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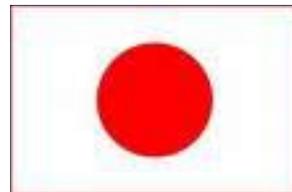
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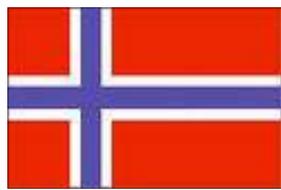
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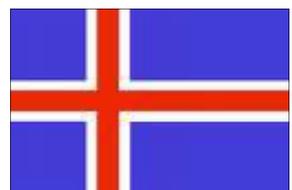
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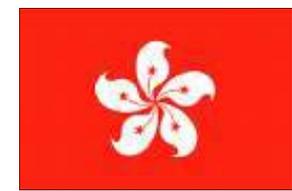
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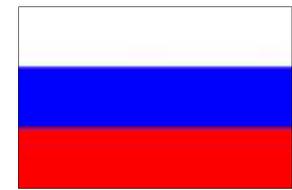
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## Farewell from the Camp Chief

*I am sure that everyone has had a wonderful time here at Blair Atholl for the 30<sup>th</sup> Scottish International Patrol Jamborette. The weather has been great, the activities and the fun have been superb, and many, many friendships have been made.*

*We now move on to the home hospitality period when our overseas guests can see more of Scottish life before returning home.*

*No matter where you go in the world, may the magic and spirit of Blair Atholl remain forever in your heart.*

*Safe journey, and **Haste Ye Back***



## Thank you from Camp Staffers

*From Reception:*

*Thanks to the catering crew for feeding us so well.  
Thanks to Mr. Sunshine for being at our camp.*

*From Hospitality:*

*Thank you to the subcamp Uncles and Auntie for working out the home hospitality.*

*From Kross Kurrents:*

*Thank you to all camp staff for being accommodating to all our Kub Korrespondents*

## From the Kross Kurrents Staff

*The end of another fantastic camp is at hand. The Kross Kurrents staff has had a wonderful time mainly because of YOU - the Blair Atholl Kross Kurrents Kub Korrespondents! As I told you when you first arrived for the newspaper activity, this was your paper. All your news stories, jokes, puzzles, and other bits have made this camp newsletter the best. We would like to thank you for all your writing, it was excellent (even though you didn't like it because you thought it was like school). Do not worry, we will send all your articles to your school teachers so they will know how well you can write! So, no more easy time at school - just kidding. Thank you for making Kross Kurrents a truly International paper. We hope to see you back in 2 years.*

*As editor I would like to say a big thank you to my Kross Kurrents Team. To Alistair Moore (otherwise known as "Cheese") from Aberdeenshire, thank you for being the desktop publisher extraordinaire Without your hard work and page layout skills the Kross Currents would be just another paper. To Barbara King, from Connecticut, USA, thank you for your work with the reporters and helping them with story ideas and writing and proofing their work. To Darrell Roberts from British Columbia, Canada, thank you for being our photographer of the hour. Your pictures of camp events helped to bring the articles alive.*

*The Kross Kurrents team thanks all the scouts for your support and hope you enjoyed our efforts.*

*'Til we meet again on the fields of Blair.*

*Ray Ciupek, Maryland, USA (Team Leader, Kross Kurrents)*

Happy 32nd wedding anniversary to John and Margo.



## Goodbye and Thanks for the Fish

*Well that's it I guess. After over a year in the planning, many letters, emails and phone calls, activities are finally over for another camp. Approximately 9300 activity sessions over six days, 40 activities, (four new to Blair Atholl) and one more (dry picking on the climbing tower) brought in during the camp. It takes a team of over 150 leaders to plan and deliver these so I can't start to thank all of the staff by name, but they know who they are - so a very big thanks. There would be no point in doing all this if it were not for the end users - you, the Scouts. On behalf of the activities team thank you for taking part. Feedback forms have been sent out for each patrol and we would really appreciate you completing them so we can improve things for the future. It's now time to pack up and go home. I hope you have all enjoyed BA 2006 and hope to see some of you in 2008.*

*Stuart Imrie, Activity Co-ordinator*

## The Blair Atholl Song

*Here in the heart of Scotland,  
Nature's glories never cease.  
Amid the soft green hills of Perthshire  
We have known Blair Atholl's peace*

*Haste ye back, haste ye back  
Haste ye back and don't forget  
Happy days here at Blair Atholl  
May God bless our Jamborette*

*We have clasped our hands in friendship  
We have talked into the night.  
Each has sung of his own homeland  
By the campfires fading light  
Chorus*

*Some men are blessed with vision  
Jack Stewart was such a man.  
He's no longer here to guide us  
But we'll carry out his plan  
Chorus*

*Now the Jamborette is over  
In parting some shed tears.  
Time can't rob us of the memories.  
May they warm us through the years.  
Chorus*

*Chris Chapman again slept in. The Site Services Team rudely awakened him and tied him to the goal post and soaked him with water to wake him up. He won't do it again, but he said that last camp.*

## Best & Worst Interviews

*We walked around the campsite this afternoon asking you; what is the best thing you've done during the camp and what is the worst?*

*Steven Riddell- Morrison*

*Best: The Morrison chill-out at the castle on Saturday*

*Worst: There's been nothing bad!*

*Jonathan Litynski- Morrison*

*Best: I'd say the Athol Experience. Our leader, Pete, rubbed his face in a suspicious looking pile of mud.*

*Worst: Toilets could be better.*

*Alan Green- McDonald*

*Best: Getting out of McDonald subcamp*

*Worst: Getting grounded by Auntie Jackie*

*Stephen Funai- Morrison*

*Best: Cute Austrian boys.*

*Worst: Late bedtimes, 11 o'clock! I'm usually in bed by 7.*

*Jordan Horkins- MacLean*

*Best: The bloody, brilliant water fight between the subcamps.*

*Worst: Sharkey breaking up the water fight.*

*Frasier Horswell*

*Best: Seeing us*

*Worst: Lack of food.*

*Auntie C.J.- Murray*

*Best: Arrival of international guests and sub-camp camp fires.*

*Worst: Getting sunburn on my nose on the first day.*

*Gerald Pantaleo*

*Best: Purple! Freedom to talk to people.*

*Worst: 11 o'clock bedtime and lack of water in the toilets to shave with.*

*Stuart Hannah & Ross Black- Scotland – Morrison Subcamp*

## The banning of the bootlegging of Irn Rooster

*Due to the lack of control of the use of Irn Rooster (a substance made of boiled down Irn Bru, Red Rooster, and loads of sugar) in the Robertson sub-camp. Leaders in the Robertson sub-camp have said that from seeing what Irn Rooster can do to scouts, namely Gavin Hepburn (a.k.a. Captain M-T). Some leader's say that Irn Rooster while it's a great source of energy, its way to strong for most scouts. When one leader was asked if he would ever himself try Irn rooster he replied "maybe with a drop of vodka". The leaders also believe that Irn Rooster should be banned camp wide. It has also been noted that it is much better as a hot drink then chilled. One Comment I have received from a scout after brewing the Irn Rooster was "it gives the best sugar rush ever". Here is the rough recipe for the Irn Rooster:*

*Half a bottle of Irn Bru,*

*One bottle of red rooster (optional)*

*Sugar boiled down in to a concentrate for about an hour. Also while interviewing, Uncle Hemish in the Robertson sub-camp wishes to extend an open invitation to challenge him to a cannon ball "bomb" contest in the river.*

*The original inventor and brewer of Irn Rooster*

*Peter Neubauer Robertson*

## The Explorer Trek – Just another badge??

*The explorer trek was for the scouts/explorers the age over 16 who would like to get away from their campsite and patrol for at least one night. Backpacks, sleeping bags and hiking boots at the ready. It starts off with you and your group walking to three bases quite a distance apart from one another. The three bases were Frisbee golf and pizza making, crate climbing, the hovercraft and playing games such as socks. Finally we reached the destination, miles from the campsite, where we had a little swim in the river close-by. Then the leaders cooked us a delicious BBQ where we ate around the campfire to get rid of all the midgies. Then it was off to bed after a long night in a large marquee where there were random conversations about an American that I can't remember and trying not to step on someone's glasses (You know who you are). Next day, and a long lie in, there was a hot cooked breakfast from the leaders and it was off on the road again back to the patrols and sub camps. Is it just another badge? Not to me anyways I have achieved something that I never thought I would have done ever.*

*Kerry Daly, Dundee-Morrison sub camp (the best)*

## Hong Kong Scout

*There are three kinds of scout in Hong Kong. They are Scouts, Sea Scouts and Air Scout. There is a difference in the kind of uniform each wears. A Scout wears a Green Beret, beige short sleeve shirt and dark green stockings. A Sea Scout wears a Sea Scout cap, white top, white short sleeve shirt and navy blue shorts. An Air Scout wears a blue-grey beret, light blue short sleeve shirt and navy blue stockings.*

*There are four progressive badges in Hong Kong Scouts. They are Pathfinder Award, Voyager Award, Challenger Award and Chief Scout's Award. In progressive badges, there are many parts. For example, 'Adventure', 'Scout Craft', 'Commitment' and 'Proficiency/Activity Badges'.*

*Tong Chun Kit, Hong Kong, Murray*

## Swim and Kart

*Quite possibly the best activity available. Our whole patrol (Fife/Texas on MacDonald sub camp) were taken to Perth in a luxury minibus by two easy going leaders (who refused to put the radio on!). First stop was the swimming pool in which we proceeded to drown each other etc before having a decent shower!! After that we had a picnic of not very much – but with vending machines available all was good! Next we went to a go-kart track/bowling alley in which we had a few spectacular crashes followed by a low scoring round of bowling with a brief interlude on the dance machine! Finally we hit the long road back and as we got back, when the activities were still on, we had time to play volleyball or sunbathe!*

*Graham Morris*

*Ross Crawford*

## **Pioneering**

*Pioneering is a classic activity, loved and often hated by scouts throughout the lands. The current project is a giant stage with a spiral stairway in the centre built only by ropes and poles. Wingnut and Romeo, the leaders running the activity, appear to be hardened pioneering veterans and see no project too large. They told us that there is a lot to do in pioneering and that interest has been HUGE. Both agreed that their favourite part of pioneering is creating giant erections. Some budding pioneers; David, David and Ali; said that they enjoyed learning to make tight lashings and that they felt it would be handy if they ever needed to do DIY they could easily erect shelves or other household objects using their pioneering knowledge.*

## **Individual Sports**

*Anyone sporty or not may enjoy individual sports, which is a good chance to play many fun games. Individual sports consists of three different activities, bungee tramp, virtual reality games and aerobics. We decided to have a chat to a particularly intelligent and highly skilful sports person, enter James Butter. When we interrupted, he was midway through bowling a strike, which would go on to be the fifth strike in his perfect game. He felt that it was a good activity as everyone got to try each thing. His favourite was the trampolining, as he enjoys bouncing. He felt the leaders were very helpful and helped him learn to triple back flip. He did however wish that the activity included some disco dancing. The leaders on the activity think that it is really fun and are sure that everyone has a good time, and weren't complaining about all the time they "had" to spend testing the sports.*

## **Secrets for Winning Patrol Inspection...Tips from Connecticut**

*Patrol Leader Frank Butler denies being OCD. Since cleanliness is practiced 24/7, he says, "it just takes a few minutes to be ready for inspection."*

*Frank's patrol won the 1- Camp-wide Patrol Inspection Pennant. He has also won MacDonald's 3 times and just missed winning by a point or two on all the others.*

*Frank shared one of his tricks of the trade with this KK reporter: "If you have some dirty pots and pans, hide them away in a chest and lock it." In addition, he says, "Combing isn't all there is to aligning grass. A bit of hair spray helps keep it in place."*

## **Thumbs, tums and highs.**

*Exercise your thumbs on the play station, make pizza to satisfy your tums and tower over everyone in crate climbing. All activities are on the explorer trek, but for younger scouts who want in on the fun, too.*

## **Thank you, The Kross Kurrents**

*Starting out as a small family newspaper, The Kross Kurrents had a rocky start and popularity only started to pick up on the arrival of the Jamborette. Since then it had blossomed to produce well over (i.e. two more than) 348 copies a day that provide entertainment and fire fuel for patrols all over the campsite. Bringing you the latest news from all the activities on and off site it seemed a bit unfair that the Kross Kurrents, itself an activity, had not yet had a column and one was well overdue for the Blair Athol Jamborette's favourite newspaper.*

*We could focus on the hard work and dedication that is shown by both staff and scouts as they toil in the afternoon heat to produce a couple of A4 pieces of paper for your enjoyment, but instead I would like to congratulate the small fan that sits in the Kross Kurrents' port-a-cabin saving me at least from the atrocious heat outside. This fan tirelessly works around the clock to provide a cool breeze as I sit writing this article/checking my email. So it is on behalf of the entire campsite that I extend my thanks to the staff of the Kross Kurrents, the reporters, and most of all, to the fan.*

*Stuart Hannah- Scotland – Morrison Subcamp*

## **Lonely Hearts Column**

*Vicious rumours are circulating about romance between Edinburgh and Inverness!!*

*Boy with a large inflatable pink chair (17) seeks female for friendship or possibly more. Keeps his hair clean using STOVIE shampoo. Reply to Macdonald sub camp!*

*Author- Uncle Jamie w/ the dodgy tan lines  
Publisher- Rachel Terras frae Stewart sub camp.  
Scotland*

## **Happy memories of the Dutch people**

*Dominique, Morrison: I liked sailing and I've met some nice people.*

*Dimphy, staff: My memory is the big campfire and singing songs.*

*Stijn, MacLean: I've met some nice people from different nationalities and I've made some new friends.*

*Thomas, MacLean: I did the explorer scout trek.*

*Myron, staff: I went to a high mountain, I liked gorge walk and canyoning. I also did explorer scout trek, there I showered in the cold river.*

*Maike, Robertson: I've already been here with Claudia from Murray and I liked gorge walk.*

*Jorien, Robertson: I did Atholl Experience and gorge walk; I also liked meeting new people.*

*Claudia, Murray*

## Ready Steady Cook

*What you do:*

*a battle of two teams to see who can cook the best meal in a certain amount of time you get about two hours to:*

*Start a fire*

*Decide what you would like to make*

*Make it*

*And finally present the food (in a good way not just thrown onto a plate) to Your judge*

*And yes you do have to wash up as well*

*In the end the winning team get eeerrrrrrmmmmmm nothing just the satisfaction of being a winner.*

*Who judges?*

*The judges are usually the Uncles or Aunty of your camp (but of course the Murray judges were the best)*

*Who brings the food?*

*No you don't have to bring the food the leader that is with you will bring the food which you will be cooked and after the food has been tested if you have any leftovers you will be asked to polish them off so make the tastiest thing you can think of.*

*Simon McCornick - Scotland- Murray*

## **By Any Chance.....**

*Once upon a time a musical kangaroo named Jurgen (iggett) was startled and amazed when he came across an inhabited igloo in the middle of the desert. Slowly, he sprinted up to it before enquiring "excuse me, is this a seat?" The hypothermic toaster who lived there replied "hardly" and told Jurgen to hop it. Jurgen got very angry and so whipped out his flute "hahaha" and hit the toaster for 6 into a nearby lake 400 miles away. Alarmed, the toaster started to short circuit and screamed "The waters radioactive with the amount of stuff pumped into it these days". Then Jurgen went to the local bar run by camels. As he bounced in he stated "Im not paying pub prices, I'll just stick to the soft drinks" which were actually the same price. After drinking some of his coke he realised he wasn't thirsty - "anyone want half a cola?" he asked before spontaneously combusting. The weather was a bit rough for photos that day so we have no proof that this story is actually true, but believe me, it is.*

*Graham Morris, Ross Crawford (Fife, Macdonald)  
Special mention - Craig Peters*



## I'm Sub-Camp Uncle Get Me Out Of Here Sparks Row Over Trees!

*On a sunny peaceful afternoon, Blair Atholl was sent into chaos over "I'm a Sub-Camp Uncle Get Me out of Here" when a massive row occurred regarding Sub-camp trees.*

*When the Uncles and Auntie Jackie were asked why they wanted out, their attentions turned to why their sub-camps were better and the subject of trees.*

*Uncle Fraser (Robertson) said that he would love to move here and that he'd build a house under his tree which he branded as TREEmendous and also said that it was the best. He later ripped Morrison for having no tree.*

*Uncle Steven (Morrison) replied to this remark by saying trees create shade which create shady characters. He branded Morrison as open, friendly and welcoming. He concluded by saying that he did not want out but would rather be in Morrison than in the Kross.*

*Auntie Jackie (MacDonald) said that her tree is part of the MacDonald family. Nothing is perfect, but she still loves her tree. She also said that she didn't want to speak to the press any more!*

*Uncle Bruce (MacLean) said that Blair Atholl is quite nice, but he's been here long enough. The tree's also been here for a long time, and Bruce was thinking about building a tree-house in it. He also commented that he didn't want to be in Morrison, but that Uncle Steven is cool.*

*Uncle Robert (Murray) described his sub-camp as "plain", and that he was eco-friendly-- they even have a pond! He obviously doesn't care about not having a tree!*

*Uncle Sharkey (Stewart) seems to have disappeared--has he already shouted... "I'M A SUB-CAMP UNCLE GET ME OUT OF HERE!"*

*Funai and Simon Lamb from Scotland, Morrison*

### What have you most likes about camp?

*I went around camp and asked 100 people what they most liked about camp.*

- 1. Meeting New People - 51*
- 2. The Weather - 15*
- 3. The Daily Activities - 11*
- 4. The Events in the Kross - 10*
- 5. Atholl Experience - 8*
- 6. The Aunties and Uncles - 5*

*Kyle Hodges, California U.S.*

**MAYURR**



Mank thanks to our sign makers. The effect would have been much better if Coke cans were used instead of the Irn Bru cans.

The Looky-loos

### BRUCY TALKS TO PLANTS!

We have all heard the myth that that talking to your plants helps them grow but campers of the MacLean sub-camp were amused to see their Uncle talking to the sub-camp sunflower. Uncle Bruce sat down and talked to the plant for a good five minutes before saying goodbye to his new friend. What was he talking about,? We don't know. Did the plant talk back? Not likely but Uncle Bruce didn't seem to care. Keiran Meiklejohn, McLean



## The Main Course!

*As I'm sure you would all agree we need a wee something in the belly to keep us going and apart from a few dodgy eggs I think the food has been pretty decent this year (some of the Randishire boys might disagree though). On the first night our aunties and uncles made the pies for dinner because we couldn't be bothered. This was followed by a beautiful rendition of 'who ate all the pies' for anyone who went up for seconds! Then we let the overseas guests cook the gammon steak for us because we still couldn't be bothered. On Wednesday we still couldn't be bothered so we had the QM throw up some cold meat to give to our 'distinguished guests'.*

*But we had to get off our backside sooner or later so on Thursday last I put on some fire gloves and whipped up a good old fashioned sausage casserole (thanks again uncle Robbie for the pot). Friday was a pretty easy day with a nice wee Uncle Ben's curry which I'm sure gave the tents an interesting stench the next morning. Saturday was Visitors day so off I went to Pitlochry for a nice wee dinner with my Mum and Dad.....awwwwwww.*

*Sunday, a day of rest gave us all a well deserved break from the open fire with a meat feast from the Aunts and Uncles. But our break was short lived and it was back to the coals for Monday's corn-beef stovies. This delighted the Randishire boys so much that they found it necessary to write a charming letter to the QM to express their sheer joy! Last nights Tea was in my opinion by far the best with a gorgeous big pot of everyone's favourite spag bol!*

*And that's the story so far.*

*Overall I would say the food has been great (a wee bit more at lunch would be nice mind you but that's just me).*

*And that's the story so far. Tonight is the burns supper so ladies beware!!*

*Andy Mallon, R and I (Stewart) and Matt scozzafava, USA/CT (MacDonald)*

## **Murray the friendly midget farm**

*Hello I'm Dominique from the Netherlands and I'm going to tell you something about the midget farm on Murray sub camp. Why are their midgets so special? And where can you buy them? Why should you buy midgets, and why would you buy Murray midgets? You are going to find out in this article.*

*Why are Murray midgets so special?*

*Well I'm going to tell you right now. You know the Murray midgets are special because you can buy them when they are still alive. And if you buy them alive your lizard won't get fat that easily because they need to catch the midgets them selv*

*Where can you buy them?*

*You can go to the Murray sub camp and ask for them. They are trying to get them on EBay also so maybe in a while you can get them there to. I'll have to warn you though they are special and unique so probably expensive.*

*Why should you buy midgets, and why would you buy Murray midgets?*

*I already told you a Murray midget is the perfect souvenir for the Blair Atholl camp.*

*And the special thing of the Murray midget is that you can buy them as baby's so you can bread them yourself. And of course a Murray midget bred here is a really good reminder of your fantastic camp at Blair Atholl.*

*So I made it clear the Murray midget are very special do you want to discover them for yourself just go to Murray and ask if you can see the midget farm.*

*Oh, I almost forget something and maybe the most important thing. The whole farm is midget friendly.*

*Dominique from the Netherlands*