

The Nesbitt Cup

In Memory of Albert J. & Harry A. "Bud" Nesbitt Award for Best Clan Tent

In Association with St. Andrew's Society of Detroit Highland Games



From Left to Right: Bud and Al Nesbitt

The Nesbitt family of St. Clair Shores, MI has donated the trophy to the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit for best clan tent. In the Society's 158-year history there had never been such an award, when most of the Highland Game and Scottish Festivals in the region and across the country do have this very award.

The Award in his memory of Albert J. & Harry A. "Bud" Nesbitt, Husband, father and grandfather to the family. This was the sole idea of Steve Nesbitt in bringing the idea to the St. Andrew's Society and his family. His older siblings and Mom thought it was a great way to forever remember these two special men for what we learned from them growing up as children. How important family really is, especially since Albert was in a state run orphanage at a very young age and was split from his two older brothers' never to see them again. Bud learned growing up a true sense of family and what it meant to be part of a family. Albert & Bud made a strong point to be the best grandfather and father they could be in teaching their children what it was to be a part of a close net family which has now been passed on to their children and grandchildren. It has been over some 30 years since Albert passed and just 20 years since Bud succumbed to cancer, the family still remains very close and gathers every major holiday since the two men have passed now teaching our children what family is all about.

Marian Bud's wife did a great job to instill in us this sense of family never faltered in teaching us right from wrong with a great Catholic Christian background. Although her mother was of Italian descent and we were brought up with a lot of Italian food growing up. She passed away in 2009 of lung cancer and through this experience she taught us what faith and courage are all about.

Even though we as a family did not know we were Scottish until we tried to do genealogy some thirty years ago, and have none of the culture or heritage passed down to us siblings we knew that family was so important. We as siblings have all in our own way are now trying to find our Scottish roots in teaching this to our children.

This is why this family has at this time given the gift/trophy to the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit. In hopes that future generations will learn what family/clan is all about. This trophy will be based on the following criteria.

- 1) Tent presentation- neatness – clan information – Motto & Badge displayed.
- 2) Knowledge of Clan history. To have an understanding of the early clan history region from where the clan originated.
- 3) Picture of Clan Chief and knowledge of this displayed within the tent.
- 4) Courtesy toward all guests at each tent, especially children.
- 5) Greeting the public promptly, and not sitting back and watching.
- 6) What does the word clan mean in Gaelic? Answer: The word clan in Gaelic means Children.

For all it takes is one generation to drop the ball and the future culture and heritage to be dropped and all that is lost. For more than two generations this family had lost the Scottish traditions but slowly we as a family are finding our culture and heritage. Now teaching these to our children for future generations of this family to experience, our children are now old enough to start their own families teaching their children the Scottish way of life. It gives me great pride to know that what we have learned as siblings and descents of Albert and Bud is that the family/clan is still alive and that their legacy will now carry on and be shared for future generations not with their family but now through this trophy/ gift that this family has given to the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit.

Making sure that Clan Nisbet will form this day forward is a part of the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit Highland Games but only to make sure this legacy tradition is carried on but never to win the trophy for best clan tent but to be the trophies sole sponsor.

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From Left to Right: Steve Nesbitt, Mark Nesbitt, Mary Nesbitt Day, Matriarch of the Family in photo Marian Nesbitt, Janet Nesbitt-Rohloff, Dave Nesbitt, Al Nesbitt

Past Winners of the Nesbitt Cup

2007 Clan Elliot	2014 Clan Donald	2021 Clan Fraser
2008 Clan Young	2015 Clan Kincaid	2022 Clan Irvine
2009 Clan Gordon	2016 Clan Graham	2023 Clan Hay
2010 Clan Gunn	2017 Clan Fraser	2024 Clan Gunn
2011 Clan Buchanan	2018 Clan Donald	2025 Clan Logan
2012 Clan Murray	2019 Clan Donnachaidh	
2013 Clan MacLeod	2020 No Winner Awarded	