

Longs Peak Scottish Irish Highland Festival

September 5-8, 2019

The 43rd annual Longs Peak Scottish Irish Highland Festival was held at Estes Park, Colorado in weather that varied from beautiful Colorado fall days to typical Scottish afternoon monsoons on Friday and Sunday. One of the great comforts of the Longs Peak Games, however, is the fact that the clan tents are all “indoors” under huge circus tents and everyone remains dry and shielded from the wind when the weather turns “Scottish.” In fact, the clan tents get much larger than usual crowds then because visitors throng to protection from the heavy rains.



Estes Park remains one of the most beautiful locations possible for Highland Games, as those of you who attended our AGMs there in 1997 and 2008 will well remember: a mountain village blessed with a river and a lake and elk meandering freely throughout the town. The traditional Saturday parade down the main street was well attended as always and the crowds at the Games themselves seemed large – until the late rains on Friday and Sunday! As always, John Seymour Montgomery provided immeasurable help to Lucia and me, especially when we closed shop in the wet Sunday evening.

We had the pleasure again of presenting the Eglinton Cup to the victor in the annual jousting championships. Last year Tom Montgomery won the prize, but this year he was bested by Jeremy Johnson who lives on his ranch near Fort Collins, Colorado and rides his warhorse Brina. Jeremy is the head of the Order of Epona, a company that trains other riders in the skills of jousting and also provides knights and horses for festivals and films dealing with combat of the Middle Ages.

Ed Montgomery



Photos of Ed and the Eglinton Cup were also printed in the Fall 2019 Gardien.