



# KROSS KURRENTS

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## Chief Scout Interview

by Iain B. O'Niell

What do you think about Blair Atholl this year compared to previous years?

Well I've only just arrived but I think of Blair Atholl like a Mercedes car. You always know to expect the same quality in every car and Blair Atholl is just like that – you know that what's here will be excellent.

Why do you think Blair Atholl is such a special camp?

Blair Atholl is so special as it uses the past to make the present and future better. It has its own special traditions and encourages friendships through its excellent activities.

What's it like to be the Chief Scout?

Being the Chief Scout is a very special honour as I get to meet special people in interesting places. And by special I don't mean important, I mean ordinary young people like you in extraordinary places like Blair Atholl.



### Warning: Geese

Blair Atholl: the biggest scouting event in Scotland, but now one of the most dangerous places to be, at the moment. Yes, that's right: the camp has been overrun with geese.

These deadly killers have been sneaking about (unsuccessfully, I might add) and sniping at sub-camp Uncles. Bruce McLaren is apparently a prime target although his lack of altitude makes him hard to find. Robert Hair, one of the more unfortunate victims is suspected as being under their evil influence.

Several sightings of these mischievous things have been reported already and if you happen to spot one, run. Be safe people, and prey they don't take you alive.

*Written, made-up, designed and typed by Jamie (no last name, in case Robert Hair comes after me) Morrison Sub-camp*



**A hot night !**  
 Interview with Uncle Patrick of MacDonald Subcamp  
 Q: What is your personal impression of the international presentations?  
 A: It was a good mixture - music, dancing games  
 Q: Was it hard to motivate the scouts?  
 A: It was at the beginning but by the time they got up on stage their shyness was blown away!  
 Q: What do you think - how was the atmosphere of the audience?  
 A: The atmosphere wasn't great at the beginning but became more relaxed throughout the evening  
 Q: What did you like best?  
 A: The Swiss group, although probably all tried hard and made a great effort. The Austrians dancing was good, my dancing too!!!!  
 Swiss team: Timon M., Andrea R., Claudia S., Marc W., Aleksandra D.

Backwoods Cooking

- Sie waren gerade an einem Haenchen essen, welches sie mit Gemuese zusammen gegrillt haben  
 - Einer der zwei Leiter fand das Poulet richtig gut, empfand es fuer schoen und phantastisch!!  
 - Damit die neun Jugendliche und zwei Leiter genuegend zu essen hatten, mussten sie etwa 2 Std. ihr Haenchen vorbereiten und grillire.  
 - Was mich erstaunt hat war, dass ich nur Jungs gesehen habe und als ich sie fragte wie ihnen es geschmeckt hatte gaben sie mir zur Antwort: „sehr,sehr gut“!!  
 - Ich muss sagen, es war nicht schlecht, das Gemuese auf jedenfall!!!



Backwoods Cooking

They were eating chicken, which they just had barbecued with vegetables. The whole group was satisfied with what they prepared. In order to get the food ready to eat the whole group was involved in 2 hours of preparing and cooking. Almost unbelievable was that only boys were involved in the activity, and they even enjoyed what they did!

**Kross Current Kadets  
 Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> & Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>**

Morrison Sub-camp - Tuesday  
 Iain O'Neill, Isabella Mobjerg, Colin Smith, John O'Daueff, Colin Gray, Jamie Mackinnon, Christopher Neinhoff, Felise Tenanberg, Andrea Riedel, Claudia Sigg, Timon Mojer, Aleksandra, Marc Waller

Murray Sub-camp - Wednesday  
 Jan Frederick DeMuijnck-Hugher, Stuart Preston, Bany Duffin, Chong Le, Kirsty Mook, Christine Vines, Chong Hong Chiu, Kaureen Holmes, Claire Loughrey, Eilidh MacDonald, Sean Lanagan

**Keltic Konnections**  
 Activity leader, Tom Fernie celebrated his 51<sup>st</sup> birthday in an unusual way, by spilling 6 litres of white satin finish paint in the back of his new car! He was later seen to be overcome with emulsion!! The pristine condition of his vehicle, will hopefully be maintained by the cleaners in Perth. Thankfully Tom managed to save most of the paint and the Kross on the hillside is gleaming once again.

**Elvis Slaps Evil Uncle**



While the nice, quiet and gentle scouts of Greenock were having a relaxing morning by a loch fishing, a small fish called Elvis had the unfortunate fate of biting a piece of sweetcorn with a hook in it (which was thrown in by Mark Sinnamon). Elvis was then transported to Murray Subcamp by the Greenock's finest looking boys (any offers please direct them to Murray subcamp). Then Elvis started a mad slapping spree, he first attacked Uncy Duncy (who deserved it), he then attacked defenceless Aunty Mo and finally viciously attacked "The evil Uncle" Robert. This is dedicated to Liam (chuffy).  
 By Chris, Mark, Chris, Stevo, Chris, Tom. R.I.P Elvis!

**Morrison's Uncle Robert**

*How many times have you been to BA?*  
 A few, to say the least, 7 at Morrison and 5 at reception  
*Was there a 'best year' ?, which was it?*  
 1994 Flintstone theme, a Fred Flintstone car, was hijacked?!  
 Also the weather was good!  
*What is your best remembered moment at BA?*  
 Meeting old and new friends.  
*Were you in beavers ?*  
 Cubs, there was no beavers ...  
 (How old is he again?)  
 43years of scouting  
*Any ambitions of one day becoming Camp Chief?*  
 No!, (He said it like it was a reflex!) - It is too stressful and tiring.  
 Colin Smith and John O'Donell, Morrison

**Sunday in Subcamp Robertson**

Der Tag fing damit an, dass wir 2 Stunden laenger ausschlafen durften. Wir standen erst um 9.30 auf. Somit verschob sich auch das Flagbreak auf 10.30. Die Inspektion fiel aus und wir konnten uns endlich waschen.

Um 11.00 machte sich das ganze Camp auf den Weg zum Blair Castle um dort Lieder zu singen. Danach gingen wir wieder zum Camp, wo uns Uncle Fraser ein leckeres Mittagessen spendierte.

Um 13.30 fingen die National Games an, wo jedes Land ein bekanntes Spiel vorstellte. Dies war leider nicht jedermanns Geschmack und einige Scouts verkrumelten sich irgendwo. Danach gab es im Camp noch ein BBQ, welches von den Leitern vorbereitet wurde.

Am Abend fand im Kross ein Event statt: "Ceilidh in the Kross". Hierbei konnte man Schottische Taaenze lernen.

Allgemein kann man sagen, dass der Tag allen gefallen hat, da ausnahmsweise auch das Wetter mitgespielt hat.  
*Andre Ragnar Hendri (Robertson)*

 Birthdays 24 July

 Till Sieker- MacDonald  
Miranda Weermink MacDonald



**Interview With Uncle George**

On the 23 of July Uncle George was harassed by a couple of nosey reporters trying to get information out of him. Luckily they were successful and this was the information extracted from him.

They started off by asking for his full name and he replied George Peter Walker.

His role at the MacDonald subcamp is "to take the blame for the very rare mistakes of Auntie Jackie".

George's favourite camp within MacDonald is all of them but, his favourite one will be the first to buy him a bag of chips from the local chippie.

When asked if he thinks the girls in Macdonald were hot he said "No comment! Although it does depend on whether or not Auntie Jackie has her curlers.

He was asked why he was the only person who sings in the morning and he said it's just his character and he added that he likes to sing and for some very suspicious reason likes to try on girls clothes.

Colin Murray and Darren Illingworth, MacDonald

		Camp Pennant
<b>Saturday</b>	MacLean MacDonald Morrison Stewart Robertson Murray	Lanarkshire/USA North Florida Forth Valley/Canada North Ireland/Canada- <b>Camp Chief's Pennant</b> Fife/USA Connecticut Banff and Buchan/Gemany Mettingen Renfrew & Invercyde/USA Hiawatha
<b>Sunday</b>	MacLean MacDonald Morrison Stewart Robertson Murray	Glasgow/Japan - <b>Camp Chief's Pennant</b> Glasgow/Austria K. & Deeside Norway Fife/USA Connecticut Dumfries/South Africa Lochaber/Netherlands
<b>Monday</b>	MacLean MacDonald Morrison Stewart Robertson Murray	Angus/Russia Forth Valley/Canada - <b>Camp Chief's Pennant</b> Forth Valley/USA (Monterey Bay) Angus/Gibraltar Dumfries/South Africa Fife/Japan
<b>Tuesday</b>	MacLean MacDonald Morrison Stewart Robertson Murray	Gordon/Austria - <b>Camp Chief's Pennant</b> Glasgow/Austria Angus/Gemany(Mettingen) Fife/USA Connecticut Forth Valley/Denmark Lochaber/Netherlands
<b>Wednesday</b>	Murray Robertson Stewart Morrison MacDonald MacLean	Forth Valley/Canada Dumfries/South Africa Fife/USA Connecticut Kin. & Dee /Norway- <b>Camp Chief's Pennant</b> Glasgow/Austria Perth & Kinross/USA

**Wake Up Calls** 

We interviewed some of the subcamp staff to find out exactly what methods are used to wake up the scouts. Here are our results....

**Murray**- At exactly 7.30 every morning, Murray staff are seen to be running round the subcamp squirting people with water pistols, banging dices and shouting wierd comments. This explains why Murray subcamp is so muddy!!

**Robertson**- Robertson staff claim that they have all the tents in the subcamp wired up so they can send bolts through the sleeping bags. If this fails, they wait till the other subcamps get noisy and let them wake the scouts up. Lazy sods!!

**Stewart**- Stewart are very efficient, they not only wake their own scouts up, but get the rest of the scouts awake to with their own personal symphony orchestra. If this fails, they open the doors and let sun or rain wake them up!

**Morrison**- Morrison try the polite "get up please" act, but when this fails (as it obviously does), they find a hiking boot comes in very useful!

**MacDonald**- The famous bell, everyone knows about it, and not because it is very loud, but cos it leads a very interesting social life! Plan B involves cold water, need I say more?

**MacLean**- Apparently the MacLean cousins say that the uncles and aunties are doing strip shows outside the tent, this either makes the scouts laugh so much they need the toilet, or it scares them out of their beds.

So there you go, doesn't this just prove how nasty the staff are. Plans are underway to get up earlier and wake the staff up our way!!

### INTERNATIONAL NIGHT

Interview: Uncle Patrick (McDonald)

Q: was ist dein persönlicher Eindruck zu den internationalen Darstellungen?

A: es war eine gute Mischung aus verschiedenen Arten: Music, Tanz und Spiel abwechselnd ruhig und weniger ruhig

Q: war es schwer deine Scouts zu motivieren?

A: am Anfang brauchte es schon eine Autoritätsperson die sich gut durchsetzen kann, ich musste auch ein bisschen rennen aber nach dem Auftritt im Kross waren die Gaze hemschwellen wie weg geblasen.

Q: was meinst du, wie war die Stimmung im Publikum?

A: am Anfang war eine ziemlich verklemmte Aura zu spüren doch die Leute liessen sich immer mehr gehen.

Q: gab es Kravalle, oder irgend eine Form von Vandalismus?

A: Nein, alles verlief relativ ruhig, nachdem die Polizei eingetreten war.

Q: was hat dir besonders gut gefallen?

A: die Schweizer, aber alle haben sich sicherlich Mühe gegeben, es war gut gemischt Die Oesterreicher haben gut getanzt, ich auch!

*Swiss team: timon m., cordrea r., claudia s., marc w., adeks cordra d.*

### **T. David Creston Morrison Uncle**

Favorite band - Creed (USA)

Traditional Scottish music he prefers - He likes the Bagpipes

Pop music - He doesn't like it!

Rock/punk - New found glory Anorasmith

Scottish dancing is a lot different to the dancing in the USA but David enjoys it.

David is a bit of a stud, he was dancing with lots of girls on Sunday night.

A part from my wonderful self!

*Susan Vines*

### Atholl Experience

The object of this activity is to get as WET and as MUDDY as you can! On the trail our group started at the monkey saving. There are four monkeys and three poles and a length of rope to rescue the monkeys from the pit.

Next was the slide to the assault course. The leader put water down, then our PL went down head first, he came up aching but went down again. When you go down it feels like sandpaper rubbing your butt.

Then the assault course and it was hard as our shoes were wet and muddy. You first walked across some ropes and some of us did the splits! Next was the cargo net, you had to do a forward roll to get on as well as jumping.

Then you rolled from the last cargo net and into a tube which was very slippery. After that you had to roll into a big mud puddle.

Then it was the bungee run where you got strapped into a bungee rope and ran through a puddle and put some coconuts into some tires. You got 1 point for throwing it into the first tire and 2 points for the furthest away tire. I advise you to jump into the puddle for the thrill of it.

Up next was the blind fold trail! You've got your eyes covered up by a dirty towel and followed some rope. You went over, under, and manoeuvred around trees, logs, branches and bushes. After that you slide down a slippery rope then up into the tunnel. You had to get on your belly to crawl through a muddy burn to the end.

Last of all was the second assault course. You did a press up in a muddy puddle and then crawled through the muddy tarpaulins, over some logs, across a rope, through a spider's web and then climbed up a tree to come down it again.

We then ran back to the start and waited on a lifeguard so that we could go and wash off in the river. Then we all disappeared into our sub-camps.

**By Nial Henderson and Tyler Bolinger,  
Dumfriesshire and Texas, USA**



### **Back in the U.S.A. and THANKS!**

The weather is very hot in the southern part on the U.S., in Texas the highs have hit in the 100 F and higher!!! The coast in California is sunny and has a bit of rain near San Jose. The rest of the weather is having hotter summers than usual in the northern parts of the States. So everyone from the States is happy to be here in the cool weather of Scotland. All of us from the States give a big thanks to the Scout leaders that brought them here and showed them one of the best times of their life in Blair Atholl. Eleven contingents came from the U.S. those including: Texas, New York, Pennsylvania, California, Florida and six others spread upon the 6 subcamps.

**James "Tinker"**

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## AUNTIE FREEZE

**Dear Auntie Freeze,**

I have a girlfriend at home that I love very much. Nevertheless, I had a short thing with someone in Camp. I feel so bad now. What should I do?

*Riccy*

**Dear Riccy,**

Is it a short girl or a short affair? Why do you feel bad? Is the camp girl better and don't you want to see your girlfriend? Or was the affair not good?

Well I suggest you find out why you feel bad and make sure that you learn your lesson. (The world keeps on turning)

*Auntie Freeze*

**Dear Auntie Freeze,**

I have seen this gorgeous hunk by the pool in the staff club. I think his name is Baldrick but I am too shy to speak to him. What should I do?

*Pat, MacLean Subcamp*

**Dear Pat,**

Stick to Uncle Bruce, your PL!

*Auntie Freeze*

### Attack of the (Trousers) Gnomes!!

We are sorry to inform you that gnomes have been sighted stealing various types of underwear! Suspicions were aroused when kilt socks went missing from the Aberdeen (MacLean) patrol tent. The socks turned up, but that doesn't mean that the gnomes weren't involved as boxers and 5 pairs of socks have since gone missing from that tent alone! (The state of cleanliness and mess...honestly). We have heard rumours that other underwear has gone missing. If this has happened to you, we need you to report it to us now!!! These evil trouser stealing gnomes must be stopped. Don't let them get away with it!!

**Andrew Hunter  
MacLean Subcamp**

## R.I.P. Pinky

On the holy day, the Sabbath day, a rabbit was found dead in the Fife/ Japan wet pit in Murray sub-camp. The rabbit was given a name so such a funeral could take place. The name Pinky was forwarded by Mark Sneddon from Stewart sub-camp also a dear and most caring friend of the rabbit for the 3 months of his life. The funeral took place behind the store tent of Fife/ Japan.

### **Favourite staff member from Murray Subcamp**

A vote was taken and it was found that Auntie Mo and (uncle) Andrew (10 years old!) are the favourite members of staff from Murray subcamp. The vote also proves that Duncan and Liam are the least liked staff of Murray subcamp (Only 'cos they are never out their beds! - Ed.)

Anon. (Coward! - Ed.)