar at a point midway between the uprights. Before a record attempt is made the judges will verify the height of the bar.



TARTAN

Official Tartan for Clan Little Society NA is the JC Little of Morton Rig Tartan

Tartan cloth is not readily available on the open market, therefore, in order to provide tartan for members, the Society has, for several years, contacted the woolen mills and paid for a supply of both 10-oz and 13-oz tartan yardage. The Society's tartan is managed by Phyllis M.J. Little. From this tartan yardage various items are made by skilled seamstresses. Some of the tartan yardage and some of

the items made from the JC Little tartan are carried in our stock. Items which are not in our stock are warehoused for us at the Scottish Weavers. All tartan and items made from the tartan must be ordered through the Society's Tartan Supplier listed on the Tartan Order form. For those items not in our stock, we contact the warehouse and have them shipped out, generally all orders are filled the day the request comes in. The Tartan Order Form lists the price of the yardage and ready made items normally carried. There are, many other items available upon request and we now have a kilt maker that we recommend who will make kilts from our yardage.

Special Order Items made from JC Little of Morton Rig Tartan are available upon request. Please call for information and prices.

SHAWL 54. X 51. Fringed on 4 sides

CUMMERBUND

PILLOW 14 X 14 c/w zipper

PILLOW 18 X 18 X 18 c/w zipper

PILLOW 13X 18 c/w zipper

POCKETBOOK with leather trim & handles

VISOR

CAP with Tartan on crown & Velcro Adjust strap

CAP with Tartan bill & Velcro Adjust strap

KILT - formal "8" yard kilt

KILT - casual "4" yard kilt

LADY'S PLEATED SKIRT

TREWS

PIPER'S PLAID

DRUMMER'S PLAID, belted

FLY PLAID 40 X 40" with plain fringe

FLY PLAID 40 x 40" with purled fringe

Examples of three items from JC Little tartan



Standard Necktie



Sash



Rosette

CLAN LITTLE SOCIETY NORTH AMERICA

JC Little tartan yardage material and hand made items from the JC Little tartan.

TARTAN ORDER FORM

ITEM	COST	Quantity	Value
Yardage 10-oz	\$38.00	_____	_____
Yardage 13-oz	\$48.00	_____	_____
Sash 11 x 89	\$34.00	_____	_____
Scarf 11 x 56	\$24.00	_____	_____
Stole 17 x 69	\$44.00	_____	_____
Shawl 51 x 54	\$74.00	_____	_____
Necktie, Standard	\$25.00	_____	_____
Bow tie, Clip on	\$15.00	_____	_____
Rosette	\$10.00	_____	_____
Shipping & Handling Charge:			
Tartan Yardage 1 to 3 Yd. Add \$4.00			_____
4 + Yards Add \$8.00			_____
For items listed here add	\$1.00		_____
<i>Please send US funds only.</i>			
TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED			_____

Make Checks parable to **Clan Little Society NA**

Send your check and the completed order form to:

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Tel. (916) 446-3909

Ship items to:

Name _____
Address _____
City _____
State & Zip ____ | _____ | _____
Telephone # _____

TOF File:06-02-1 Tartan

PLEASE NOTE:

We have had to increase the price of Shipping and Handling as we were falling behind or the tartan Supplier paid out of pocket.