



Clan MacLaren Society of North America

2023 Clan Gathering and Annual General Meeting

Pleasanton Scottish Games

September 2 & 3, 2023

We are looking forward to seeing all of our MacLaren Family on the field at the games! Chief Donald MacLaren of MacLaren and Achleskine and Maida are honored guests of the games and will be joining us.

MacLaren AGM Banquet and Business Meeting

Saturday, September 2, 2023

Hilton Garden Inn

No-Host Bar 5:00 pm-6:00 pm

Buffet dinner and Business meeting 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm

The AGM Banquet will feature election of officers and remarks from

Chief Donald MacLaren and President Mark McLaren

Advanced AGM Dinner Ticket Prices: \$60.00 per person.

Seating is limited so please be sure to make your reservations by August 10, 2023.

See the reservation form below for information on purchasing your Advanced Tickets.

2023 Pleasanton Scottish Games AGM Host Hotel Information

Plan ahead for hotel reservations to attend the 2023 Clan MacLaren AGM at The Pleasanton Scottish Games held at The Alameda Fairgrounds in Pleasanton, California

The host hotel for the AGM is:

Hilton Garden Inn
2801 Constitution Drive
Livermore, CA 94551
Phone (925) 282-2000

There are *limited* room blocks available for the nights of Thursday August 31st through Sunday September 3rd at a rate of \$149/night. This is an excellent rate for this level of hotel in California. The room blocks will expire 21 days prior to the games weekend, so please make your reservations early. Use the link below to make your reservation:

<https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/lvklhgi-clan-67f2065d-650c-46b6-85f2-d4efc0844b2f/>

The hotel is about a 15–20-minute drive from the fairgrounds where the games are held. It is also about 10–15-minute drive from downtown Livermore and Pleasanton, which have many shops and restaurants.

If the room block sells out there are many hotel options in the area. Within walking distance of the Hilton, there is a Hampton Inn, Marriott Courtyard, and Sens suites by Marriott.

For those interested in going down to San Francisco to sightsee, there is a BART station about 10 minutes from the hotel. Driving to and parking in the city, especially around popular tourist areas such as Fisherman's wharf and Alcatraz, can be difficult.

Wine is obviously a big part of the Northern California experience. It is about a 90-minute drive to either the Sonoma or Napa Wine country.

Nearby Livermore is the oldest appellation in California and has a number of very good wineries just a short drive away. There is a possibility of organizing a MacLaren group tasting expedition on Friday Sept 1st if there is enough interest. Please contact Mark McLaren @ greatscot@earthlink.net if you are interested in a wine tasting expedition.

**Clan MacLaren Society of North America
2023 Clan MacLaren Dinner
Saturday, September 2, 2023**

RESERVATION FORM

This form is for reservations for the Clan MacLaren AGM Dinner only. It is highly recommended that you register online in advance for the games tickets and parking.

Checks and money orders should be made payable to Clan MacLaren Society of NA

Send payments to:

**Donna Stalter
20451 Powell Road #25
Dunnellon, FL 34431**

For more information on registration, contact Donna Stalter at the above address or by phone at 352-489-6248 or by email at donnalpn@att.net.

For information about lodging and other questions contact Mark McLaren at greatscot@earthlink.net.

Please send this form and payment by August 10, 2023.

Ticket cost covers the dinner, non-alcoholic drinks, and entertainment.

PLEASE PRINT

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Tickets:
\$60 each x _____

Names for Name Tags

Total \$ _____

Pleasanton Scottish Games Tips and Helpful Hints

Games website—General Information

[157th Scottish Highland Gathering and Games \(thescottishgames.com\)](http://thescottishgames.com)

Ticket and Parking Pass Options and Pricing

[157th Scottish Highland Gathering & Games \(saffire.com\)](http://saffire.com)

Games Location—Alameda County Fairgrounds

[Welcome To The Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton CA](http://www.alameda-fairgrounds.com)

Clan Tent

Look for the location of the Clan Tent on the map when you enter the games.

Additional Travel Information

Airports:

The Bay Area has 3 options (Oakland, San Francisco, and San Jose.) Oakland would be the easiest as it is about 35 minutes from Pleasanton and is a hub for Southwest Airlines. While San Francisco services all the major airlines, it is also about an hour drive and more prone to traffic issues.

Weather:

1. Rain: Despite the extreme amount of rain the area has had this winter, the odds of any rain at all during the summer months are very low.
2. Temperature: Seasonal norms would be in the upper 80s to low 90s, and the humidity level is generally low.

Additional Sightseeing Suggestions

[35 Incredible Things to Do in the San Francisco Bay Area \(sftourismtips.com\)](http://sftourismtips.com)

If you do go into the City for a day, a MacLaren connection can be found in Golden Gate Park.

[John McLaren | TCLF](http://www.tclf.com)