

# Kross Kurrents

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Camp Chief Pennant Winners:  
Banff & Buchan/Austria (Stewart)

Christmas Edition! A Merry Xmas from the KK team!

## International Showcase Lights Up the Staff Club

A full slate of brilliant performers was on tap Monday night for the International Showcase at the Staff Club. First to start of the night were the Pipers Ryan and Neil Murray who played their Bag-pipes absolutely brilliantly. Then Scottish Country Dancers from Perth and Kinross danced the night away! Norway was up for some singing. They sang three songs to guitar accompaniment which they sang with pride. Austria and Denmark did some dances for the crowd. Both these dances had everyone's toes tappin' and hands clappin'. The next to perform were singers from Eire and then Hong Kong with a Recorder Recital. The Pacific Explorers from Canada performed to a Rocky Horror Show classic, "Let's Do the Time Warp Again." After that came another great song from Russia. Poland made an appearance next with a traditional folk dance performed to a haunting melody. They were also great. Next up was Scotland with their piper doing the Highland Fling which again got everyone's hands going. The Connecticut contingent from the USA played several tunes on their boomwackers. beginning with "Scotland the Brave." They played several songs before Japan came to life with a dance from Iwate. Last, but certainly not least, was the team from Gibraltar dancing to "La Bomba." As their grand finale, the staff was asked to join them on stage for one more round of bumps and grinds,. Even Camp Chief John Kennedy got into the act. It was a rousing end to the evening. Auntie Anne and all the staff would like to say a **big** thank you to them all.



Jordan Harkins, MacLean, Scotland

## Croak DJ

It was a night of disappointment and despair for Maclean sub-camp's Rory Curran as he missed his 5 minutes of fame and glory – all for a glass of apple juice! Earlier in the evening, Rory had confronted his friends about singing a song in the X-factor show at the Kross. This suggestion was approved by all, despite Rory's choice of song – Barbie Girl! Rory however did have an explanation for this choice as his croaky voice suited the voices throughout the song and the rest of the boys agreed that it would be rather funny. After hours of hard work and practice for our big event, Rory's night began to go downhill. We were told that we couldn't sing the song because they didn't have the music. This was a big blow for Rory's chances of stealing the limelight. After this set-back, Rory, Camy and Liam headed for the Kross to watch the action. We happily signed up to sing Rock DJ as a consolation and waited longingly for our chance to shine. Rory's throat got dryer by the minute and he didn't want to risk running to get a drink in case he missed his turn on stage. Eventually, Rory's thirst got the better of him and ran off back to sub-camp. You can probably guess what happened next – our names were called and we went up to do Maclean proud, accompanied by our two replacements, Roger and Ali, who by the way were rather good singers. Liam still reckons that Rory's disappearance was a deliberate ploy but he would say that – he's from Robertson! I'm sure Rory will be pleased to know that his 5 minutes of fame have now come as his name has been mentioned a record 12 times in this article! Rock on Rory!



Cameron Blake from Lanarkshire, Maclean sub-camp

## Extreme Survival

The extreme survival activity is a very good challenge. You go off camp on a bus to a place down the road. You have to build a bivouac and sleep in it. For dinner you have rabbit, You have to skin it and gut it. Then you have to light a fire with a flint and cook the rabbit. The next day for breakfast you have fish. Again, you need to gut it and cook it on a fire. After that, you take down the bivouac, pack up and go back to camp. You do not have any activity the next day.

Euan Duffy, MacDonald, Scotland



Wednesday 26th July  
20:00 - 22:30

## Name and Shame!

These are all the people who will not wake up in the mornings, as voted by you, so we could **name and shame** them.

Benjamin Holland-Murray  
Luke Sinclair-Murray  
Gísli Pétur Árnason-Robertson  
Ross-Murray  
Francesco Zaffina-Murray  
Robin White-Murray  
UNCLE SHARKY  
Mark Funai-Murray  
Western Isles patrol-MacLean  
Jordan Brown-Robertson  
Ross Black- Robertson  
Matt Helwig-Morrison  
Andy Mallon-Stewart

YOU HAVE BEEN NAMED AND SHAMED

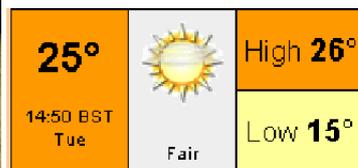
Now how to wake them up!!!!!!! As voted by you again!

### TOP 5 WAKE UP METHODS

1. Megaphone/Air horn.
2. Slap across the face with a wet fish.
3. Frying pan to head.
4. Drag out of tent.
5. Bucket of water over head.



Simon, Stuart and Michael-Scotland-Murray



## Noise & Rumour

Last night Josh S heard weird noises coming from Marshall R in MacDonald sub- camp

Santa was spotted last night in MacDonald sub camp rumour has it he took a pair of socks from someone.

Uncle George from MacDonald sub camp likes the food at camp. He appears to be a good cook.

Stewart says they're not probably the best sub camp in the world they are the best sub camp in the world after winning three camp chiefs pennants. Josh, Canada,

## PIONEERING

Vid byrjudum a thvi ad labba eikkert ut i skog til ad na i eikkerja trjaboli til ad nota i hlidid og eikkerja fallbyssu thraut. En a leidinni ad hlidinu tha hengu bara eikkerjir dvergar i trjabolunum og gerdu thetta bara allt saman erfidara fyrir okkur. Sidan var okkur skipt i tvo hoga thannig ad einn hopurinn for i thad ad gera fallbyssu brautina og hinn for i thad ad gera hlidid. Ad gera fallbyssuthrautina var lettara en allt thannig ad thad tok bara stuttann tima og their sem gerdu hlidid thurftu ekki ad gera mikid afhvi ad thar voru eikker stor thysk steratroll ad gera flestallt i hlidinu. Thetta var frekar leidinlegt og ekkert ad gera en hva med thad sidan forum vid bara aftur i budimar ad chilla. ☺



Translation into English – "Pioneering is great".

P.S. Islendingar eru bestir

Frikki, Gisli og Valdi ☺ - Robertson - Iceland

## The Fight Begins

The past few days have seen many highs and lows. Some good, some bad. This article will follow some of the many capers of some good friends.

Sunday 7.30 in Robertson sub camp, our bold adventurers are awakened by the dragon of the Robertson sub camp Auntie Laura. Little did our adventurers know that today would be a day to change all days. They awaken to Auntie Laura's roar and cower in their sleeping bags. As she passes on to her next unlucky victims the chants for the adventures begin and are as follows "cheerio cherrio cheerio" and " come back when you've grown some".

The leader of our group, Peter McGrath prepares for the bold day of adventuring. The rest of the group then leave the place of rest in the following order. Jordan McBride, aka Yohan, then Kenneth Munro and then Jamie Reed, aka Jinky, and finally last but by no means least, Jordan Brown.

They make breakfast and join forces with their next door neighbours, the Ayrshire mob, that will help our adventurers to fight the evil of Blair Atholl.

Our adventures soon dress up and head off to battle (the scouts own) they arrive on the battle field to find many of their fellow adventurers enduring the heat of the day with many sub camp dragons (uncles and aunts). Our heroes then join the fray. After a grueling 1 hour of battle our weary adventures retire to their home for a well deserved rest.

But this is not the end of their story. As the day continues, many of our bold adventurers decide to spend some well deserved time with old friends and with new friends. They make ready and head off down to the R & I and Germany camp where they meet up with their fellow friends, Craig Skinner (skinny) Bennett Davie (stev) Johanna (jonnyh) Web and finally Smiley.

Our adventurers are introduced to their new friends, the Germans (I am very sorry but I don't know how to spell any of your names, sorry).

They stay at this camp for most of the day before making ready for the final battle. The battle to end all battles, the ceildh.

Our warriors prepare and head off to the cavilled where they fight the good fight and put many of the leaders to shame after their final battle, that they won. They return home to sleep for the night and to prepare for the next days exploits.

Kenneth Munro Scotland Robertson

## Crèb

Crèb is a mixture of lots of different ingredients. It can be made of any food left over in your store. On Saturday a joint patrol from Murray made one of their own. Their recipe included forty-two servings of Smash, mulched up burgers, beans, salt, sugar and many, many more things.

### The History of Crèb

Two years ago at Blair 2004, a more primitive inedible form of Crèb was made by the Austrians. This recipe included angel delight, ash, pee, grass, spit, soap and milk. The legend of the Crèb was continued by a member of the Inverness-Iceland patrol, Tom Gallacher. He says 'The new tasty Crèb is the best meal I've had all camp'. He goes on to say 'It may sound disgusting but once you've tried it, it's hard to go back'.

Another member of the patrol Ailie Brown says 'It's cr\*p that's edible (hence the name).' A camper called Andrew Bennet told us 'It's the best meal I've ever tasted, they should have it on tap.'

Be sure to carry on this tradition yourself by mixing up a recipe of your own. Plus it's a great way to use up excess food in your store. Be sure to write into Kross Kurrents with your Crèb recipes.

David MacDonald & Andrew Grace (Scotland, Murray Sub-Camp)

## Schöltz

A new tradition has popped up around the camp. It involves saying schöltz (sholts) after someone burps. You also have to put your hand with your thumb to your head and your pinky sticking out. It was brought to Blair by Austrians two years ago. The last person to say Schöltz in your group gets punched.

David MacDonald & Andrew Grace (Scotland, Murray



## Gorge Walking

What on earth is it?!

First of all, gorge walking is brilliant. It involves swimming up a river over and under various logs and waterfalls that may be in your way.

Where is it?

The gorge walking is slightly upstream of the river that runs in front of the castle and finishes near the start of the orienteering course.

What should I wear?

You will get VERY wet doing gorge walking, so old clothes and shoes are a must. (Don't wear your walking boots--it took mine 3 days to dry out!) Bringing a towel with you is advisable because it is extremely cold and you may want to have a "warm" shower afterwards.

Stuart miller (Galloway patrol) Murray Scotland



## The Best Sub-Camp

MacLean sub camp is the best sub camp, because all the Aunties and Uncles are very nice. I think that Uncle Bruce and Auntie Pat are the nicest Aunties and Uncles in MacLean because they will help you whenever you need help. You can also make new friends in MacLean sub camp. There is no doubt that when you meet some one from MacLean you will like them. So leave your sub camps and come join MacLean the best sub camp of all. Stephen Paton Scotland Glasgow MacLean

MacLean!  
yet another reason not 2  
'camp' in 'camp' Morrison.



## B.A.R.T



The 7 On Appeal was launched to provide resources into Scottish scouting beyond 2007. We aim to raise £2 million to help scouting in Scotland. This appeal will make sure Scouting in Scotland is in a strong position for its second century. As part of this appeal you can buy some scouting merchandise:

Kilt Pins,  
Badges,  
and Ties.

These are available to mail order or you can enquire at Reception

BART or Blair Athol Rescue Team is a full day activity. The morning starts out by the friendly instructors showing you how to use the surprisingly simple equipment. First, you are taught first aid skills that may be needed during the day. Next, you pack your lunch of cold cuts and crisps. Then you head out for the main camp gate. You are picked up by a mini bus and head out for the Scottish hills. After what we felt was a 15 minute drive, we stopped and were dropped off. We then used a map and compass while we hiked for about an hour to the peak of a tall hill. It is there that we had lunch and a break. Then during lunch, two members of our group and an instructor disappeared while we were eating. When we finished eating, we were told that there were suspected casualties in the area. We decided to make a line to find them. After a small time, we found the casualties. We administered first aid. Then we made a difficult journey downhill and made it back to camp with the casualties saved.

Adam Schnitzer, Maclean, Connecticut, USA

## A song

Special Neil he's the best  
He's good friends with little chief  
She is always on his mind!

Uncle George he's a lad  
His taste in clothes is really bad  
But he's still a lad!

Takao he is Japanese  
He often gives us cheese.

And Pash from Tex in two  
He's just got spiky hair!

And there's smiley man  
He's good friends with Amir Khan.

Then there's little Gemma

And Jacqui how could we forget you!

And anyone if we forgot you! We love  
you, too!

Song written by James B & Chris S  
Josh, Canada, MacDonald

Get the full song at MacDonald sub  
camp(Perth Kinross)



## Probably the Best?

Stewart sub-camp is no longer probably  
the best sub-camp in the world. This  
morning Uncle Sharkey from Stewart  
Subcamp proudly announced this  
morning to his scouts that they were  
officially the best before presenting the  
camp chiefs pennant to Banff and  
Buchan. Other mentions from this sub-  
camp are to Forth Valley and Ireland  
who doubled their score from the 40s to  
80s. This vast improvement deserved a  
mention, a high percentage of the other  
scores were also in the 80-100 point  
range. Stewart Sub-camp, truly "The Best  
Sub-camp In the world"©

Gordon Coupar, Scotland, Stewart  
(Who would have guessed?)

## Bungee Jump—A Real High!

The bungee jump, located at the Kross,  
is one of the most fun activities on site at  
Blair Atholl. It involves being strapped to  
two poles on either side of the  
trampoline, which have bungee ropes  
attached to them. You will be tied to  
these bungee ropes with a harness and  
then you're off. Try doing front-flips and  
back-flips or enjoy the experience of  
being high in the sky on your own with  
this great fun trampoline. It really can

make you feel wide awake in the mornings if you were to try this and it would mean that you would want to do this same activity every day for the rest of your lives. You can try this bungee jumping thrill every evening at the Kross. You will also see the sumo wrestling next to it where you can kick the living daylight out of your friends – just for fun!!! Make sure you try these activities before you go home everyone!!!

## The State of Angus and Connecticut.

This patrol in MacDonald was the winner of the first Camp Chief's pennant. These OCD (obsessive compulsive disorder) scouts have been cleaning far too much. In other words, they haven't stopped since arrival. They obviously are not having anywhere near enough fun. It is obvious to us that all they care about is the early morning inspection.

We made a very lengthy inspection of the site in question this morning and here are some of the observations that we made.

- They must get up around 5:00 AM to achieve the perfection that they do.
- The grass receives a few hours of combing per day to ensure perfect alignment.
- Pots are polished until faces can be seen, or they, in fact, have a cooking set cleverly hidden off site and they are really lazy sods.
- Wet pit cannot possibly be used so we think they either have a hidden one or use ours.
- The construction of their table is appalling--loose lashings, very low fire which must be bad on the back of chief, the table poles over hang the fire which is an utter outrage, and above all it is not comfy to sit on.

All so round this part of MacDonald, particularly in Angus and Connecticut, there is no life or atmosphere. There are no personal touches and very little socializing due to the excessive cleaning. They also made no effort whatsoever to join in the Christmas spirit while the rest of the camp was draped in festivities. These observations and maybe the odd assumption have led us to believe that they are ruining the spirit of Blair and should get out of their camp and HAVE MORE FUN!  
Merry Christmas to All.

## Uncle 'n Auntie Jokes

(Don't expect anything too hilarious!!!)

What do you call a man with no arms and no legs in a bush?  
Russell (Uncle Fraser-Robertson)

What do you call a woodpecker with no beak?  
A Headbanger (Uncle Sandy)

Knock Knock  
Who's there?  
Lettuce?  
Lettuce who?

• Lettuce in! (Nathan McConway- Robertson)

Doctor, Doctor I feel like a snooker ball!  
Well, get to the front of the cue. (Adrian – Robertson)

What do you call a deer with no eyes?  
No Eyedeer. (Uncle Robert – Murray)

### Funny Moment

Auntie Jean from Murray sub-camp was making eggy bread for breakfast one morning. Silly Auntie Jean picked up the egg mix thinking it was oil and poured it into the pan. Looks like it was omelette instead for Murray sub-camp. Another blonde moment for Auntie Jean who is in fact brunette!



Jordan Harkins, Maclean, Scotland

Ho, Ho, Ho MERRY CHRISTMAS!